

# JOURNAL OF AGROMEDICINE

## Future of Work in Agriculture

### "Food for Thought" – Call for Safety and Health Commentaries



The *Journal of Agromedicine*, the world's No. 1 source of peer-reviewed agricultural safety and health information, seeks commentary and opinion pieces for an issue

dedicated to the "Future of Work in Agriculture." We encourage authors to **connect trends across the agricultural workplace, work and workers** impacting safety and health.

**Deadlines:** *June 1, 2022 Initial submission via email*

*July 1, 2022 Submission to ScholarOne*

#### **Option 1: Commentary**

Below is an Outline to guide you in addressing issues pertaining to your area of research, education or outreach. **Total word count 1500.**

##### **Trends** (~300 words)

Regarding your agricultural topic, are there trends that suggest the future? What are the safety and health trends in the workplace? Among the workers? About the work itself?

##### **Research Analysis, Current Initiatives** (~600 words)

What does the research indicate? What programs, resources and marketing campaigns are currently in place to address disease and injuries? Could also include relevant government agencies' activities, current funding of agricultural safety initiatives, potential public policy.

##### **Gaps in Knowledge, Regulation and Practice** (~300 words)

This section identifies gaps in knowledge and the current challenges faced in helping to improve health, safety and wellbeing of farmers and ranchers, as well as their children, employees and visitors. This could include social, cultural, political, economic, and environmental factors that shape exposure to risk as well as the uptake of programs and policies to support farm safety at the individual, group (local community) and national level.

##### **Recommendations for the Future** (~300 words)

What is needed to improve agricultural health and safety? You may consider these as recommendations for action, including who might conduct them, in what sort of timeframe, and how progress should be evaluated. This could also include key knowledge gaps, funding, or policy that need to be addressed to make meaningful progress.

#### **Option 2: Point/Counterpoint or "Different Perspectives" format.**

You might consider co-authoring a commentary in which authors take opposing or differing positions on the identification of, and approach to solving, key safety/health issues being experienced in the workplace, among workers, or within the work itself. An example might be a researcher co-authoring with an agricultural business leader, or a public agency representative. This format could provide a way to introduce and spark constructive discussion on important and perhaps controversial issues. **Total word count 3000.**

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## Possible Topics

In addition to the topics suggested on the [original Call for Papers](#), authors of commentaries might consider the following topics and their implications for the future of agricultural safety and health:

<b>Workplace</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>Worker</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Climate change and new geographies</li><li>▪ Aquaculture</li><li>▪ Indoor vertical farming</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Precision agriculture</li><li>▪ Sensors</li><li>▪ Robotics</li><li>▪ Connectivity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Demographics</li><li>▪ Artificial intelligence</li><li>▪ Job skills</li></ul>

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