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Agriculture Industry: Workers' Compensation Insights

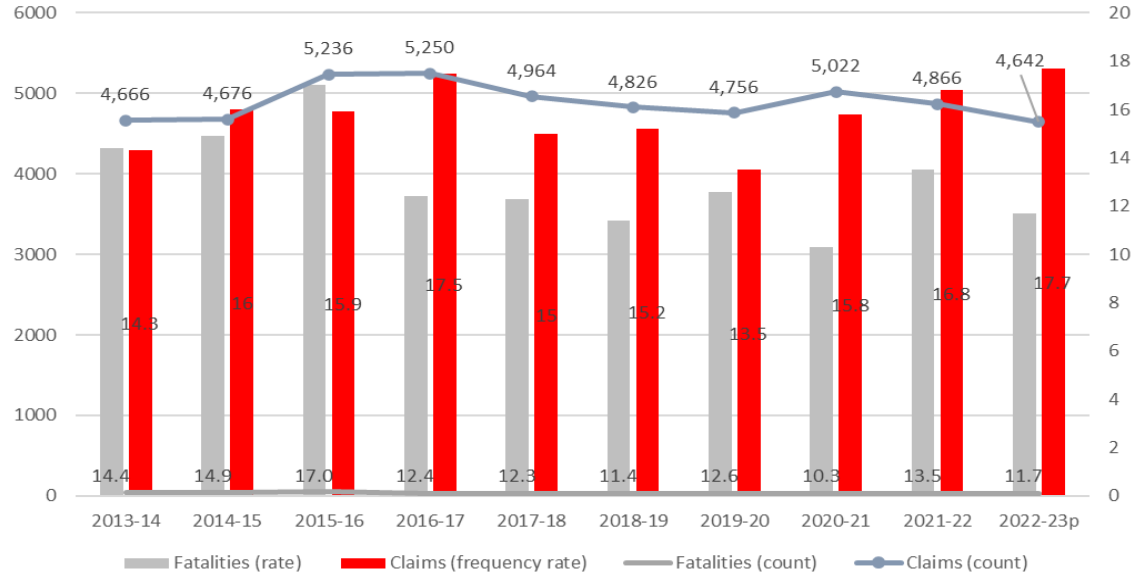
- Mushroom and vegetable growing
- Fruit and tree nut growing
- Sheep, beef cattle and grain farming
- Other crop growing
- Dairy cattle farming
- Other livestock farming



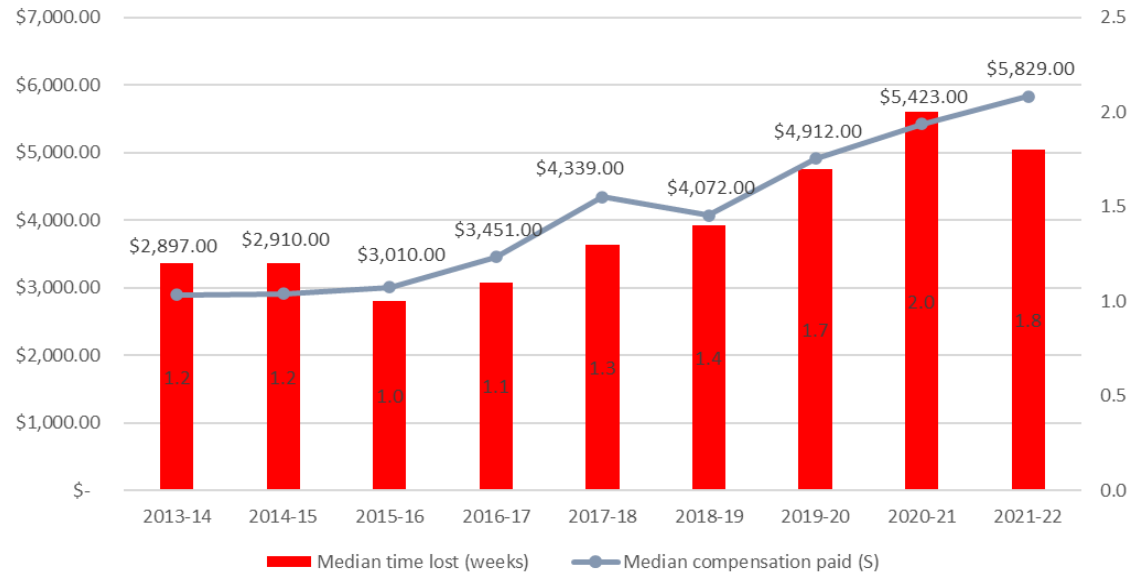
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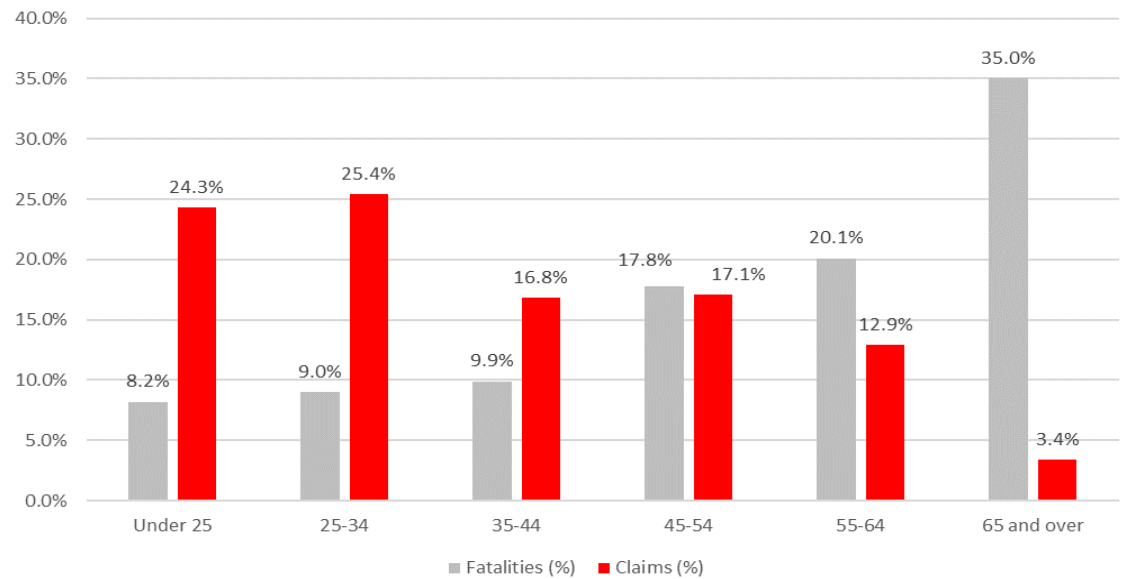
Fatalities and Claims Rates in Agriculture by Financial Year



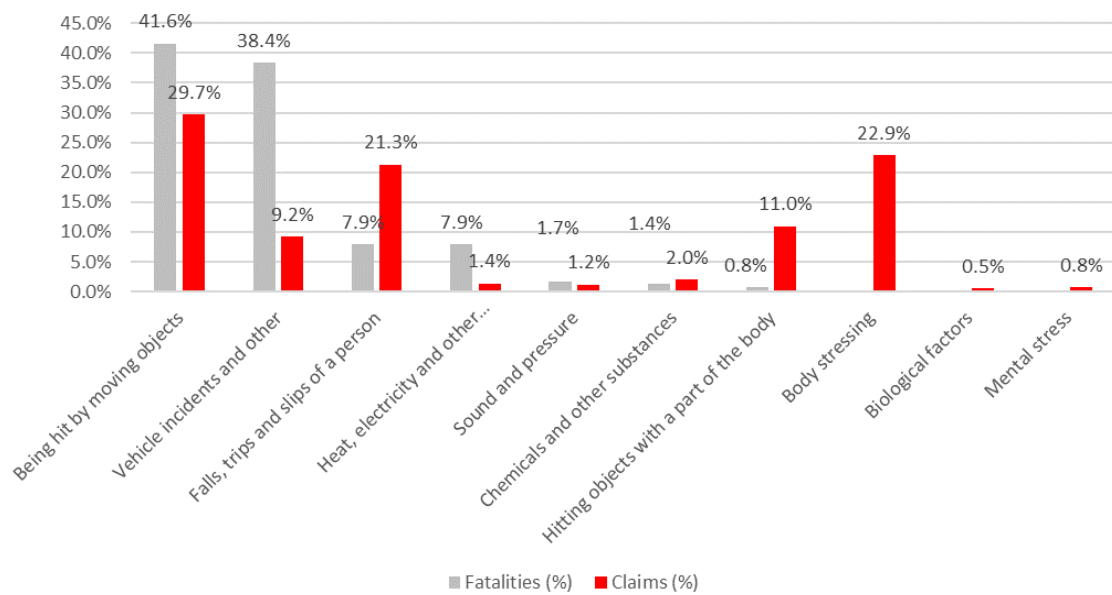
Median Time Lost and Median Compensation Paid in Agriculture



Fatalities And Claims in Agriculture By Age Group

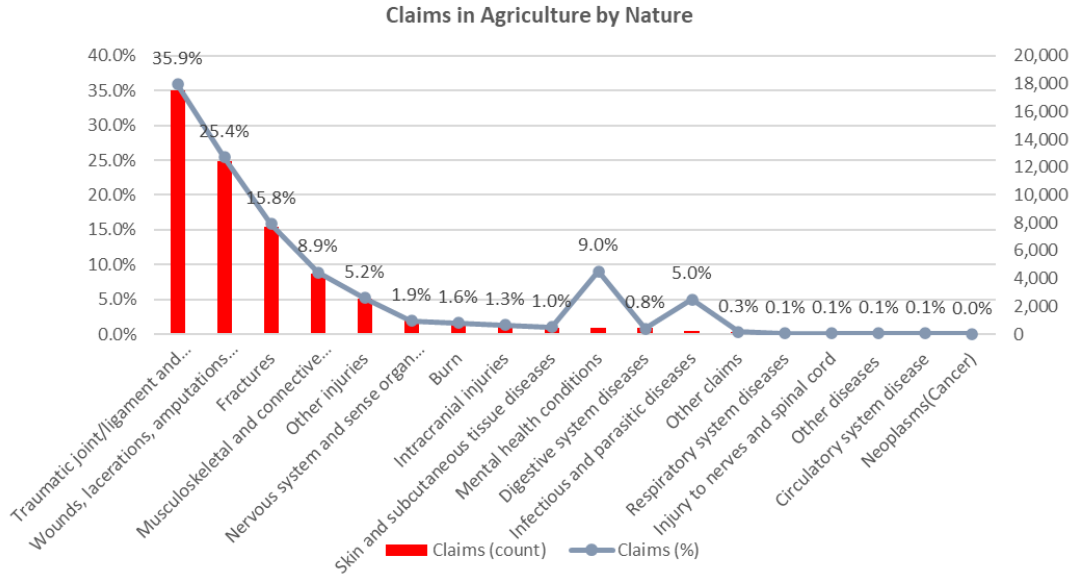


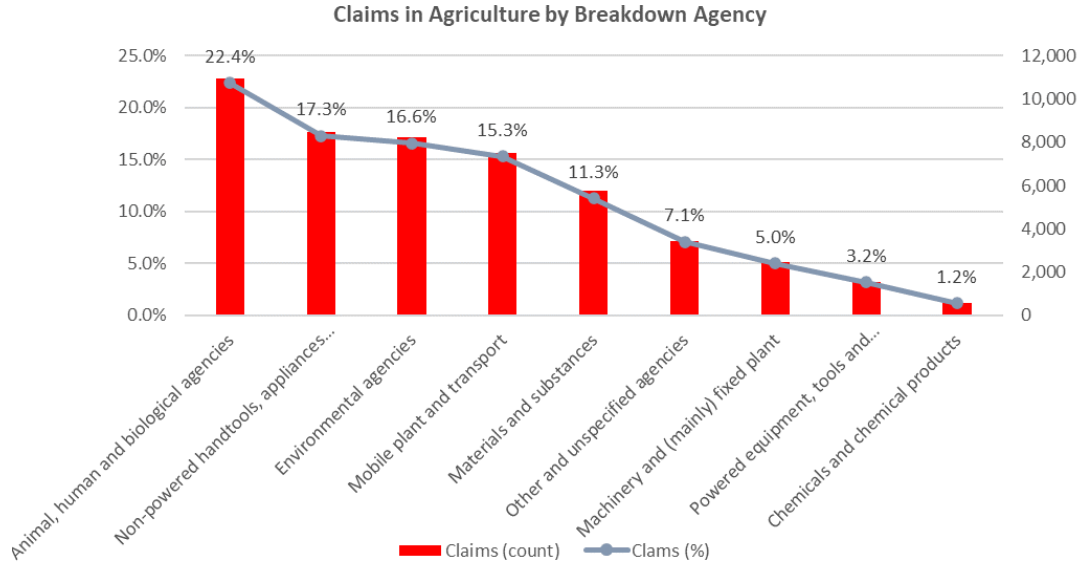
Fatalities and Claims in Agriculture by Mechanism

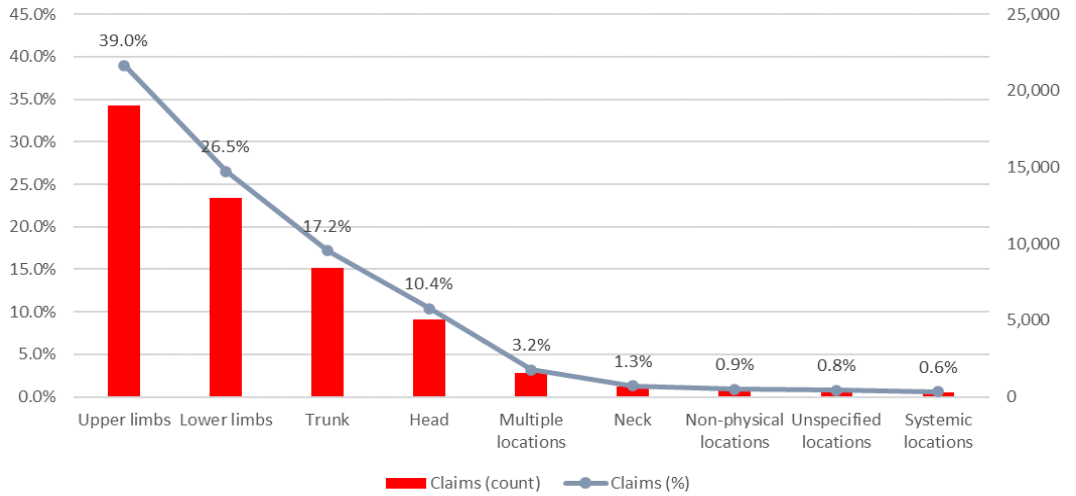


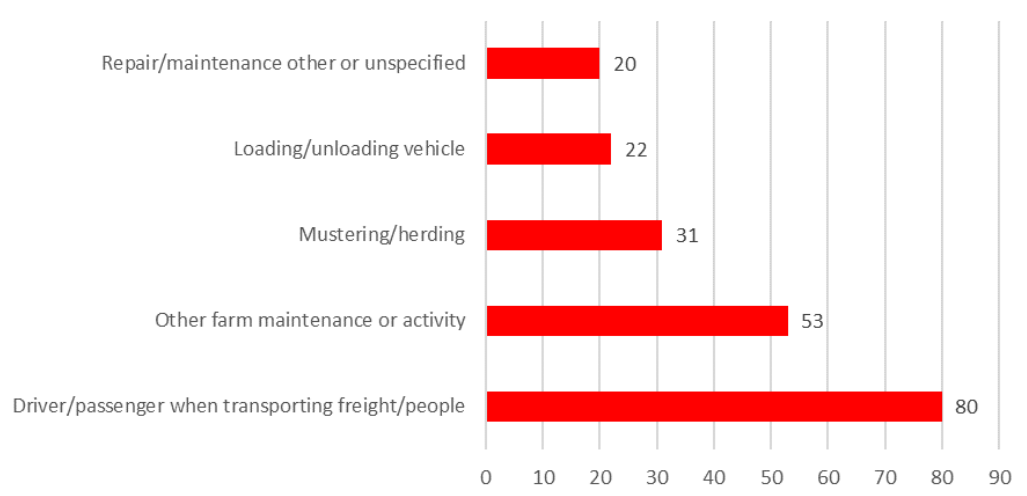
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Key observations

The agriculture industry faces rising workers' compensation stress due to increase in claims cost. Workers aged 65+ accounted for 35% of fatalities and younger workers showing increase in claims. Injuries to the back (over 20%) and Upper limb (around 15%) dominate, caused by manual task, machinery, and livestock handling. Median compensation cost has risen from $2,897 in 2014/15 to $5,829 in 2021/22. The data also shows an increase in median time lost from 1.2 weeks in 2013/14 to 1.8 weeks in 2021/22. This increase in time lost and rising claims cost has a direct impact on the business premiums and financial performance. This in turn underscores pressing demand for targeted strategic actions within and organisations safety and workers compensation program.

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