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More help to keep farm workers safe

The Tasmanian Government understands the important role farming families and rural communities play in our State.

As part of the Agricultural Workforce Resilience Package announced in September 2020, our Government has extended funding to continue the work of the ground-breaking Safe Farming Tasmania program for a further 12 months to 30 June 2022.

Funding has also increased by \$150 000 per year in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years to provide for the appointment of a second Senior Safe Farming Work Health and Safety Advisor to help make Tasmanian farms safer, ensure they are ready for a large influx of new seasonal workers, and to ensure that appropriate COVID-safe measures are in place.

Stuart Beams has 19 years of experience in the work health and safety area, particularly among rural communities, and will join Phill John as a Senior Safe Farming Work Health and Safety Advisor in working to improve the health and safety of Tasmanians in the rural sector.

The Safe Farming Tasmania program, a joint initiative between WorkSafe Tasmania and the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, focuses on education to reduce farm-related death, injury and disease in our farming communities by:

- raising awareness of farm safety issues;

- building leadership safety cultures and influencing attitudes;
- producing and disseminating targeted information; and
- working with industry stakeholders to provide training and education.

Similar programs have been developed in the past 12 months in New South Wales and Victoria using expertise from the Safe Farming Tasmania model.

To find out more visit <https://dpiwve.tas.gov.au/agriculture/safe-farming-tasmania>