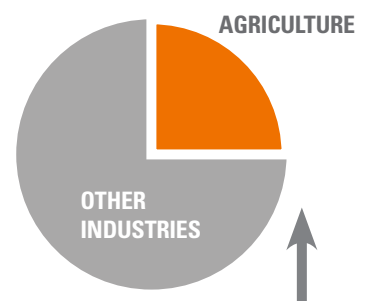
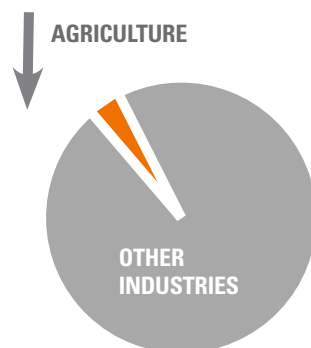


AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST ONE QUARTER OF ALL WORKPLACE FATALITIES IN AUSTRALIA – STAGGERING STATISTIC GIVEN WE EMPLOY LESS THAN 3% OF THE TOTAL WORKFORCE.

This has turned the regulatory focus on agriculture. Many farmers are not aware they have work health and safety obligations even if they don't employ.

Statistics on a page do not give a true picture. These fatalities result in incredible heartache to families, farms and communities coming to grips with the loss of a family member, friend and colleague. The financial cost is also huge.

PRIMARY PRODUCERS ACCOUNT FOR 3% OF OUR WORKFORCE



BUT ACCOUNT FOR 24% OF OUR TOTAL WORKPLACE DEATHS



Playing it safe with Shane Webcke.

I have every confidence that my father should not have died on that day... the machines weren't looked after and they weren't maintained properly.

PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF HEALTH AND SAFETY DUTY

	CORPORATION OUR FARM BUSINESS	INDIVIDUAL AS PCBU ANY PARTNER IN THE BUSINESS	INDIVIDUAL AS WORKER EMPLOYED FAMILY MEMBER / EMPLOYEE
CATEGORY 1	\$3M	\$600,000 AND/OR FIVE YEARS IN JAIL	\$300,000 AND/OR FIVE YEARS IN JAIL
CATEGORY 2	\$1.5M	\$300,000	\$150,000
CATEGORY 3	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$50,000

Australian farmer, Ann McGrath, has suffered more than emotional strain when losing an employee on her horse training farm in a fatal quadbike accident. She admits that she "had gone through the procedure of talking – about quadbike safety – and educating the workers to do it, but we just didn't have – you know, the t's crossed and the i's dotted".

McGrath pled guilty to not having policies and procedures in place, as a result she was fined \$250,000, paid over \$1 million in legal fees and had to sell property in order to pay the costs.

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