



## PACIFIC NORTHWEST AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CENTER

*Research for healthy workers, strong communities, and productive agriculture*

# PNASH Partners' Reports, Releases & Resources

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM PNASH!

On December 17th we submitted our renewal proposal to NIOSH for the next 5-year cycle (all 934 pages of it)! In June we expect to receive notice on project awards. Thank you to all who provided input and offered support. Our Center is a partnership of committed researchers, industries and communities. It really is a pleasure working with all of you.

### ◆ THE WASHINGTON FARM WORK GROUP

Formed by the state legislature under the Washington Employment Security Commission, the Farm Work Group was created to identify mutual points of interest and to find administrative solutions for agricultural issues. PNASH experts were called on to share study results on the topics of sexual harassment of women in agriculture, and pesticide drift. [Learn more »](#)



### ◆ BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS RELEASE (BLS)

In September, BLS released the National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries. In 2014 fatal work injuries were 14% higher for agriculture, forestry, fishing (and

hunting) - private industries - after three straight years of decline. This was the highest injury rate of any industry sector. Fatal injuries in forestry and logging rose to their highest totals since 2008. [Learn more »](#)

## ◆ USCG REPORTS NO FATALITIES IN ALASKA COMMERCIAL FISHING

For the first time, the US Coast Guard has been able to report no fatalities (**over the last year**) for commercial fishermen in Alaska. The NIOSH Alaska Regional Office also reported a safer year and decreasing trend. [Learn more »](#)

## ◆ NEW EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS FOR FARMING AND FORESTRY - SAFETY & HEALTH ASSESSMENT & RESEARCH FOR PREVENTION (SHARP)

The Washington Department of Labor and Industries' SHARP program has new materials and case reports for safety and health in hops, orchards, and logging. Since 1990, SHARP has advanced workplace health and safety through research, monitoring and demonstration projects. View publications listed by industry on their website. [Learn more »](#)

## ◆ TREE FRUIT TOPICS

Washington State University has launched a new comprehensive [website dedicated to the tree fruit industry](#). Visit to find information on production, management, and training. For regular updates subscribe to their newsletter, [Fruit Matters](#). [Learn more »](#)



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