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## INITIAL NOTIFICATION - AGRICULTURAL FATALITY

- Issued by HSE's Agricultural Sector to Farm Safety Partnership and AIAC members, to assist timely promotion of key health and safety messages.
- The details are based on initial notification and media coverage and do not fully reflect the detailed circumstances of the incident. The death has been treated as work related BUT this will be subject to further assessment.
- The links to existing H&S guidance are to help recipients to promote health and safety and should not be taken to imply details of cause of the incident.

### Incident summary as notified to HSE or reported in the media

<b>Date of incident</b>	11/09/2024
<b>Geographic area</b>	Cumbria
<b>General nature of incident</b>	Transport Related (Struck by Tractor)

#### Brief details of incident

Initial notification is that a farm worker was struck by a tractor and killed.

#### Links to relevant published guidance (HSE and Partnership publications)

HSE has published guidance on [safe workplace transport](#); [using tractors safely](#) a step-by-step guide [and safe stop](#)

#### Key messages for FSP/AIAC members to promote

Being killed by a farm vehicles (including tractors) is a major cause of death and serious injury in agriculture. People are commonly ejected from, or injured in, the cab, entangled in moving parts, run over or struck by the machine.

##### Key messages are:

- Ensure that anyone who operates farm vehicles is properly trained, competent and authorised.
- Maintain the vehicle so it remains in good working condition. Check that brakes, including the hand brake, work properly.
- Plan work on sloping ground. Use safe driving techniques and the right equipment.
- With few exceptions, agricultural tractors and other machinery must be fitted with a suitable safety cab or roll bar (roll over-protective structure (ROPS)). A seat or lap belt should be fitted and used.
- Follow the 'Safe Stop' procedure every time you leave the driver's seat/operating position.
- Ensure that you are medically fit to operate and drive farm vehicles.

**Link to known media report** – None