

FS-15. National estimates of US farms by noise exposure and use of hearing protection

	2006	2011
Frequency of working around loud noise in previous 12 months		
Daily	226,044	259,909
Weekly	323,853	496,070
Monthly	212,105	278,427
A few times per year	567,661	589,745
Never	724,511	511,332
Unknown	35,616	45,518
Frequency of hearing protection use when exposed to loud noise		
All of the time	329,897	303,991
Most of the time	208,231	225,709
Some of the time	208,631	281,830
Rarely	133,564	202,779
Never	446,437	608,755
Unknown	2,903	1,087
Question not asked	760,127	556,850
Total farms (1)	2,089,790	2,181,000

1 Estimates may not sum due to rounding

Source: Farm Safety Survey, 2006 and 2011.