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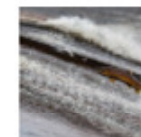
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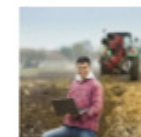
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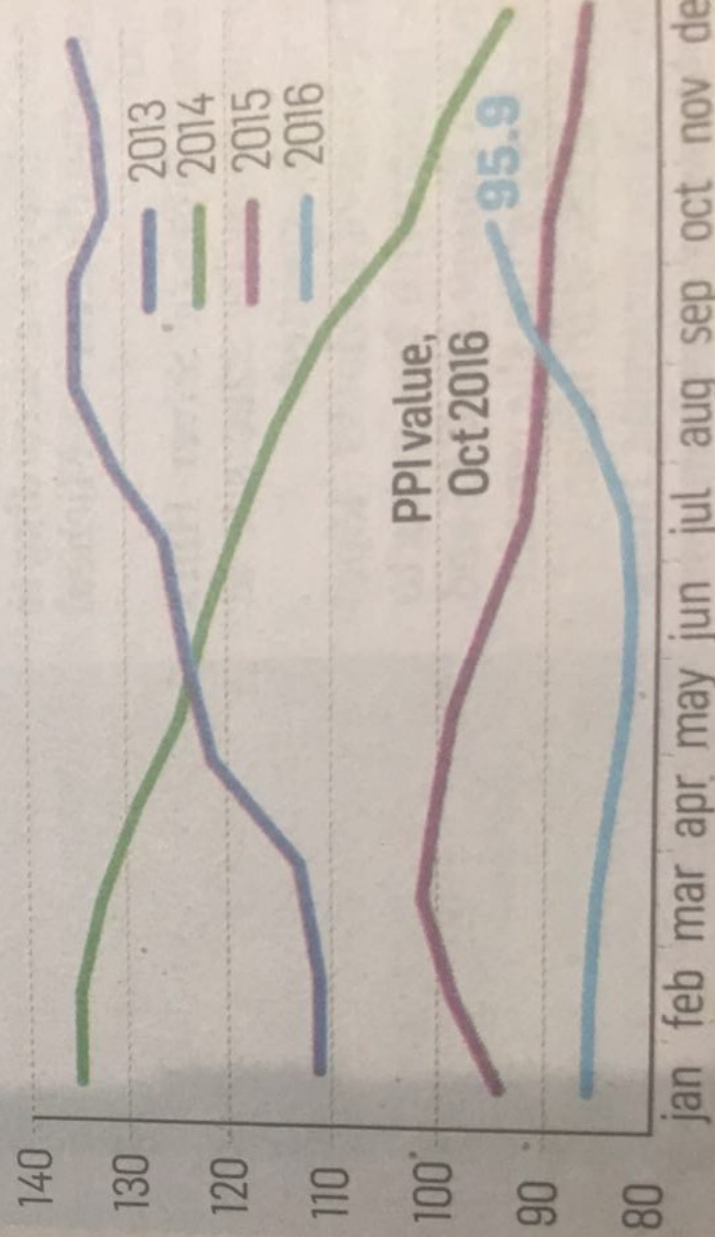
AGRIKIDS

Developed by Irish woman, Alma Jordan, this free app mirrors the book series, allowing kids to play, interact and learn about safety on farm and in the countryside. Test their speed and accuracy

and enter the world of AgriKids to learn more about their mission to engage, educate and empower children to be our farm safety ambassadors. Ideal for kids from 6 years of age up.



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Winter can be a dangerous time on the farm; keep children safe over the next few months:




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Evanne Ní Chuilinn, RTÉ sports broadcaster and mother of two children, has spoken out in a bid to keep kids safe this Christmas in conjunction with AgriKids.

As part of the organisation's Winter Safety campaign, they've released 10 top tips to help keep parents aware of the dangers faced by children. Rural families are today being warned about the heightened risk on roads and farms due to poor visibility and hazardous weather conditions over the winter period.

The warning was issued at the launch of a new mobile game designed to empower children to become farm safety ambassadors. The game, which was developed by the multi-award winning farm safety education platform, AgriKids.

THAT'S The new mobile game was developed by Dublin-based app development studio, Fierce Fun. The game, which is **MENU**  available to download for free on Google Play (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.air.AgriKids>) or **(/)** the App Store (<https://itunes.apple.com/ie/app/agrikids/id1169492130?mt=8>), is ideal for children from the age

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Donegal-based illustrator Martin Beckett is the artist behind the AgriKids series of children's books, and he's also designed the app's graphics and imagery while composer, Jamie Wilson, another Donegal resident, has created the app's distinct sound with an original score.


Founder of AgriKids, Alma Jordan said, "There tends to be a lot of focus on farm safety during spring and summer which are the busiest time on our farms, but winter brings with it much poorer weather conditions making many farmyards and roads treacherous.

"For many farmers, the daily workload remains the same with animals needing to be fed and cows milked but the work is being carried out with a significant decrease in visibility as a result of shorter, darker days. Many children are off school for at least two weeks at Christmas and may visit or find themselves out on the farm more often so safety needs to be front of mind."

AgriKids Winter Farm Safety Tips for Children

- Children should **never travel alone** to the farm.
- When children visit the farm, farmers and parents should always **explain the dangers**.
- **Hi vis clothes and accessories** are essential in the darkened evenings and early mornings.
- After dark there should be **proper lighting** in the areas where people are working or visiting.
- Farm yards should be **kept tidy** and free from any hazards that may cause trips and falls.
- Extra clothing layers should be **tucked in** and jackets closed with no hanging strings to ensure they don't get snagged or entangled in machinery.
- Farmers should only give children **jobs that are suitable for their age**. feeding hens, stacking buckets.
- Farmyards are not playgrounds. Farmers should set up a suitable **play area** away from the yard.
- Farmers should lead by example and show children **how to prevent** farm accidents.
- Farmers should have **a farm safety action plan** and always have a **first aid kit** stocked and accessible

AgriKids was founded by Alma Jordan, a farmer's wife from Co. Meath, in 2015. A former marketer, Alma was prompted to launch AgriKids following Ireland's worst year on record for farm safety in 2014.

The farm safety education platform is designed to promote the positives of rural life while educating children on the hazards that exist in our farmyards and countryside. Its aim is to empower children to become our farm safety ambassadors. The first phase of the initiative involved the launch of a series of children's illustrated storybooks 'Tales from Riverside Farm' in 2015.  The Marts Forecast

Since founding AgriKids, Alma has completed Phases 1 and 2 of the Enterprise Ireland New Frontiers programme and has received funding from the Enterprise Ireland Competitive Start Up Fund.

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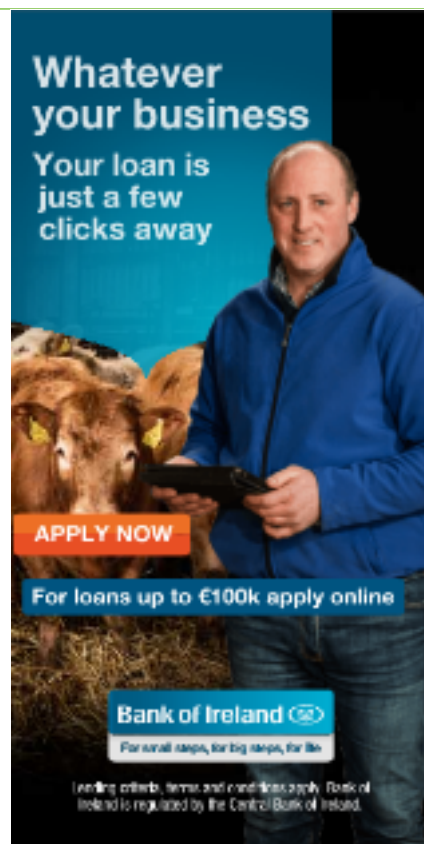
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