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Update on ag-gag laws

An October 2022 posting from Sentient Media provided an update we are adding to the ACDC collection. Author Hemi Kim briefly described “state and federal laws that make it a crime for people to take photos or videos inside animal agriculture operations.” The description included:

- features and origins of the laws
- free speech issues and risks they involve
- U.S. states that currently have them in place

You can read the commentary [here](#).

Unique ethical issues for rural and remote communities in the COVID-19 pandemic

“Rural healthcare must overcome misinformation and fear among residents,” a team of Canadian and U.S. medical specialists emphasized in a 2020 issue of *The American Journal of Bioethics*.

“Reliance on larger clinical and academic institutions can be both valuable and ethically challenging. While policies and processes during a pandemic can be shared across institutions, often the smaller rural clinical sites and agencies that are treating the most vulnerable of populations are not well-informed, typically do not have a collaborative presence during deliberations about best practices and shared policies, and the socio-cultural aspects of rural populations are often ignored.”

You can read this article by open access [here](#).

Edible insects – Some sampling in Portugal

A recent study published in *Food* investigated the knowledge, attitudes, consumption habits, and degree of acceptability of edible insects among a sample of 213 Portuguese consumers. Investigators found:

- Surveyed consumers tended to have correct perceptions about the sustainability issues associated with insects as alternative sources of protein
- Level of knowledge and overall perception of the nutritive value of insects was low
- Few of the surveyed consumers had already eaten them
- Most consumers were reluctant to consume whole insects
- Potentials exist for starting with foods that incorporate edible insects

You can read this article [here](#).

Drought information falling short on the ranch

We are adding to the ACDC collection a 2018 *Climate Risk Management* article in which researchers highlighted existence and penalties of inadequate, unreliable climate information for ranch management.

Authors reviewed related literature to draw out the drought management options as well as the tools and products for drought monitoring and early warning. They found a large gap between the information needs of ranchers and the information that is available.

You can read the article [here](#).

Addressing ethical relations in a rural Japanese hospital

Researchers Ryuichi Ohta and Chiaki Sano used a planned approach to help a rural hospital address an ethical dilemma often encountered in medicine. It involved the relationship between resident physicians and pharmaceutical company representatives. As reported in *Cureus*, the researchers used evidence-based learning to overcome challenges presented by conflicts of interest.

You can read the article [here](#).

Communicator events approaching

Here are event plans you may find helpful, with contact information you can use for details. We welcome suggestions or revisions for this calendar.

November 1-2, 2023

“Level up: Reaching all communities” Association for Communication Excellence (ACE) virtual conference. Information: <https://aceweb.org/event-5367868>

November 14-16, 2023

“Looking to the future” Australasia-Pacific Extension Network (APEN) international conference in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia.

Information: <https://www.apen.org.au/events/conference>

November 15-17, 2023

“Homecoming.” 80th anniversary convention of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB) in Kansas City, Missouri.

Information: <https://nafb.com/events/nafb-convention>

November 17, 2023

Agricultural Writers SA Awards, Capetown, South Africa.

Information: <https://www.agriculturalwriterssa.co.za/event/agricultural-writers-sa-awards-evening/>

How we learn

We close this issue of *ACDC News* with a Norwegian proverb about how we learn:

“What mother and father don’t teach, the world teaches”

Best regards and wishes

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