

Healthcare Costs A Growing Concern To Florida Farmers

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Sheldon Blumling offered insight on how the ongoing implementation of the Affordable Care Act is of increasing concern to Florida farmers.

The biggest current concern for most farmers is the amount of confusion that has resulted from the delays of different parts of the law and the applicability to a particular farmer's workforce, according to Janell Hendren, national affairs coordinator for the Florida Farm Bureau Federation.

The calculation is intended to arrive at a number of "full-time equivalent" employees. That number determines whether a farmer must provide health insurance to his or her workers.

Sheldon agreed with Hendren that confusion about the requirements of the law is a major issue among agricultural enterprises. And, he said, the relative complexity of determining how many full-time workers an employer has can be a daunting challenge.

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