Supplementary Material

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The Association of Chronic Bronchitis and Airflow Obstruction with Lifetime and Current Farm Activities in a Sample of Rural Adults in Iowa

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Supplemental Table 1. Cut points and distribution for continuous exposure variables

Variables	Median cut			
	points			
Hogs (years)	High: > 28			
	Low: ≤ 28			
Chickens (years)	High: > 10			
	Low: ≤ 10			
Cattle (years)	High: > 15			
	Low: ≤ 15			
Horses (years)	High: > 10			
	Low: ≤ 10			
Sheep (years)	High: > 6			
	Low: ≤ 6			
Turkeys (years)	High: > 3			
	Low: ≤ 3			
Goats (years)	High: > 4			
	Low: ≤ 4			
Indoor animal chores	High: > 28			
(hours/week)	Low: ≤ 28			
Outdoor animal chores	High: > 28			
(hours/week)	Low: ≤ 28			
Equipment maintenance	High: > 18			
(hours/week)	Low: ≤ 18			
Building maintenance	High: > 8			
(hours/week)	Low: ≤ 8			
Field tasks w/o vehicle	High: > 8			
(hours/week)	Low: ≤ 8			
Field tasks w/vehicle	High: > 60			
(hours/week)	Low: ≤ 60			
Operate slow moving	High: > 28			
vehicle (hours/week)	Low: ≤ 28			
Hog/chicken work (years)	High: > 10			
	Low: ≤ 10			

Supplemental Table 2. Multinomial logistic regression base model covariates

Characteristic	Reference	Outcome	OR (95% CI)	p-value
Age	continuous	Chronic bronchitis	1.02 (1.01, 1.04)	0.007
		Airflow obstruction	1.03 (1.01, 1.05)	0.003
Sex	Female	Chronic bronchitis	1.2 (0.8, 2.1)	0.39
		Airflow obstruction	1.2 (0.7, 2.2)	0.55
Smoking status, current	never smoker	Chronic bronchitis	3.3 (1.5, 7.3)	0.003
		Airflow obstruction	0.7 (0.2, 2.5)	0.58
Smoking status, former	never smoker	Chronic bronchitis	0.9 (0.4, 1.9)	0.75
		Airflow obstruction	0.3 (0.1, 1.1)	0.07
Cigarette pack-years	igarette pack-years continuous		1.1 (0.9, 1.4)	0.27
		Airflow obstruction	2.3 (1.6, 3.3)	<0.0001
Asthma, yes	no	Chronic bronchitis	1.4 (0.6, 3.2)	0.45
		Airflow obstruction	5.1 (2.5, 10.3)	<0.0001
Farming status, former	current	Chronic bronchitis	0.7 (0.4, 1.2)	0.23
		Airflow obstruction	0.6 (0.4, 1.1)	0.11
Childhood farm work, ever	never	Chronic bronchitis	0.6 (0.4, 1.1)	0.08
		Airflow obstruction	0.9 (0.5, 1.7)	0.85

Chronic bronchitis is without airflow obstruction.

Airflow obstruction is with or without chronic bronchitis.

Supplemental Table 3. Crude frequency of chronic bronchitis cross-classified by different categories of fumigants/fungicides and crop storage insecticides, and ever smoked (no, yes)

	Never smoked			Ever smoked		
Categories for fumigants/ fungicides, and crop		Chronic bronchitis		Chronic bronchitis		_
storage insecticides	N	n	%	N	n	%
NEVER either type of pesticide	659	26	3.9	407	38	9.3
Fumigants/fungicides, but NO crop storage insecticides	22	2	9.1	12	2	16.7
Crop storage insecticides, but NO fumigants/ fungicides	46	4	8.7	33	5	15.2
BOTH fumigants/ fungicides, and crop storage insecticides	26	5	19.2	29	4	13.8