

1944
Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary

In our opinion the 153 deaths tell only a part of the tragic story of farm accidents.

These fatal accident figures are based on a newspaper clipping service which we find to be accurate on fatal accidents but very inaccurate on non-fatal accidents, including even the permanent injury cases.

We have recorded in our files approximately 700 permanent injury cases and from several sources of information we estimate 2000 additional lost-time accidents for 1944.

No fatal accidents are attributed to the corn pickers, and yet over 30 permanent injuries – including loss of hands and arms – were recorded. Many other machines, because of their very nature, cause many injuries but seldom death.

Cause	Total	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Machinery	31	5	3	1	3	5	1	5	3	1	3	-	1
Animals	22	2	-	2	-	3	2	4	3	3	1	2	-
Falls	21	3	1	1	-	-	4	6	-	1	1	3	1
Falling Objects	6	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Fire	29	1	5	1	3	-	1	2	-	6	5	3	2
Woodcutting	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Firearms	9	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	1
Explosions	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Drowning	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	2	-	-	-
Lightning	8	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	2	-	-	-
Traffic	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	-	-
Electrocution	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Exposure-Infection	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Carbon Monoxide	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
Totals	153	11	11	7	8	13	10	28	8	25	12	15	5

Analysis

Machinery

Tractor	15
Woodsaw	3
Corn Shredder	2
Hay Rope	1
Truck-Auto	3
Manure Spreader	1
Feed Mill	1
Pulley	1
Miscellaneous	4
Total	31

Animal

Horse	16
Bull	6
Total	22

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