

Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary

This summary of 1945 fatal accidents has been tabulated from a newspaper clipping service covering all Wisconsin daily and weekly newspapers.

We believe that this source of information is accurate for fatal accidents but by no means tells the entire story of non-fatal and lost-time accidents.

This summary, for that reason, covers only fatal farm accidents. In addition to this there are hundreds of accidents involving permanent injury and thousands of lost-time accidents.

Extension offices may secure, upon request, a set of duplicate cards showing accidents occurring in their respective counties.

Cause	Total	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Machinery	34	1	1	2	1	-	7	2	8	5	4	1	2
Falls	27	1	-	1	1	3	1	8	3	5	1	2	1
Fire	27	4	3	2	4	1	1	1	-	1	5	2	3
Animals	25	1	-	4	3	-	1	4	4	1	4	1	2
Traffic	11	1	-	-	2	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	1
Drowning	10	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	1
Firearms	9	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2
Woodcutting	5	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Explosions	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-
Falling Objects	4	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electrocution	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
Lightning	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Exposure-Infection	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poison	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Suffocation	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Totals	168	13	6	14	12	6	10	23	26	17	20	9	12

Analysis

Machinery

Tractor	17
Truck	3
Silo Filler	2
Saw	2
Automobile	2
Airplane	2
Threshing Machine	1
Manure Spreader	1
Corn Picker	1
Hay Rake	1
Power-take-off	1
Hay Fork	1
Total	34

Animals

Horse	15
Bull	8
Cow	1
Dog	1
Total	25

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