

Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary

Tabulations of fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin show a steady decrease for the past three years. The toll on our Wisconsin farms, however, is still too high.

This summary of fatal farm accidents has been compiled from a newspaper clipping service which covers all Wisconsin daily and weekly newspapers. In addition, there are hundreds of accidents resulting in permanent injury and thousands of lost-time accidents.

Upon request, we will be glad to mail to county extension agents, cards describing the accidents in their representative counties as recorded in our files.

Total	Cause	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
35	Machinery	-	2	3	3	3	4	5	3	3	5	3	1
25	Fire	3	2	2	2	2	-	1	-	2	-	3	8
20	Falls	-	1	1	1	1	2	10	2	-	1	-	1
18	Animals	2	1	-	1	2	1	4	3	1	3	-	-
9	Traffic	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	3	-	-
6	Firearms	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
6	Woodcutting	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
6	Drowning	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
6	Flammable Liquids	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
3	Falling Object	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
3	Poisonous Gases	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
2	Lightning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
2	Heat Exhaustion	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1	Electrocution	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Scalds	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Cave-In	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Drank Kerosene	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	All Causes	5	8	12	9	11	15	27	12	9	16	8	13

Analysis

Machinery

Tractor	17
Truck	6
Woodsaw	4
Threshing Machine	2
Silo Filler	2
Saw Mill	1
Hay Baler	1
Hay Rake	1
Manure Spreader	1
Total	35

Animals

Horse	10
Bull	8
Total	18

Falls

From Load of Hay	5
Down Hay Chute	2
From Hay Loft	2
From Hay Stack	1
Scaffold in Barn	1
Tobacco Shed Roof	1
From Silo	1
From Ladder	1
In Barn	1
On Icy Steps (House)	1
Over Feed Bag	1
Into Well	1
From Wagon	1
Total	20

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Fatal Tractor Accidents In Wisconsin

Of the 35 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 17 were fatal tractor accidents.

Analysis of the causes of the 17 fatal tractor accidents:

Tractor tipped over	5	(Men aged 21, 25, 31, 56, 60)
Cranking tractor in gear	4	(Men aged 21, 45, 57, 67)
Extra passengers fell off tractor	2	(Woman 62; Boy 7)
Shirt entangled in power take-off shaft	1	(Man 21)
Steering apparatus broke on tractor being towed by another	1	(Boy 15)
Riding on drawbar of tractor-drawn wagon	2	(Boy 8; Man 74)
Thrown from tractor seat when machine ran into fence	1	(Man 34)
Total	17	

Analysis According to Age for the 17 Fatalities:

Sex	65- Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5
Male	3	4	3	4	2	0
Female	0	1	0	0	0	0

Months in Which Fatal Tractor Accidents Occurred:

January	0	July	2
February	1	August	1
March	2	September	2
April	2	October	1
May	2	November	1
June	3	December	0
		Total	17