

1948
FATAL FARM ACCIDENTS IN WISCONSIN

Year	1945	1946	1947	1948
Fatalities	168	156	145	134

The above graph shows a gradual decrease in the number of fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin for the past four years. The toll, however, is still too high.

This summary of fatal farm accidents in 1948 was compiled from a newspaper clipping service which covers all Wisconsin daily and weekly newspapers. Hundreds of permanent-injury and thousands of lost-time accidents happen every year in addition to the fatal accidents.

Upon request, we will be glad to mail individual county statistics to those promoting community or county-wide safety programs.

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WISCONSIN FATAL FARM ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Total	Cause	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
46	Machinery	-	-	2	4	7	3	5	6	9	5	3	2
21	Animals	-	-	1	3	1	1	2	5	2	1	3	2
14	Falls	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	3	3	-	1
10	Traffic	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	4	2	-	-
9	Fire	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	-
7	Falling Object	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	3	-
4	Drowning	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
3	Firearms	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
3	Woodcutting	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
3	Flammable Liquids	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
3	Lightning	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
2	Poisonous Gases	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
2	Frozen Silage	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Explosion	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Cave-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1	Crushed (Car slipped off jack)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Milk Cart Tipped	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
134	All Causes	2	3	9	14	15	8	14	18	22	15	10	6

Analysis

Machinery

Tractor	28
Truck	9
Wagon	2
Manure Spreader	1
Corn Sheller	1
Hay Baler	1
Threshing Machine	1
Pump Jack	1
Binder	1
Hammer Mill	1
Total	46

Animals

Horses	17
Bulls	4
Total	21

Falls

From Load of hay	2
From roof of house	2
From hay mow	2
Through hay chute	1
From barn roof	1
From barn being razed	1
From top of silo to pit	1
From second floor to basement of house under construction	1
From a truck	1
From porch of house	1
Into milk cooling tank	1
Total	14

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FATAL TRACTOR ACCIDENTS IN WISCONSIN

Of the 46 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 28 were fatal tractor accidents.

Analysis of the Causes of the 28 Fatal Tractor Accidents:

12	Tractor tipped over (operators)	(Boys 14, 16; Men 23, 36, 44, 51, 51, 53, 53, 56, 57, 70)
5	Extra Passengers	(Boys 4, 6, 9; Girl 11; Man 63)
4	Run over by tractor	(Boys 1 ½, 1 yr. 8 mo.; Girl 3; Man 63)
3	Children playing on tractors (left in gear of children released brakes)	(Boy 2 ½; Girls 4, 6)
1	Cranking Tractor in gear	(Man 62)
1	Operator fell from tractor seat	(Man 61)
1	Crushed between tractor and building	(Boy 14)
1	Exact cause Unknown	(Man 74)
28	Total	

Analysis According to Age for the 28 Fatalities:

Age	65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5
Male	3	9	2	2	4	4
Female	-	-	-	-	2	2

Months in Which Fatal Tractor Accidents Occurred:

January	-	July	4
February	-	August	3
March	1	September	3
April	4	October	3
May	5	November	3
June	1	December	1

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