

1950
Fatal Farm Accidents In Wisconsin

Year	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Fatalities	168	156	145	134	128	124

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

Fatal farm accident summaries are 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	-	-	4	1	8	5	7	4	3	9	4	1
20	Fire	4	1	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	5	3
16	Falls	-	2	2	1	-	2	4	2	1	2	-	-
10	Animals	1	1	1	3	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
6	Woodcutting	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Falling Object	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
4	Traffic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
3	Poisonous Gas	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
3	Lightning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
2	Firearms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
2	Explosion	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2	Electrocution	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Exposure	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Cave-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1	Hay Fork Rope	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1	Flying Cement Chips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Paint Spray Gun Head	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Wind	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
124	All Causes	8	4	12	9	12	10	16	9	10	16	13	5

Analysis

Machinery

Tractor	31
Truck	4
Saw	2
Saw Rig Pulley	1
Grain Drill	1
Hay Rake	1
Hay Fork	1
Corn Picker	1
Corn Binder	1
Wagon	1
Car	1
Drag (Road Grader)	1
Total	46

Animals

Horses	5
Bulls	4
Cow	1
Total	10

Falls

From load of hay	3
From wagon	3
From barn roof	2
In barn	2
From load of grain	1
From truck	1
From trailer	1
From scaffold	1
From silo	1
Down hay chute	1
Total	16

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 46 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 31 were fatal tractor accidents.

Analysis of the Causes of the 31 Fatal Tractor Accidents

		(Ages of People Killed)
10	Tractor tipped over	(Boys 14, 17; Men 21, 23, 30, 34, 36, 59, 73, 88)
6	Extra passengers	(Boys 3, 7, 15; Girls 3, 7, 11)
5	Highway tractor fatalities	(Men 22, 40, 54, 60, 60)
2	Tractor in gear	(Men 35, 41)
2	Run over by tractor	(Boy 3; Man 56)
2	Fell from tractor	(Men 36, 37)
1	Cranking tractor	(Man 23)
1	Hit a stone – thrown off	(Man 66)
1	Tractor Fire	(Man 65)
1	Unknown circumstances	(Man 39)
31	Total	

Analysis According to Age for the 31 Fatalities

Age	65-over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5
Male	4	5	9	6	2	2
Female	-	-	-	-	2	1

Months in Which Fatal Tractor Accidents Occurred

January	-	July	4
February	-	August	2
March	1	September	2
April	2	October	4
May	7	November	3
June	5	December	1

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