

1951  
Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin

| Year | Fatalities |
|------|------------|
| 1945 | 168        |
| 1946 | 156        |
| 1947 | 145        |
| 1948 | 134        |
| 1949 | 128        |
| 1950 | 124        |
| 1951 | 115        |

Fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin have decreased gradually for the past 7 years but the toll is still too high.

Summaries of fatal farm accidents 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.

Individual county statistics will be mailed upon request to those promoting community or county-wide safety programs.

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Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary

| Total | Types of Accidents         | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|-------|----------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 45    | Machinery                  | 1       | -        | 2     | 2     | 7   | 8    | 7    | 4      | 5         | 5       | 2        | 2        |
| 18    | Falls                      | -       | -        | -     | 1     | -   | 4    | 6    | 1      | 3         | 2       | -        | 1        |
| 15    | Animals                    | 1       | 3        | -     | 1     | 1   | 1    | 1    | 2      | 4         | -       | -        | 1        |
| 7     | Fire                       | -       | -        | 1     | 1     | 1   | -    | -    | 1      | -         | -       | 2        | 1        |
| 6     | Traffic                    | -       | -        | -     | -     | -   | -    | -    | 1      | 1         | -       | 3        | 1        |
| 5     | Woodcutting                | -       | -        | 1     | 1     | -   | -    | -    | -      | 1         | -       | 1        | 1        |
| 4     | Firearms                   | 1       | -        | 1     | -     | 1   | -    | -    | -      | 1         | -       | -        | -        |
| 4     | Explosion                  | -       | -        | -     | 2     | 1   | -    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | 1        |
| 3     | Drowning                   | -       | -        | 1     | -     | -   | -    | -    | -      | 1         | -       | 1        | -        |
| 2     | Falling Object             | -       | -        | -     | -     | -   | -    | 1    | 1      | -         | -       | -        | -        |
| 1     | Lightning                  | -       | -        | -     | -     | -   | -    | 1    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        |
| 1     | Electrocution              | -       | -        | -     | -     | -   | 1    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        |
| 1     | Small Tools<br>(Pitchfork) | -       | -        | -     | -     | -   | -    | 1    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        |
| 1     | Frozen Silage              | -       | 1        | -     | -     | -   | -    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        |
| 1     | Cave-In                    | -       | -        | -     | -     | -   | -    | -    | -      | -         | 1       | -        | -        |
| 1     | Strangled                  | -       | -        | 1     | -     | -   | -    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        |
| 115   | All Types                  | 3       | 4        | 7     | 8     | 11  | 14   | 17   | 10     | 16        | 8       | 9        | 8        |

## Types of Accidents

### Machinery

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Tractor         | 31 |
| Truck           | 4  |
| Saw             | 3  |
| Corn Chopper    | 2  |
| Corn Picker     | 1  |
| Manure Spreader | 1  |
| Pulley          | 1  |
| Cable and Winch | 1  |
| Hydraulic Lift  | 1  |
| Total           | 45 |

### Animals

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| Horses | 8  |
| Bulls  | 6  |
| Cow    | 1  |
| Total  | 15 |

### Falls

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| From load of hay    | 5  |
| Down hay chute      | 4  |
| In Barn             | 2  |
| From moving vehicle | 2  |
| From hay rack       | 1  |
| From wagon          | 1  |
| From load of corn   | 1  |
| From windmill       | 1  |
| From ladder         | 1  |
| Total               | 18 |

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 45 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 31 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

|    |                                 |   |
|----|---------------------------------|---|
| 19 | Tractor tipped over             | (Ages of people killed)<br>(Girl 13; Boys 15, 18; Men 21, 31, 44, 51, 51, 52, 52, 54, 56, 56, 57, 61, 62, 65, 72, 74) |
| 4  | Run over by tractor             | (Boys 2 ½, 3; Man 76; Woman 19)   |
| 4  | Highway tractor fatalities      | (Boy 16; Men 40, 59, unknown but elderly)   |
| 3  | Extra passengers                | (Boys 6, 14; Man 28)  |
| 1  | Caught between tractor and plow | (Man 62)  |
| 31 | Total                           |   |

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

|        | 65-Over | 45-64 | 25-44 | 15-24 | 5-14 | Under 5 |
|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| Male   | 5       | 12    | 4     | 4     | 2    | 2       |
| Female | -       | -     | -     | 1     | 1    | -       |

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Months

|          |   |           |   |
|----------|---|-----------|---|
| January  | 1 | July      | 5 |
| February | - | August    | 3 |
| March    | - | September | 2 |
| April    | 1 | October   | 2 |
| May      | 7 | November  | 2 |
| June     | 6 | December  | 2 |

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