

1953

FATAL FARM ACCIDENTS IN WISCONSIN

Year	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Fatalities	168	156	145	134	128	124	115	114	102

Fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin have decreased gradually for the past nine years. In spite of this reduction in fatalities the toll is still too high.

Total	Types of Accidents	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
38	Machinery	-	1	-	3	3	5	8	6	6	5	1	-
15	Falls	1	1	2	1	-	-	4	2	3	-	-	1
14	Fires and Burns	-	-	1	1	2	5	-	2	1	-	1	1
8	Animals	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	-
6	Drowning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	-	-
5	Firearms	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1
4	Lightning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
3	Traffic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
2	Woodcutting	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Explosion	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
2	Cave-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Falling Object	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Strangulation	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
102	All Types	3	3	5	6	6	11	19	17	15	11	2	4

Types of Accidents

Machinery

Tractor	25
Truck	4
Car	3
Power take-off	1
Cultivator	1
Hay Baler	1
Hay Loader	1
Hay Chopper and Blower	1
Wagon	1
Total	38

Animals

Bulls	4
Horses	3
Heifer	1
Total	8

Falls

Hay Mow	5
Load of Hay	3
Wagon	2
In Barn	1
Ladder	1
Apple Tree	1
Driveway	1
Barn Stairway	1
Total	15

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FATAL TRACTOR ACCIDENTS IN WISCONSIN

Of the 38 machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 25 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

	(Ages of people killed)
16 Tractor tipped over	(Boys 14, 15, 16, 18; Men 27, 28, 38, 39, 40, 48, 51, 57, 60, 78, age unknown; Woman 65)
3 Extra Passengers	(Boys 4, 8; Man 42)
3 Run over by tractor	(Boy 5; Man 68; Woman 58)
1 Highway tractor fatality	(Man 71)
1 Crushed between wheel of tractor and shed door	(Man 26)
1 Unknown cause	(Girl 6)
25 Total	

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

Age	65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5	Unknown
Male	3	4	7	3	3	1	1
Female	1	1	-	-	1	-	-

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Month

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

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