

Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary

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

Newspaper clippings from all Wisconsin daily and weekly newspapers are the basis for these yearly summaries of fatal farm accidents. Hundreds of permanent injury and thousands of lost-time accidents happen every year in addition to the fatal accidents.

Individual county statistics will be made available to those promoting community or county-wide safety programs.

| Total | Type of Accident | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|-------|------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 39 | Machinery | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 10 | Fire and Burns | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 2 |
| 6 | Falls | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 6 | Motor Vehicles | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 5 | Electrocution | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | - | - |
| 4 | Traffic | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - |
| 4 | Explosion | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 4 | Woodcutting | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 3 | Animals | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 2 | Drowning | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 | Firearms | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| 1 | Falling Object | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 | Heat Exhaustion | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 | Lightning | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1 | Small Tools | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 89 | All Types | 3 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 |

Breakdown

Machinery

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Tractor | 34 |
| Corn Chopper | 1 |
| Corn Picker | 1 |
| Grain Blower | 1 |
| Hay Baler | 1 |
| Hay Loader | 1 |
| Total | 39 |

Animals

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| Bulls | 2 |
| Horses | 1 |
| Total | 3 |

Falls

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|------------------------|---|
| From Load of Hay | 2 |
| From Load of Bundles | 1 |
| From Hay Chute | 1 |
| From Ladder to Hay Mow | 1 |
| From Ladder in Barn | 1 |
| Total | 6 |

Fire and Burns

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| House Burned | 7 |
| Barn Burned | 1 |
| Stove | 1 |
| Brush Fire | 1 |
| Total | 10 |

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 39 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 34 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

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| | | (Ages of People Killed) |
| 19 | Tractor Tipped Over | (Boys 16, 19, 20; Men 23, 26, 29, 29, 33, 34, 34, 37, 43, 47, 48, 49, 52, 63, 64, 64) |
| 5 | Fell from Tractor | (Men 22, 58, 58, 73, 74) |
| 4 | Extra Passengers | (Girls 9, 11; Men 43, 62) |
| 2 | Crushed between Tractor and Other Machine | (Boy 9; Man 34) |
| 1 | Run Over by Tractor | (Girl 14 Months) |
| 1 | Highway Tractor Fatality | (Man 36) |
| 1 | Cranked Tractor in Gear | (Man 58) |
| 1 | Cause Unknown | (Man 65) |
| 34 | Total | |

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

| Total | Sex | 65-Over | 45-64 | 25-44 | 15-24 | 5-14 | Under 5 |
|-------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| 31 | Male | 3 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 1 | - |
| 3 | Female | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Month

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

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