

1956

Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary

Fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin show a substantial decrease during the past ten-year period.

During this period, fatal work accidents on Wisconsin farms have decreased from approximately 3 ½ accidents per week to 2 accidents per week. The toll is still far too high.

Yearly summaries of fatal farm accidents are based on newspaper clippings from all Wisconsin daily and weekly newspapers. In addition, there are hundreds of permanent injury and thousands of lost-time accidents each year.

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
49	Machinery	-	1	1	3	8	6	2	4	4	7	7	6
16	Fire and Burns	-	8	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
5	Falls	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1
4	Animals	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
4	Traffic	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
3	Drowning	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
4	Falling Object	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
2	Motor Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
2	Poisonous Gas	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2	Woodcutting	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	Explosion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Firearms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Frozen Silage	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Lightning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
95	All Types	1	10	5	5	14	10	7	6	5	12	8	12

**Breakdown
Machinery**

Tractor	41
Saw	3
Corn Picker	2
Corn Chopper	1
Manure Spreader	1
Combine	1
Total	49

Animal

Bulls	3
Cow	1
Total	4

Falls

Down hay chute	2
From hay mow	1
From load of hay	1
From windmill (fixing TV aerial)	1
Total	5

Fire and Burns

House burned	13
Smoking in bed	1
Playing with matches	1
Bottle gas stove exploded	1
Total	16

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1956**Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin**

Of the 49 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 41 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

		Sex	Age
28	Tractor tipped over	Boys Men	12, 13, 13, 16, 17, 19 23, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 38, 43, 45, 49, 50, 54, 55, 57, 61, 62, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 69
4	Extra Passengers	Girl Boys Man	4 4, 13 65
3	Run over by	Boys Man	15 mo., 2 48
2	Crushed between tractor and other object	Boy Man	19 60
2	Highway tractor fatalities	Boys	15, 17
1	Fell from tractor	Man	30
1	Cranking tractor in gear	Man	52
41	Total		

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

		65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5
40	Male	6	12	7	8*	7	-
1	Female	-	-	-	-	-	1

*15-24 Group: 15, 16, 17, 17, 19, 19, 23, 24

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Month

January	-	July	2
February	-	August	3
March	1	September	3
April	3	October	4
May	7	November	6
June	6	December	6