

1957
Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin

Year	1945	'46	'47	'48	'49	'50	'51	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57
Fatalities	168	156	145	134	128	124	115	114	102	99	89	95	94

There has been a gradual decrease in the number of fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin through 1953. Since then, there has been a leveling off to a considerably lower than average for that period. Indications are that the permanent injury and lost-time accidents have shown a corresponding decrease. In spite of this reduction, the toll is still too high.

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 farm 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
40	Machinery	1	2	5	1	4	5	5	6	6	4	1	-
13	Fire and Burns	2	-	-	3	3	-	-	4	1	-	-	-
7	Animals	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	-
5	Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1
5	Explosion	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
4	Drowning	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
3	Woodcutting	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
2	Traffic	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2	Firearms	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
2	Motor Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
2	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
2	Lightning	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Small Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	Poisonous Gas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Frozen Silage	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Train-Combine	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
3	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
94	All Types	6	2	5	6	12	8	10	13	17	7	5	3

Breakdown

Machinery

Tractor	27
Saw	2
Spreader	2
Corn Picker	2
Corn Shredder	2
Corn Chopper	1
Mower	1
Hay Baler	1
Silage Cutter	1
Feeder Wagon	1
Total	40

Animals

Bulls	4
Horse	2
Cow	1
Total	7

Falls

From Roof of House	1
Down Silo Chute	1
From Roof of Silo (while spray painting)	1
Down Stairs	1
Into Barn Gutters	1
Total	5

Fire and Burns

House Burned	6
Barn Burned	3
Overheated Stove	3
Burning Gasoline	1
Total	13

Farm Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 40 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 27 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

(Ages of People Killed)		
10	Tractor Tipped Over	(Boys 11, 15, 15; Men 33, 35, 36, 43, 60, 72, 81)
5	Run over by	(Boys 2, 2; Men 50, 55, 79)
4	Fell From	(Men 28, 48, 58, 73)
3	Extra Passengers	(Boys 4, 7; Girl 6)
3	Crushed between Tractor and Other Object	(Boy 10; Men 29, 45)
1	Cranked tractor in gear	(Man 25)
1	Power take off	(Man 73)
27	Total	

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

Age	65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5
Male	5	6	7	2*	3	3
Female	-	-	-	-	1	-

* 15-24 Group: Both boys 15 years old.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Month

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

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