

1959

Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin

Year	Number Fatalities
1945	168
1946	156
1947	145
1948	134
1949	128
1950	124
1951	115
1952	114
1953	102
1954	99
1955	89
1956	95
1957	94
1958	81
1959	89

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 point considerably lower than that 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.

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Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary

Fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin show a substantial decrease since 1945.

During this period, fatal work accidents on Wisconsin farms have decreased from approximately 3 ¼ accidents per week to about 1 ¾ 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
40	Machinery	1	1	2	2	5	5	6	4	6	2	4	2
13	Falls	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	2	2	2	-	-
8	Fire and Burns	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
5	Falling Object	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
4	Animals	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
3	Woodcutting	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
3	Strangulation (Playing-rope)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2	Drowning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
2	Poisonous Gases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
2	Motor Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
1	Lightning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Explosion	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Truck-Train	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1	Frozen Silage	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
89	All Types	4	2	6	4	9	10	9	10	14	8	9	4

Breakdown

Machinery

Tractor	35
Corn Chopper	1
Chopper Wagon	1
Hay Baler	1
Circular Saw	1
Manure Spreader	1
Total	40

Falls

From hay wagon	3
From load of hay	2
From hay mow	2
From chopper wagon	1
From roof	1
From granary steps	1
From ladder	1
In barn	1
Into well pit	1
Total	13

Fire

Oil space heater	5
Gas fumes ignited	2
House burned	1
Total	8

Animals

Bull	2
Horse	2
Total	4

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 40 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 35 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

		(Ages of people killed)
23	Tractor tipped over	(Boys 11, 13, 14, 15, 16; Girl 14; Men 20, 38, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 55, 56, 60, 63, 65, 68, 76, no age, no age)
4	Extra passengers	(Boys 4, 5, 8; Man 58)
4	Run over by tractor	(Boy 2; Girls 19 mo., 23 mo.; Man 69)
2	Tractor-Highway	(Boy 16; Man 34)
1	Fell from tractor	(Man 37)
1	Power-take-off	(Man 29)
35	Total	

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

	65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5	Unknown
Male	4	11	5	3	4	3	2
Female	-	-	-	-	1	2	-

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Month

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

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