

Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin

Year	Number of 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
1960	103

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 the 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

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Yearly summaries of fatal farm accidents are based on newspaper clippings from all Wisconsin daily and weekly newspaper. 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
55	Machinery	2	1	3	3	3	5	11	4	5	10	4	4
10	Falls	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	1	2	-	1
6	Fire and Burns	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Motor Vehicles	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
4	Drowning	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
4	Firearms	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
3	Falling Object	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3	Woodcutting	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2	Poisonous Gases	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
2	Traffic	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Explosion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
2	Animals	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Small Tools (Pitch Fork)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Frozen Silage	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
103	All Types	7	4	10	11	6	10	16	4	11	13	6	5

**Breakdown
Machinery**

Tractor	46
Corn Picker	1
Combine	1
Manure Spreader	1
Hay Chopper	1
Hay Rake	1
Forage Blower	1
Portable Saw Mill	1
Conveyor	1
Hay Baler	1
Total	55

Falls

From Haywagon	2
From load of hay	1
From load of corn	1
From hay mow	1
From bales of hay in barn	1
From granary 2 nd floor	1
From scaffold	1
From ladder	1
In barn	1
Total	10

Fires

House burned	3
Burning rubbish	1
Brush fire	1
Oil space heater	1
Total	6

Animals

Bull	2
Total	2

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 55 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 46 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

		Sex	Ages
25	Tractor Tipped Over	Boys Men Women	5, 11, 11, 13, 14, 15, 15, 16, 19 29, 30, 39, 43, 52, 53, 60, 60, 62, 62, 63, 64, 64 31, 51, ?
7	Extra Passengers	Boys Girls	4, 4, 8, 9, 16 6, 15
3	Fell From Tractor	Men	21, 69, 72
3	Run Over by Tractor	Boy Girl Man	20 mo. 2 ½ 71
1	Tractor Burns	Man	45
1	Tractor in Gear	Man	54
1	Tractor-Traffic	Man	39
1	Crushed Between Tractor & Building	Man	70
4	Miscellaneous	Men	35, 56, 74, 79
46	Total		

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

		65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5	Unknown
40	Male	6	12	6	6	7	3	-
6	Female	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Month

January	2	July	9
February	1	August	2
March	3	September	5
April	3	October	9
May	3	November	3
June	4	December	2