

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
1961	93

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
58	Machinery	1	1	2	3	8	10	9	9	5	4	6	-
10	Falls	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	3	-	-
6	Animals	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
6	Drowning	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
3	Falling Objects	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
2	Fire and Burns	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Woodcutting	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Motor Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Exposure	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Auto-Train Crash	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Miscellaneous (Hanging tobacco)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Cave-in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
93	All Types	3	4	7	4	9	15	13	13	9	9	7	0

Breakdown Machinery

Tractor	52
Circle Saw	1
Combine	1
Corn Chopper	1
Corn Picker	1
Feed Chopper	1
Mower	1
Total	58

Falls

From silo	2
From load of hay	2
From hay mow	1
From scaffold	1
From tobacco shed	1
From stationary truck	1
From moving truck	1
Downstairs in barn	1
Total	10

Fire and Burns

Brush Fire	1
Brooder house stove exploded	1
Total	2

Animals

Horse	3
Bull	3
Total	6

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 58 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 52 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

29	Tractor Tipped Over (1 started tractor in gear on hay mow floor-tractor fell 15 ft.) (1 tractor-highway)	Boys Men Women	11, 11, 15, 16, 16, 17 33, 35, 43, 44, 49, 50, 56, 58, 59, 60, 63, 64, 68, 71, 71, 71, 73, 75, 86, 87 22, 31, 32
6	Run Over by	Boys Girls Men	2, 3, 6 4, 1 ½ 59
4	Extra Passengers	Boys Girls	2, 6, 7 4
3	Crushed between Tractor and Other	Men Woman	70, 73 28
4	Thrown from Tractor	Men Girl	55, 63, 65 18
1	Power Take-Off	Girl	4
1	Tractor Seat Broke	Man	36
1	Crank Flew Off and Hit Him	Man	38
1	Fell from Tractor into Corn Chopper	Man	47
1	Mired in Mud; Post Chained to Wheel Flew up and Fractured his Skull	Man	57
1	No Details	Man	70
52	Total		

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

		65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5	Unknown
43	Male	12	13	6	4	5	3	-
9	Female	-	-	3	2	-	4	-

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Month

January	1	July	9
February	-	August	8
March	2	September	4
April	3	October	4
May	8	November	4
June	9	December	-