

**Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin**  
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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

This graph shows 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 early period. Indications are that the permanent injury and lost-time accidents have shown a corresponding decrease.

A continuing active safety program in which all segments of agriculture participate is necessary to even maintain the present level of farm accident fatalities.

The goal of agriculture should be to further reduce the number of these unnecessary accidents to the point where we compare favorably with other industries.

**1962**

**Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary**

Fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin have shown a gradual decrease through 1953. Since then there has been a leveling off to a point considerably lower than the average for that period.

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
44	Machinery	-	1	1	3	3	6	5	7	9	6	2	1
9	Fire and Burns	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
7	Traffic	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	1	-
4	Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
3	Woodcutting	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2	Animals	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2	Drowning	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
2	Firearms	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2	Lightning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
2	Strangulation	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
2	Suffocation	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Falling Object	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Frozen Silage	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Miscellaneous	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
86	All Types	6	2	6	4	4	9	9	14	10	9	7	6

### Breakdown Machinery

Tractor	31
Corn Chopper	3
Corn Picker	2
Hay Baler	2
Manure Spreader	1
Auger	1
Barn Cleaner	1
Chopper Wagon	1
Trencher	1
Hydraulic Lift	1
Total	44

### Falls

From Hay Mow	2
Down Silo Chute	1
From Silo	1
Total	4

### Fire and Burns

House Fires	9
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**Animals**

Cow	1
Bull	1
Total	2

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**Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin**

Of the 44 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 31 were fatal tractor accidents.

**Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age**

15	Tractor Tipped Over	Boys Men	15, 16, 17, 18, 19 29, 47, 54, 60, 62, 62, 65, 71, 72, 78
6	Run Over By	Boys Men	2, 2 ½, 4 31, 48, 55
4	Extra Passengers	Boys	3, 3, 13, 14
3	Crushed Between Tractor and Other	Boy Men	15 31, 62
1	Power Take-Off	Man	52
1	Tractor-Train	Boy	13
1	Tractor-Cycle	Boy	19
31	Total		

**Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex**

Total	Sex	65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5
31	Male	4	9	3	7	3	5
-	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Fatal Tractor Accidents by Months**

January	-	July	4
February	-	August	4
March	1	September	7
April	3	October	2
May	3	November	2
June	5	December	-