

**Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin**  
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Year	Number of Fatalities	Year	Number of Fatalities
1945	168	1955	89
1946	156	1956	95
1947	145	1957	94
1948	134	1958	81
1949	128	1959	89
1950	124	1960	103
1951	115	1961	93
1952	114	1962	86
1953	102	1963	100
1954	99	Average since 1953	Under 100

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.

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**Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary**

Fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin appear to have leveled off at about 100 per year. This is a point from the 168 in 1945. These accidents have shown a gradual decrease through 1953.

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 upon request 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	-	4	5	10	15	6	2	4	5	5	1
9	Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
7	Falls	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	1
6	Animals	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	2	-
4	Fire and Burns	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
4	Falling Object	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
3	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
2	Woodcutting	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2	Drowning	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2	Firearms	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
2	Suffocation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
1	Strangulation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
100	All Types	2	-	5	7	15	23	17	6	7	9	7	2

### Breakdown

#### Machinery

Tractor	54
Forage Harvester	1
Cattle Feeding Machine	1
Grain Unloader	1
Silo Auger Feed Conveyor	1
Total	58

#### Falls

From load of hay	1
From barn roof	1
From tree	1
From ladder	1
From feed chute	1
From hay loft	2
Total	7

#### Fire and Burns

Field Fire	1
Barn Fire	3
Total	4

**Animals**

Bull	4
Horse	1
Cow	1
Total	6

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**Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin**

Of the 58 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 54 were fatal tractor accidents.

**Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age**

29	Tractor Tipped Over	Boys Men	10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 18 20, 20, 39, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 57, 64, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 70, 70, 75, 76, 81
7	Extra Passengers	Boys	5, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 17
6	Run Over By	Boys Girl Men	15 mo., 2 ½, 5 2 ½ 46, 63
4	Thrown From and Run Over By	Boy Men	6 56, 62, 62
3	Power Take-Off	Men	42, 65, 69
2	Tractor-Traffic	Man Woman	27 48
2	Crushed Between Tractor and Other	Men	61, 62
1	Miscellaneous	Boy	12
54	Total		

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

Total	Sex	65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5
52	Male	12	15	3	8	12	2
2	Female	-	1	-	-	-	1

**Fatal Tractor Accidents by Months**

January	1	July	5
February	-	August	2
March	4	September	4
April	5	October	4
May	10	November	4
June	14	December	1