

Fatal Farm Accident 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	1964	85

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 from 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. From 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
56	Machinery	1	3	2	4	9	9	8	5	6	4	2	3
5	Falls	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
4	Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
4	Fire and Burns	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
4	Woodcutting	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3	Animals	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
2	Falling Object	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Traffic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
2	Strangulation	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Explosion	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Frozen Silage	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Drowning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85	All Types	3	8	4	7	12	12	10	8	8	5	4	4

Breakdown Machinery

Tractor	49
Manure Spreader	1
Plow	1
Barn Cleaner	1
Power Mower	1
Chopper Wagon	1
Corn Auger	1
Self Unloading Wagon	1
Total	56

Falls

From baled hay	1
From load of hay	1
From scaffold	1
From barn	1
Down hay chute	1
Total	5

Fire and Burns

House Fire	3
Barn Fire	1
Total	4

Animals

Cow	2
Horse	1
Total	3

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 56 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 49 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accident by Type and Age

26	Tractor Tipped Over	Boys Men Woman	15, 16, 16, 17, 18 20, 26, 31, 32, 35, 36, 36, 37, 38, 42, 42, 43, 53, 60, 60, 64, 64, 75 32
8	Extra Passengers	Boys Girl Man	3, 5, 10, 14, 14, 15 11 59
4	Crushed Between Tractor and Other	Men	22, 63, 70, 71
3	Run Over by Tractor	Boys Girl	20 mo., 5 5
3	Power Take-Off	Boys Man	22 mo., 4 49
2	Fell From Tractor	Men	51, 69
1	Tractor Fire	Man	26
1	Struck by Tractor Crank	Man	55
1	Miscellaneous	Man	66
49	Total		

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age and Sex

Total	Sex	65-Over	45-64	25-44	20-24	15-19	10-14	5-9	Under 5
46	Male	5	11	12	2	7	3	2	4
3	Female	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Months

January	1	July	8
February	2	August	5
March	2	September	4
April	3	October	4
May	8	November	1
June	8	December	3