

Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin
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Year	Number of Fatalities	Year	Number of Fatalities
1945	168	1956	95
1946	156	1957	94
1947	145	1958	81
1948	134	1959	89
1949	128	1960	103
1950	124	1961	93
1951	115	1962	86
1952	114	1963	100
1953	102	1964	85
1954	99	1965	81
1955	89	1966	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 further reduction in farm accidents is the goal. However, 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 ultimate goal of agriculture should be to further reduce the number of 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, with further verification and details obtained from agricultural teachers, county agents and other similar sources. 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
66	Machinery	4	1	1	3	6	8	6	12	11	7	4	3
4	Falls	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
4	Drowning	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Fire and Burns	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Train-Buggy	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Electrocution	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
3	Woodcutting	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
2	Poisonous Gas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
2	Animals	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Frozen Silage	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Lightning	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Traffic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
93	All Types	8	7	2	8	6	9	8	14	14	8	5	4

Breakdown Machinery

Tractor	51
Wagon	3
Hay Chopper	2
Corn Picker	2
Conveyors & Elevators	2
Hay Baler	1
Irrigation Equipment	1
Grain Combine	1
Tractor-mounted Hoe	1
Silo Filler	1
Manure Spreader	1
Total	66

Falls

From hay chute	4
Total	4

Fire and Burns

House fire	2
Thawing frozen	1
Total	3

Animals

Cow	1
Bull	1
Total	2

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 66 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 51 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

23 ^a	Tractor Tipped Over #(4 also Extra Passenger) *(1 also Tractor-Highway)	Boys Girl Men	3#, 6#, 7#, 14, 15, 17, 19* 14# 38, 42, 43, 43, 45, 47, 51, 54, 54, 65, 68, 71, 72, 74, 80
16 ^b	Extra Passengers #(4 also Tip-Over) x(2 also Tractor-Highway)	Girls Boys Man	4, 14# 3#, 5, 6#, 6, 7#, 7, 7, 7, 10, 12, 13x, 14, 17x 23
6 ^c	Tractor-Highway x(2 also Extra Passenger) *(1 also Tip-Over)	Boys Men	13x, 17, 19* 22, 63, 76
4	Power-Take-Off	Girl Boy Men	4 5 45, 74
3	Crushed between tractor and other	Girl Boy Man	3 5 62
1	Thrown from tractor	Man	39
1	Run over by tractor	Boy	11
1	Fell from tractor	Man	51
3	Miscellaneous	Men	35, 69, 83
58	Total		

a – 5 accidents duplicated in other classifications (4 Extra Passenger; 1 Tractor-Highway)

b – 6 accidents duplicated in other classifications (4 Tip-Over; 2 Tractor-Highway)

c – 3 accidents duplicated in other classifications (2 Extra Passenger; 1 Tip-Over)

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

Total	Sex	65-Over	45-64	25-44	20-24	15-19	10-14	5-9	Under 5
47	Male	10	9	6	2	4	6	9	1
4	Female	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Months

January	4	July	5
February	1	August	8
March	1	September	7
April	3	October	6
May	5	November	3
June	6	December	2