

Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin

Year	Number of Fatalities	Year	Number of Fatalities
1945	168	1958	81
1946	156	1959	89
1947	145	1960	103
1948	134	1961	93
1949	128	1962	86
1950	124	1963	100
1951	115	1964	85
1952	114	1965	81
1953	102	1966	93
1954	99	1967	75
1955	89	1968	65
1956	95	1969	77
1957	94	1970	75

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 have shown a gradual decrease through 1953. In the seventeen years since then, they have leveled off to an average of a little less than 100.

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
53	Machinery	-	-	2	5	9	2	9	6	5	5	7	3
4	Fire & Burns	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
3	Falls	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
3	Suffocation	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
2	Woodcutting	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Small Tools	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
2	Animals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
1	Frozen Silage	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Falling Object	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
75	All Types	1	1	4	7	9	4	14	8	7	5	10	5

Breakdown

Machinery

Tractor	46
Corn Picker	2
Chopper Wagon	2
Wagon	2
Manure Spreader	1
Total	53

Falls

From Barn Cleaner	1
From Hay Mow	1
From Barn Retainer Wall	1
Total	3

Animals

Bull	1
Cow	1
Total	2

Fire & Burns

House Fire	3
Brush Fire	1
Total	4

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 53 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 46 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

19	Tractor Tipped Over # (Happened on Highway)	Boys Woman Men	12, 13#, 14 21 20, 31#, 34, 41, 47, 49, 50#, 52#, 55, 57, 62, 63, 66, 75, 76
7	Run Over by Tractor	Boys Girl Woman Men	19 mo., 6 3 73 35, 36#, 76
6	Extra Passenger + (Tractor Tipped Over)	Boys Girls Man	2, 8, 13+ 5+, 8 79
6	Crushed Between Tractor and Other	Boy Woman Men	17 38 45, 55, 71, 75
5	Power Take Off	Men	22, 48, 55, 70, 73
2	Fell From Tractor	Boy Man	17 46
1	Highway	Man	66
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Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

		65- Over	45-64	25-44	20-24	15-19	10-14	5-9	Under 5
40	Male	10	13	5	2	2	4	2	2
6	Female	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	1

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Months

January	0	July	8
February	0	August	5
March	1	September	5
April	4	October	3
May	8	November	5
June	2	December	3