

1971

Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin

Year	Number 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
1962	86
1963	100
1964	85
1965	81
1966	93
1967	75
1968	65
1969	77
1970	75
1971	68

This graph [Table] 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 accident 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

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
49	Machinery	1	1	-	3	8	8	3	12	3	5	3	2
5	Falls	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
3	Animals	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
3	Drowning	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Fire	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Cave-In	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Poisonous Gas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1	Traffic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Woodcutting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
68	All Types	1	4	1	4	10	12	5	12	4	9	3	3

### Breakdown

#### Machinery

Tractor	40
Chopper wagon	3
Corn chopper	2
Elevator	1
Forage harvester	1
Manure spreader	1
Wagon	1
Total	49

#### Falls

From embankment	1
From wagon	1
In barn	1
From scaffold	1
From silo	1
Total	5

#### Animals

Bull	3
Total	3

#### Fires

House fire	1
Grass fire	1
Total	2

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 49 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 40 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

24	Tractor Tipped Over (*Happened on highway)	Boys Woman Men	10*, 12, 12*, 12, 13*, 14, 14, 15, 15 57 30, 44*, 49, 53, 54, 54*, 55, 60, 64, 66, 70, 71, 72*, 78
5	Crushed Between Tractor and Other	Girl Men	6 56, 59, 65, 71
3	Extra Passengers (*Happened on Highway)	Girls Boy	2, 18* 12
3	Run over by	Girl Men	20 months 66, 79
2	Fell from Tractor	Boy Man	15 63
1	Power Take Off	Man	65
1	Tractor Tire Chain Broke and Struck	Man	56
1	Burns	Boy	14
40	Fatal Tractor Accidents		

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
35	Male	10	11	2	-	3	9	-	-
5	Female	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	2

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Months

January	-	July	2
February	1	August	12
March	-	September	1
April	3	October	3
May	8	November	-
June	8	December	2

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