

1965

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

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 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 or county-wide safety programs.

Total	Type of Accident	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
52	Machinery	2	1	-	-	8	10	7	6	3	6	5	4
5	Falls	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
5	Motor Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2
4	Woodcutting	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3	Traffic	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
2	Fire & Burns	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Firearms	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2	Falling Object	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Frozen Silage	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Suffocation	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Strangulation	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Drowning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1	Poisonous Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	Small Tools- Pitchfork	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
81	All Types	5	2	2	2	10	11	12	7	3	12	6	9

Breakdown

Machinery

Tractor	43
Corn Picker	2
Corn Chopper	1
Corn Elevator	1
Hay Baler	1
Hay Elevator	1
Silo Filler	1
Wood Saw	1
Bunk Feeder	1
Conveyor	1
Total	52

Falls

From Load of Hay	1
From Haymow	1
From Silo	1
From Corn Crib	1
From Jeep-drawn Trailer	1
Total	5

Fire and Burns

Barn Fires	2
Total	2

Motor Vehicles

Milk Truck	3
Car (in orchard)	1
Motor-Cycle (field)	1
Total	5

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 52 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 43 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

27	Tractor Tipped Over	Girl	13
		Woman	35
		Boys	12, 14, 17, 19
		Men	21, 30, 37, 39, 44, 50, 51, 54, 54, 59, 59, 61, 62, 63, 63, 64, 66, 67, 71, 72, 79
4	Crushed between Tractor & Other	Boy	5
		Men	58, 62, 78
4	Thrown from Tractor	Boy	9
		Men	56, 78, 90
3	Tractor-Highway	Men	33, 34, 49
2	Run Over by Tractor	Boy	22 mo.
		Man	51
2	Extra Passenger	Boys	2, 3
1	Power-take-off	Man	70
43	Total		

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
41	Male	9	16	6	1	2	2	2	3
2	Female	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Months

January	2	July	6
February	-	August	6
March	-	September	2
April	-	October	4
May	8	November	3
June	9	December	3