

Minnesota Agricultural Fatalities & Injuries

2012-2018



Minnesota Tractor Related Fatalities*

February 11, 2012 **Hokah**, 62 year old male died when pinned underneath tractor.

April 28, 2012 **Central City**, 56 year old male's leg pinned and fell from tractor.

May 2, 2012 **Kerkhoven**, 70 year old male's tractor overturned and pinned in ditch.

June 17, 2012 **Pierz**, 24 year old male's tractor towing disabled forklift hit by forklift.

July 1, 2012 **Erhard**, 53 year old male's tractor overturned when mowing ditch and died.

November 13, 2012 **Duluth**, 81 year old male pinned by overturned tractor pulling trees.

November 27, 2012 **Osakis**, 73 year old male fell from tractor and died.

May 11, 2013 **Mapleton**, 70 year old male pinned under tractor when overturned in ditch.

June 1, 2013 **Odessa**, 76 year old male pinned when open cab tractor rolled over.

June 7, 2013 **Bruno**, 50 year old male's tractor overturned when pulling brush from trees.

June 8, 2013 **Miltona**, 53 year old male's tractor overturned when freeing another tractor.

July 9, 2013 **East Grand Forks**, 55 year old male's tractor overturned and pinned in ditch.

August 2, 2013 **Clearwater**, 50 year old male and 5 year old male pinned under tractor.

August 3, 2013 **Hayward**, 86 year old male ran over by tractor with mechanical issues.

August 7, 2013 **Esko**, 76 year old male fell from tractor and died.

September 22, 2013 **Renville**, 58 year old male pinned under combine cornhead.

November 1, 2013 **Stephen**, 41 year old male ran over tractor/implement when working.

February 2, 2014 **North Branch**, 81 year old male pinned under rolling tractor.

March 3, 2014 **Kensington**, 72 year old male pinned between tractor bucket and gate.

May 23, 2014 **Goodhue**, 56 year old male's tractor overturned and pinned due to tire.

July 8, 2014 Brainerd, 86 year old male pinned against 5th wheel & tractor.

July 25, 2014 Hayfield, 73 year old male's tractor overturned and pinned trimming trees.

August 16, 2014 Askov, Male pinned under overturned tractor.

September 2, 2014 New London, 59 year old male fell & ran over by tractor/hayracks.

September 15, 2014 Clear Lake, 61 year old male's tractor flipped and pinned underneath.

October 20, 2014 Hanska, 78 year old male slipped trying to get back on moving tractor.

October 27, 2014 Maynard, 65 year old male struck by combine and died.

March 21, 2015 Bird Island, 53 year old male crushed by wheel trying to put on tractor.

May 20, 2015 Miltona, 62 year old male's tractor overturned on incline moving livestock.

August 6, 2015 St. Peter, 14 year old female died when tractor hit bump and thrown off.

September 29, 2015 Nevus, 81 year old male's tractor overturned & pinned on embankment.

September 1, 2016 Cloquet, male died after tractor accident.

January 28, 2017 Stewart, 70 year old male died while mowing near a ditch when vehicle rolled over

February 28, 2017 Krain, 46 year old male died when tractor became submerged in an ice covered pit.

March 30, 2017 Motley, 72 year old male fell out of tractor and become trapped under rear wheel.

May 10, 2017 Detroit Lakes, 77 year old male was trapped between tree and tractor that was still running.

June 27, 2017 Buffalo Lake, 70 year old male was operating skid steer with mower that overturned in a ditch.

October 28, 2017 Farwell, 58 year old dead after being dragged by chisel plow.

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Total: 38

Minnesota Grain Bin Related Fatalities

February 11, 2012 St. Rosa, 18 year old male died when pinned inside silo.

September 11, 2012 Janesville, 19 year old male engulfed in bin removing corn.

February 3, 2014 Granite Falls, 77 year old male engulfed in corn while emptying it.

April 26, 2016 St. James, 68 year old male died after falling into grain bin filled with corn.

January 30, 2017 Nicollet, 27 year old male died when a hydraulic lift failed, pinning him between a grain bin and frame.

August 29, 2017 Grygla, 80 year old male became trapped in chute of small grain truck box while cleaning it.

Total: 6

Minnesota Roadway Agricultural Related Fatalities

August 31, 2013 **Kellogg**, 65 year old male's tractor rear-ended by car.

September 8, 2013 **Olivia**, 76 and 74 year old females dead in tractor-car crash.

June 22, 2014 **Roosevelt**, 36 year old female died in sprayer-motorcycle collision.

August 12, 2014 **Hayfield**, 57 year old male died in tractor-motorcycle collision.

September 30, 2015 **Park Rapids**, male died when potato truck overturned.

October 3, 2015 **Felton**, 23 year old male and another male in semi-beet truck crash.

April 23, 2016 **Leigh Township**, 14 year old male's dirt bike hit back of tractor.

October 15, 2016 **Leonard**, 55 year old male operator injured after being pinned underneath overturned tractor.

May 10, 2017 **Elba**, 75 year old male became trapped under utility vehicle when it overturned.

June 30, 2017 **Callaway**, 25 year old male dead after unspecified trenching collapse incident.

July 28, 2017 **Franklin**, 59 year old male dead after being ran over on farm.

Total: 11

Minnesota Agriculture ATV Related Fatalities

October 13, 2012 **Mora**, 77 year old female's ATV overturned in water filled ditch.

August 12, 2015 **Badger**, 77 year old male's ATV started and struck combine in shop.

January 28, 2017 **Princeton**, person dead after ATV rollover incident.

July 28, 2017 **Darwin**, 66 year old male was spraying weeds with ATV when it overturned.

August 17, 2017 **Millerville**, 9 year old male dead after being involved in unspecified ATV accident.

Total: 5

Minnesota Livestock Related Deaths

December 15, 2017 **Dennison**, 69 year old male dead after attending livestock in pasture.

April 8, 2018 **Hewitt**, 85 year old male dead after being trampled by cow.

Total: 2

Minnesota Entanglement Agriculture Related Fatalities

September 20, 2013 **Cokato**, 54 year old male dislodging stalks caught in corn head.

May 4, 2015 **Cosmos**, 49 year old male died when caught in unspecified machinery.

July 21, 2015 **Independence**, 62 year old male entangled in auger head of combine.

November 3, 2015 **Winthrop**, 24 year old male caught hand in corn picker auger.

June 29, 2016 **Melrose**, 65 year old male died after being entangled in hay merger.

July 31, 2016 **Morris**, 37 year old male died after being entangled inside barn.

December 7, 2017 **Isanti**, 71 year old dead after being entangled in power takeoff shaft.

Total: 7

Minnesota Fatalities (Various Causes Related to Agriculture)

January 6, 2012 **Lakefield**, 20 year old male trapped when ditch trench caved in.

February 22, 2012 **Perham**, 64 year old female's skid loader rolled over against fence.

May 29, 2012 **Sauk Centre**, 74 year old male pinned between frame and box of rock wagon.

July 25, 2012 **Corcoran**, 11 year old male drowned in farm pond.

October 3, 2012 **Lamberton**, 43 year old male's tractor with grain wagons collided with train.

November 12, 2012 **Lake Jefferson**, 90 year old male overcome with CO2 when attaching snow blower to tractor.

August 22, 2013 **Goodhue**, 5 year old male fell out of skid loader bucket & was crushed.

August 29, 2013 **Sleepy Eye**, 77 year old male's legs pinned under skid steer in burn pit.

August 25, 2017 **Fairfax**, Operator pinned underneath ride-on lawn mower while mowing near ditch.

September 25, 2013 **Zion Township**, 69 year old male hit by front end loader.

October 25, 2013 **Clara City**, 74 year old male died in unspecified farming incident.

November 29, 2013 **Henderson**, 53 year old male struck by tree when clearing field.

February 1, 2014 **Hill City**, 46 year old male struck by tree when cutting down.

May 1, 2014 **Wolf Lake**, 5 year old male pinned between skid loader arms and frame.

June 4, 2014 **Dodge Center**, 26 year old male pinned under hay merger and impaled.

June 30, 2017 **Richwood**, 25 year old male died after being trapped under a trench which had collapsed.

June 21, 2014 **Litchfield**, 23 year old male fell 28 feet when installing roof on barn.

October 19, 2014 **Chaska/Norwood**, 78 year old male buried in dirt when drainage tile ditch collapsed.

October 20, 2014 **Gaylord**, 62 year old male drown in ditch doing fieldwork.

November 23, 2014 **Hillman**, 61 year old male crushed in skid steer doing work.

April 15, 2015 **Gaylord**, 81 year old male ran over by pickup in the field working.

May 2, 2015 **Chokio**, 9 year old female ran over by farm vehicle when picking rocks.

May 11, 2015 **Jasper**, 50 and 32 year old female burned in barn fire.

November 14, 2015 **Lyle**, 27 year old male struck by skid loader when building.

January 7, 2016 **Hazel Run**, 34 year old male died in tanker incident.

April 26, 2016 **Corcoran**, 2 year old male drowned in farm pond.

April 26, 2016 **Long Lake Township**, 68 year old male trapped in grain truck.

May 25, 2016 **Arlington**, 62 year old male died after tree fell on top of him.

June 13, 2016 **Madelia**, 28 year old male died after trench collapse while inside.

July 4, 2016 **Wanamingo**, 58 year old male died after falling off hitch tongue between wagons.

October 16, 2016 **Jordan**, 25 and 53 year old males died after being electrocuted.

November 11, 2016 **Garfield**, 62 year old male died after being ran over by a combine.

December 16, 2016 **Nicollet County**, 59 year old male injured when a round hay bale fell on him.

December 24, 2016 **Fayette**, 46 year old male died in a tree-trimming incident.

January 27, 2017 **Courtland**, male dead after accident while working on end-dump grain.

June 28, 2017 **Stewart**, 70 year old man died after skid loader rolled near a ditch.

June 30, 2017 **Richwood**, 25 year old man died after being trapped under a collapsed trench.

July 2, 2017 **Breckenridge**, male dead after spray plane accident, hitting a light pole at low altitude.

March 23, 2018 **Blooming Prairie**, male found dead on farm with multiple gunshot wounds.

Total: 39

Minnesota Tractor Related Injuries*

January 6, 2012 **Waite Park**, 67 year old male injured after falling off tractor.

July 1, 2012 **Erhard**, 8 year old male injured when tractor overturned mowing ditch.

September 8, 2012 **Perham**, 47 year old male's tractor overturned & pinned going uphill.

February 8, 2013 **Claremont**, 59 year old male ran over by tractor wheel while repairing.

May 16, 2013 **Lafayette**, 19 year old female ran over by tractor and injured.

June 17, 2013 **Little Falls**, 11 year old male struck by tractor when picking rocks.

July 6, 2013 **Hinckley**, 7 year old female injured after tractor tire injured her face.

July 18, 2013 **Melrose**, 59 year old male's tractor overturned on incline and injured.

July 22, 2013 **Watkins**, 64 year old male struck by tractor overturned in ditch mowing.

October 15, 2013 **Blue Earth**, 50 year old male's tractor overturned and pinned.

November 2, 2013 **Montgomery**, 70 year old male's tractor overturned in ditch.

May 24, 2014 **Paynesville**, 17 year old male pinned under tractor while dumping rocks.

July 1, 2014 **St. Rosa/Freeport**, 13 year old male ran over by tractor when rolled back.

July 5, 2014 **Parkers Prairie**, 72 year old male's tractor tipped and overturned.

July 16, 2014 **Underwood**, 49 year old male's leg & hip injured when backed over.

August 15, 2014 **Rochester**, 2 year old male fell off tractor & tire pinned chest & leg.

September 14, 2014 **Underwood**, 71 year old male hurt knee when he jumped to miss tractor.

September 27, 2014 **East Grand Forks**, 69 year old male pinned under tractor.

October 22, 2014 **East Gull Lake**, 20 year old male's tractor overturned and suffered serious injuries.

November 7, 2014 **Litchfield**, Male injured leg tire came off combine and veered in ditch.

January 20, 2015 **Brainerd**, Male pinned against tractor steering wheel when tree fell.

August 6, 2015 **St. Peter**, 16 year old male injured when tractor hit bump & thrown off.

August 22, 2016 **Rice County**, 2 males injured after tractor rollover.

September 9, 2016 **Little Falls**, 62 year old male injured after falling off tractor.

October 4, 2016 **New Ulm**, male tractor operator injured after rollover accident.

January 23, 2017 **Upsala**, 80 year old male injured after being rolled over by rear wheel.

April 14, 2017 **Belle Plaine**, 15 year old male was run over by tractor and injured.

August 1, 2017 **Lonsdale**, 83 year old male injured after being ran over by backhoe.

August 18, 2017 **Erhard**, 69 year old male injured after tractor rolled over.

October 13, 2017 **Taunton**, 81 year old female injured in unspecified tractor incident.

October 31, 2017 **Morris**, person injured in combine accident.

November 9, 2017 **Miltona**, 52 year old man injured after tractor entanglement incident.

December 7, 2017 **Pierz**, 80 year old male injured after being ran over by tractor.

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Minnesota Roadway Agricultural Related Injuries

March 5, 2012 **Preston**, 37 year old male's semi with corn overturned and fell in field.

September 19, 2012 **Sauk Rapids**, Person injured in tractor/mower-motorcycle collision.

September 22, 2012 **St. George**, 27 year old male injured in tractor-semi collision.

October 27, 2012 **Freeborn**, 23 year old male's truck overturned & fractured collarbone.

January 7, 2013 **Erhand**, 25 year old male's livestock truck/trailer hit snow and overturned.

March 2013 **Rockville**, 73 year old female's car hit an SP applicator (Rogator).

August 31, 2013 **Kellogg**, 18 year old male injured when car rear-ended tractor.

September 5, 2013 **Little Falls**, 59 year old male injured when motorcycle hit tractor.

September 8, 2013 **Olivia**, 54 year old female injured in car-tractor collision.

October 26, 2013 **Clear Lake**, 87 year old male 's minivan collided with combine header.

May 1, 2014 **Winona**, 84 year old female and 83 year old male injured in tractor-car crash.

May 27, 2014 **Eagle Bend**, Female's pickup hit tractor/manure spreader with faulty lights.

June 22, 2014 **Roosevelt**, 46 year old male injured in sprayer-motorcycle collision.

June 22, 2014 **Little Falls**, 42 year old female injured in baler-car collision.

August 12, 2014 **Hayfield**, 55 year old male injured in tractor-motorcycle collision.

August 26, 2014 **Perham**, 20 year old male suffered facial injuries in tractor/wagons-semi crash.

September 6, 2014 **Cambridge**, 63 year old male injured in tractor-motorcycle collision.

September 7, 2014 **Verndale**, 79 and 20 year old males injured in tractor-car crash.

September 8, 2014 **New Auburn**, 53 and 63 year old males injured in tractor-SUV crash.

September 28, 2014 **Pine Island**, 51 year old male pedestrian hit by tractor.

October 6, 2014 **Mayer**, 33 and 20 year old males injured in tractor-pickup collision.

October 11, 2014 **Kenyon**, 83 year old male injured after hitting grain cart with car.

October 29, 2014 **Lewiston**, 44 year old female's van collided with tractor near stop sign.

November 8, 2014 **Hayfield**, 85 year old male injured in tractor-dump truck collision.

November 20, 2014 **New London**, 58 year old male, 33 year old male, & 19 year old male injured tractor with equipment struck by semi and pickup.

November 23, 2014 **Pierz**, 22 and 19 year old female injured in tractor-car crash.

May 5, 2015 **Wahton**, 59 year old male, 61 year old male, and 14 year old female injured when tractor

rear-ended by SUV.

June 2, 2015 Ellendale, 60 year old male injured when pickup hit manure spreader.

June 23, 2015 Roscoe, 13 year old male injured when tractor was struck by semi.

August 31, 2015 Motley, 80 year old male's tractor towing baler rear-ended by pickup.

September 29, 2015 Little Falls, 31 year old female injured neck & 41 year old male injured when car rear-ended tractor/haybine.

October 3, 2015 Winnebago, Male's hand injured in semi-tractor/manure spreader crash.

October 3, 2015 Felton, 55 year old male injured in pickup-beet truck collision.

October 6, 2015 Borup, 50 year old male's loaded beet truck overturned and rolled.

October 6, 2015 St. Paul, 21 year old female ran car into another car and farm vehicle.

October 22, 2015 Sauk Centre, 30 year old male's head injured in car-tractor collision.

November 24, 2015 Blue Earth, 67 year old male's tractor with wagons hit by car.

December 2, 2015 Rock Creek, 28 year old female injured when SUV hit tractor/trailer.

January 8, 2016 Hayward, 61 year old male injured in tractor rollover.

April 3, 2016 Morristown, male and female injured when vehicle collided with tractor on roadway.

December 6, 2016 Jackson, 3 males injured in vehicle crash.

April 18, 2017 Lamberton, two males, ages 65 and 84, injured when tractor overturned after colliding with automobile.

May 15, 2017 Milford, 32 year old male rear ended by pick-up truck while operating tractor.

June 18, 2017 Lake Crystal, 52 year old male driver of SUV collided with combine.

August 11, 2017 Cedar Falls, 64 year old male was towing a tractor with SUV when it collided with another vehicle.

October 16, 2017 Willmar, 2 persons injured in tractor – vehicle crash.

October 19, 2017 North Branch, 2 persons injured in motorcycle – combine collision.

November 1, 2017 Lester Prairie, 38 year old male injured in vehicle – tractor collision.

November 15, 2017 59 year old male injured in vehicle – tractor collision.

November 29, 2017 Lewiston, 2 males injured in vehicle – tractor collision.

November 30, 2017 Hitterdal, 57 year old female injured in vehicle – tractor collision.

Total: 51

Minnesota Livestock Related Injuries

May 10, 2013 Amor, Two 3 year old males trampled by buffalo when wandered in fence.

April 23, 2018 **Chandler**, 55 year old male injured after being assaulted by a bull.

Total: 2

Minnesota Entanglement Agriculture Related Injuries

March 19, 2012 **Crookston**, Male's leg entangled in grain auger.

April 18, 2012 **Unknown**, Male's hand amputated after being entangled in auger.

May 31, 2012 **Mountain Lake**, 18 year old male's leg amputated when caught in auger.

September 5, 2012 **Unknown**, Male's hand injured when stuck in beet lifter.

November 6, 2012 **Wanamingo**, 53 year old male entangled in sweep auger in corn bin.

January 9, 2013 **Fosston**, Male injured arm when caught in auger doing soil testing.

March 2013 **Luverne**, Male lacerated leg when entangled in auger in grain bin.

March 7, 2013 **Darwin**, 60 year old male injured by auger working with cutting torch.

May 30, 2013 **Pine City**, 30 year old male's leg amputated when caught in auger inside bin.

July 19, 2013 **Verndale**, Male's hand injured and entangled while trying to clear clog.

July 19, 2013 **Germania Township**, Male caught hand in farm implement chopper.

September 21, 2013 **Stockholm Township**, 57 year old male pulled into husking machine.

November 13, 2013 **Little Falls**, 32 year old male caught in picker suffering amputation.

August 23, 2014 **Gibbon**, Male entangled in grain auger transferring grain between wagons.

August 26, 2014 **Litchfield**, 26 year old female's hair entangled & suffer serious scalp injury.

November 9, 2014 **Ellendale**, 10 year old female's arm amputated when stuck in auger.

November 17, 2014 **Le Roy**, Male's foot entangled in auger causing compound fracture.

May 13, 2015 **Gilbert**, 26 year old male's hand entangled in spinning shaft of spreader.

May 26, 2015 **Sturgeon Lake**, 28 year old male fractured leg when caught in broke PTO.

July 23, 2015 **Rockwood Township**, Male's arm entangled with baler when removing hay.

August 3, 2015 **Grey Eagle**, Male's leg amputated when entangled riding up bale elevator.

July 28, 2016 **Montgomery**, 44 year old male died after fence falls on her.

October 1, 2016 **Watkins**, 37 year old male operator's hand entangled in husking rolls of corn picker.

October 16, 2016 **Janesville**, male seriously injured in farm equipment entanglement.

November 10, 2016 **Grand Meadow**, 19 year old male injured in combine entanglement.

November 22, 2017 **Arlington**, 20 year old male entangled while cleaning out grain auger.

November 24, 2017 **Litchfield** 61 year old male suffered entanglement accident.

March 27, 2018 **Randall**, 52 year old male injured after being pinned underneath manure spreader.

Total: 28

Minnesota Grain Bin Related Injuries

May 19, 2014 **Medford**, Male entrapped in corn checking on auger blockage.

June 13, 2014 **Lewiston**, 80 year old male entrapped in corn in bin and injured.

September 5, 2014 **Blooming Prairie**, Male entrapped in beans keeping auger clean.

October 16, 2014 **Rochester**, Male fell 10 feet in bin working on machine & got fractures.

May 20, 2015 **Ellendale**, 65 year old male engulfed in corn trying to break up crust.

August 8, 2017 **Unknown**, male of unknown age injured when he became engulfed in a corn bin.

March 2, 2018 **Conger**, 60 year old male injured after falling from grain bin.

Total: 7

Minnesota ATV-Related Injuries

June 27, 2015 **Watson**, 8 year old male injured when ATV crashed and rolled.

May 22, 2016 **Clare**, male injured when ATV slid off course into barbed wire fence.

August 15, 2017 **Brainerd**, 4 and 8 year old males injured in ATV accident.

August 17, 2017 **Millerville**, 10 year old female injured in unspecified ATV accident.

May 3, 2018 **Richmond**, 82 year old male injured after being caught under ATV.

Total: 5

Minnesota Injuries (Various Causes Related to Agriculture)

January 29, 2012 **Park Rapids**, 52 year old male's head & back struck by falling hay bale.

February 8, 2012 **St. Charles**, 4 year old Amish male fell striking wheel mounting manure spreader when horses moved and suffered facial injuries.

September 9, 2012 **Courtland**, 34 year old male slips, wagon ran over & head/chest hurt.

September 24, 2012 **Richville**, 57 year old male, 36 year old male, and 35 year old male burned when using cutting torch to dismantle combine when fuel tank exploded.

September 29, 2012 **Dodge Center**, 17 year old male crushed by wagon & head/leg hurt.

October 2012 **Unknown**, Male's hand injured in unspecified farm accident.

October 8, 2012 **Unknown**, 17 year old male's leg pierced when truck hitch hit in field.

October 14, 2012 **Argyle**, 49 year old male ran over by farm truck and leg caught in axle.

October 16, 2012 **Grand Rapids**, 72 year old female burned trying to put out farm fire.

November 6, 2012 **Hardwick**, Male working on plow when it collapsed on him.

November 12, 2012 **Lake Jefferson**, 83 year old male overcome with CO2 when attaching snow blower to tractor.

June 15, 2013 **Unknown**, Male injured in unspecified farm accident.

August 25, 2014 **Buffalo Lake**, 56 year old male fell 10 ft. when working on roof at farm.

May 4, 2015 **Campbell**, Male injured when his sprayer collided with a train.

June 16, 2015 **Forest Lake**, Teen male pinned between tractor & trailer transporting hay.

September 20, 2015 **Finlayson**, Male suffered head/neck injuries when bale struck him.

September 28, 2015 **Unknown**, 13 year old female's arm amputated in unspecified incident.

January 7, 2016 **Hazel Run**, 34 year old male injured in tanker incident.

May 2016 **Easton**, 33 year old male fractured hip, etc. when sprayer fell on him working.

August 22, 2016 **Henning**, 5 year old female crushed between hitch and haybine.

December 10, 2016 **St. Peter**, 59 year old male injured after bale fell on top of him.

December 16, 2016 **Lake Prairie**, 59 year old male injured after hay fell on him.

October 21, 2017 **Belview**, 29 year old male suffered serious injuries after unspecified farming incident.

April 9, 2018 male suffered burns after tractor caught on fire.

Total: 24