

Nebraska Agricultural Fatalities & Injuries

2012-2018



Nebraska Tractor Related Fatalities*

May 20, 2012 **Alvo**, 34 year old male killed when his tractor overturned into a burn pit.

August 26, 2012 **Grand Island**, 75 year old male pinned underneath an overturned tractor.

March 8, 2013 **Ceresco**, 80 year old male pinned underneath an overturned tractor.

July 8, 2013 **Rosenborg**, 53 year old male fell from a tractor and was dragged by a plow.

July 16, 2013 **Chadron**, 65 year old male ran over while working on a tractor.

September 3, 2013 **Clarkson**, 77 year old male ran over while working on a tractor.

July 5, 2015 **Springfield**, 72 year old male ran over by tractor while mowing field.

August 5, 2015 **Comstock**, 72 year old male pinned under overturned tractor.

August 6, 2015 **Harrisburg**, 60 year old male ran over by a tractor while adding fluids.

August 20, 2015 **Johnson**, 62 year old male crushed under tractor that overturned in ditch.

March 27, 2016 **Scottsbluff**, 47 year old male ejected from tractor when it lost control.

August 2, 2016 **Newman Grove**, 65 year old male died after falling from tractor in creek.

August 29, 2016 **Bradshaw**, male died in tractor rollover in roadside ditch.

September 29, 2016 **Filley**, 54 year old male died after tractor rollover incident.

October 24, 2016, **Homer**, 72 year old male died after tractor rolled over.

December 19, 2016, **Lindsay**, 30 year old male died in explosion while working on tractor.

May 13, 2017 **Lincoln**, 63 year old male died after being ran over by a tractor.

July 1, 2017 **York**, 73 year old male died after being ran over by a tractor.

August 31, 2017 **Treynor**, 76 year old male was working with tractor and other machinery when machinery collapsed.

September 5, 2017 **Red Cloud**, 87 year old male dead after being ejected from tractor.

October 25, 2017 Louisville, 87 year old male dead after unspecified tractor-related incident.

**Tractor rollovers are the single deadliest type of farm incident.*

Total: 21

Nebraska Grain Bin Related Fatalities

May 4, 2012 Wood River, 51 year old male fell off of a grain bin on which he was working.

July 3, 2012 York, 21 year old male became entangled in sweep auger in a grain bin.

February 28, 2014 Crete, 33 year old male became entangled in sweep auger in a grain bin.

March 11, 2014 Edgar, a male engulfed while scooping corn inside a grain bin.

August 5, 2014 Dixon, 60 year old male engulfed while dislodging corn from grain bin.

November 21, 2014 Waverly, 34 year old male became entangled in a grain auger.

June 29, 2015 Emerson, 53 year old male died from unspecified incident inside grain bin.

September 17, 2015 Albion, 79 year old male engulfed after entering bin to clear auger.

2015 Hershey, 59 year old male fell while working on the exterior leg of an auger.

March 16, 2016 Prosser, 41 year old male died in grain bin from auger accident.

May 18, 2016 West Point, 52 year old male died while inside a grain bin that collapsed.

July 26, 2016 Gresham, 72 year old male engulfed while inside a grain bin that collapsed.

April 19, 2018 Atkinson, 68 year old male found dead in grain bin.

Total: 13

Nebraska Agriculture ATV Related Fatalities

May 25, 2012 Belgrade, 68 year old male killed when his ATV overturned in a pasture.

June 13, 2013 Broken Bow, 64 year old male farm employee was pinned under an ATV.

July 15, 2013 Neligh, 66 year old female pinned under UTV while checking cattle.

March 4, 2014 Chadron, 77 year old male trapped under a four-wheeler in a pasture.

May 1, 2014 Anselmo, 82 year old male killed while riding an ATV while moving cattle.

March 16, 2015 Dunning, 68 year old male injured after UTV collided with a semi-trailer.

June 19, 2017 O'Neil, 72 year old male died after being thrown from an ATV while driving through a

ravine.

July 16, 2017 **McCool Junction**, 65 year old male dead after being pinned in ATV accident.

November 3, 2017 **Napone**, 9 year old male killed after ATV crash.

Total: 9

Nebraska Roadway Agricultural Related Fatalities

March 2, 2012 **Columbus**, 29 year old female rear-ended tractor with no warning lights.

July 21, 2012 **Lindsay**, 20 year old male was killed when his pickup collided with cow.

May 13, 2013 **Broken Bow**, 30 year old male motorcyclist rear-ended farm equipment.

July 23, 2013 **Snyder**, 68 year old male tractor operator collided with a pickup.

May 22, 2013 **Elgin**, 27 year old male died when farm truck overturned.

August 14, 2013 **Foster**, 73 year old male died when tractor collided with fuel truck.

July 12, 2014 **Stromsburg**, 20 year old male in auto was struck by corn detasseler.

October 18, 2014 **Omaha**, 75 year old male on a farm tractor was rear-ended by SUV.

October 21, 2014 **Hebron**, 62 year old male in a farm truck was struck by semi-truck.

November 12, 2015 **Syracuse**, 18 year old female rear-ended grain truck.

November 15, 2015 **Royal**, 63 and 87 year old males died when auto collided with cows on road.

July 25, 2017 **Red Cloud**, 56 year old person dead after UTV- vehicle crash.

Total: 12

Nebraska Livestock Related Fatalities

August 6, 2013 **Mitchell**, male employee sorting cattle was ran over by a steer.

July 18, 2014 **Stanton**, 87 year old male drowned in livestock water tank.

August 18, 2014 **Winnetoon**, 89 year old man drowned when his pickup entered a pond.

Total: 3

Nebraska Agriculture Related Fatalities (Various Causes)

March 15, 2012 **Dakota City**, 37 year old male crushed when equipment fell on him.

July 18, 2012 **Ruskin**, 33 year old male crushed when an auger buckled and collapsed.

October 2, 2012 **Geneva**, 58 year old male was backed over by a combine.

January 26, 2012 **Leigh**, 52 year old female fell from scaffolding inside farm building.

January 29, 2013 **Talmage**, 69 year old male employee backed into by a grain trailer.

October 21, 2013 **Norfolk**, 53 year old male died when buried by a silage pile.

October 21, 2013 **Newman Grove**, Two men, 58 and 60 years old, entrapped in dirt.

January 31, 2014 **Greeley**, 61 year old male was pinned underneath a feed mixer.

March 20, 2014 **Palmyra**, 88 year old male had his clothes catch on fire.

April 26, 2014 **Maxwell**, 52 year old male trapped underneath a large round hay bale.

June 17, 2014 **Shelby**, Male struck by front-end loader hauling hay.

January 13, 2015 **Spencer**, 65 year old male struck by large hay bales.

May 27, 2015 **Elgin**, 40 year old male died when crushed by crane on wind farm.

November 4, 2015 **Imperial**, 65 year old male killed while putting rifle away.

December 12, 2015 **Sutherland**, 81 year old male died from burns sustained when controlling burn pile.

April 5, 2016 **Auburn**, 3 year old male drowned in farm pond.

May 15, 2016 **Fairmont**, 20 year old female found in car in farm pond.

June 19, 2016 **Kennard**, 60 year old male pinned between bulldozer & truck.

July 26, 2016, 23 year old male Marine died while working on Nebraska ranch.

August 22, 2016, **Clatonia**, 68 year old male died while falling in pond.

October 4, 2016 **Wauneta**, 63 year old male dead after falling to ground while working with cattle.

October, **Decatur**, 59 year old male died of anhydrous ammonia while checking for leak in nearby pipeline.

October 17, 2016 **Tekamah**, 59 year old male died as he drove through cloud of anhydrous ammonia.

November 5, 2016 **Callaway**, 62 year old male died by entanglement while feeding livestock.

December 19, 2016 **Lindsay**, 30 year old male killed in farm related accident.

March 13, 2017 **Dixon**, 63 year old male died after being ran over by a farm implement.

May 13, 2017 **Wakefield**, 63 year old male dead after being run over by unknown object.

May 27, 2017 **Mead**, 68 year old male dead after being pinned underneath riding mower.

July 5, 2017 **Brunswick**, 19 year old male died after a loader-related incident.

July 12, 2017 **Imperial**, ATV operator working cattle clotheslined by rope and died.

August 30, 2017 **Pilger**, 76 year old male dead after machinery collapsed on him.

September 12, 2017 **North Platte**, 57 year old male trapped while doing maintenance on potato barge.

2017 **Howells**, 76 year old male dead after being pinned underneath farm machinery.

May 4, 2018 **Battle Creek**, 54 year old male dead after being electrocuted.

Total: 34

Nebraska Tractor Related Injuries

May 13, 2012 **Stanton**, 63 year old male suffered minor injuries when he lost control of tractor and went into ditch.

June 2012 **Baldwin**, Male suffered a punctured lung and fractured ribs when he fell off the front end loader of a tractor.

June 15, 2012 **Sutherland**, 24 year old male suffered multiple injuries when his tractor collided with a train.

July 17, 2014 **Avoca**, Male suffered fractured ribs and obtained abrasions when fell off tractor.

September 22, 2015 **Platte Center**, 57 year old male injured when ran over by tractor tire when trying to mount it.

November 5, 2015 **McCook**, 19 and 43 year old males injured when tractor fell off trailer.

June 19, 2016 **Kennard**, 60 year old male pinned between bulldozer & truck.

May 22, 2017 **Lashara**, 70 year old injured after being pinned under tractor.

June 7, 2017 **Bradshaw**, 61 year old male injured when after being pinned under the loader of a tractor.

August 10, 2017 **Peru**, male injured after tractor over turn accident.

September 2, 2017 **Newport**, 28 year old male injured in unspecified farm tractor incident.

April 19, 2018 **Beatrice**, person injured after tractor rollover accident.

Total: 12

Nebraska Grain Bin Related Injuries

July 5, 2013 **Sedan**, two males injured in grain elevator explosion.

August 2013 **Arapahoe**, 5 males suffered burns in grain elevator explosion.

August 31, 2015 **Plattsmouth**, 76 year old male injured when entrapped in grain bin.

September 16, 2016 **Neligh**, 53 year old male injured after being trapped in grain bin.

February 28, 2017 **Loomis**, 51 year old male injured after falling in grain bin.

Total: 5

Nebraska Agriculture ATV Related Injuries

April 7, 2012 **Spalding**, 14 year old male pinned under ATV, suffered internal injuries and head trauma.

April 22, 2012 **Leigh**, 29 year old female pinned under ATV with leg injury.

October 2013 **Duncan**, 49 year old male injured when ATV overturned while riding with friends.

January 4, 2014 **Elgin**, 85 year old male injured when ATV crashed in pasture.

July 19, 2014 **Ithaca**, Male injured shoulder when ATV overturned on gravel.

September 21, 2014 **Nelson**, 56 year old male suffered stomach laceration when fell off and ran over by tractor when seat broke.

February 24, 2015 **Greeley**, Male injured when ATV flipped while tending cattle.

June 14, 2015 **Mitchell**, 15 and 14 year old males injured when their ATV went off the road when the throttle stuck while checking on cattle.

May 13, 2017 **Danbury**, 56 year old male injured in ATV accident.

June 2, 2017 **Table Rock**, 90 year old male injured when ATV was pushed off the road by cattle.

July 26, 2017 72 year old male injured in ATV accident while spraying weeds.

March 21, 2018 **Brady**, 29 year old male injured after being pinned underneath ATV.

Total: 12

Nebraska Roadway Agricultural Related Injuries

February 12, 2012 **Arapahoe**, 3 injured when truck towing horse trailer tipped due to ice.

February 15, 2012 **David City**, 72 year old male injured when semi struck bull.

February 22, 2012 **Octavia**, 25 year old female rear-ended tractor and was injured.

March 2, 2012 **Columbus**, 29 year old female injured when rear-ended tractor.

March 6, 2012 **Byron**, Male suffered back injury when vehicle left roadway and struck irrigation pivot.

July 6, 2012 **Lexington**, 7 year old male, 9 year old female, and 11 year old female injured when van they were riding in struck by sprayer.

October 24, 2012 **Burchard**, Male tractor driver suffered cuts to head when hit by semi.

January 27, 2013 **Fremont**, Male and female suffered injuries in tractor-car collision.

May 8, 2013 **Cedar Bluffs**, Male injured in tractor-car collision.

July 12, 2013 **Unknown**, two males and one female injured in tractor-car collision.

August 14, 2013 **Foster**, 60 year old male injured when tractor collided with fuel truck.

October 14, 2013 **Tilden**, 62 year old male, 68 year old male, and 63 year old male suffered serious injuries in tractor-car collision.

March 29, 2014 **Neligh**, Female fractured ribs and pelvis when ran over by truck.

May 1, 2014 **Grand Island**, 42 and 61 year old males injured in tractor-car-truck collision.

October 7, 2014 **Grafton**, Male and female injured when car rear-ended tractor.

October 2014 **Burwell**, Female injured in unspecified farm accident.

October 16, 2014 **Richland**, 60 year old male and 18 year old female injured when car rear-ended tractor.

October 21, 2014 **Hebron**, Male injured when farm truck broadsided semi.

January 29, 2015 **Woodland Park**, Female injured when pickup struck tractor.

January 29, 2015 **Humphrey**, 26 year old male suffered critical injuries when car struck tractor.

February 3, 2015 **Laurel**, Male seriously injured when semi struck tractor.

May 21, 2015 **Norfolk**, 79 year old male critically injured and 21 year old female suffered minor injuries when tractor was struck by car.

June 19, 2015 **Stapleton**, Two 17 year old males were injured when a pickup struck a tractor.

October 19, 2015 **Trenton**, 33 year old male injured in tractor-car collision.

October 29, 2015 **Culbertson**, 73 year old male injured in tractor-semi collision.

November 3, 2015 **Howells**, 52 year old male injured in grain truck-semi collision.

November 12, 2015 **Syracuse**, 60 year old male injured in grain truck-SUV collision.

November 15, 2015 **Royal**, Female injured when car collided with cattle on road.

January 12, 2016 **Mitchell**, 25 year old male suffered injuries when his car collided with a farm truck.

March 16, 2016 **Clay Center**, 24 year old male and 62 year old male injured in tractor-SUV collision.

May 5, 2016 **Melbeta**, 60 year old male injured when tractor went over side of bridge.

December 28, 2016, **Superior**, 66 year old male injured in car-combine crash.

July 25, 2017 **Red Cloud**, 60 year old person injured in UTV- vehicle crash.

August 30, 2017 **North Platte**, 70 year old male lost control of tractor and collided with other vehicles and building.

April 25, 2018 **Blair**, 74 year old person injured in vehicle – tractor collision.

Total: 35

Nebraska Livestock Related Injuries

August 8, 2013 **Unknown**, Male attacked by bull while on ATV causing facial injuries and fractured vertebrae.

April 26, 2014 **Gretna**, 3 year old male injured when kicked by horse.

March 20, 2017 **Saline County**, 80 year old male injured when leg was trampled by a bull.

March 22, 2017 **Stanton**, 60 year old male injured when he became trapped under the gates of a livestock trailer.

2017 **Campbell**, Male injured after being attacked by cow.

Total: 5

Nebraska Agriculture Related Injuries (Various Causes)

April 10, 2012 **Humboldt**, Male injured when bridge collapsed and tractor fell.

June 15, 2012 **Chariton**, two males injured when they fell off grain bin while painting due to fumes.

July 15, 2012 **Orchard City**, Female amputated finger when repairing wagon.

November 8, 2012 **Paul**, 19 year old male suffered fractures and back injuries when tractor hit by train.

January 26, 2013 **Leigh**, Female suffered head injury when she fell off scaffolding.

April 19, 2013 **Stromsburg**, Male struck by large hay bale when lifting it up with tractor, causing vertebrae injury.

April 20, 2013 **Ulysses**, 17 year old male was ran over by forklift causing chest injuries and a fractured ankle.

September 28, 2013 **Emerson**, Male suffered electrical burns when tractor contacted overhead electrical lines.

October 11, 2013 **Reynolds**, 2 males injured when farm semi struck SUV.

October 19, 2013 **Hooper**, 66 year old male operator of a combine was hit by a train and critically injured.

October 21, 2013 **Norfolk**, 60 year old male buried by a silage pile.

October 29, 2013 **Imperial**, Male suffered burns in explosion while using saw.

November 12, 2016, **Edgar** male suffered anhydrous burn.

January 9, 2017 **Saline County**, Unknown aged male injured when his hand caught in an auger.

March 22, 2017 **Stanton**, 60 year old male injured after being trapped under farm gate.

June 28, 2017 **Grant**, 18 year old male injured after being caught between the frame and tire of a planter.

January 31, 2014 **Greeley**, 61 year old male pinned underneath a feed mixer and suffered hip fracture

and later a stroke.

March 29, 2014 **Roca**, 55 year old male burned by anhydrous ammonia spray.

July 31, 2014 **Concord**, 56 year old male injured when crop dusting plane struck power lines.

October 2014 **St. Libory**, 70 year old male injured back in unspecified incident on farm.

June 24, 2015 **Washington County**, Male injured when struck by framework at hog confinement farm.

January 6, 2016 **Dorchester**, Male's arm crushed and fractured when he tried to stop loaded grain truck.

April 13, 2016 **Kennard**, 76 year old male injured when he fell off trailer.

April 14, 2016 **Greely**, male injured in unspecified accident with equipment.

September 1, 2016 **Litchfield**, male injured in auger accident.

June 6, 2017 **Long Island**, person injured in piglet facility fire.

2017 **Wauneta**, male injured after unspecified burn incident.

January 20, 2018 **Kearney**, male's arm amputated after farm equipment entanglement.

2018 **Martell**, person's arm amputated in unspecified farm incident.

Total: 29

In 2014 the Nebraska agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry had the largest number of worker fatalities with 16 (15 in 2013). Transportation incidents accounted for eight fatal work injuries in this industry. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Non-fatal Agricultural Injuries in Nebraska Requiring Medical Care 2012-2015:

13 incidents involving tractors

37 incidents on the roadway (10 incidents in 2015)

7 incidents involving ATVs (3 incidents in 2015)

16 miscellaneous incidents

Burns (combine fires, field fires), falls (bins, hay manger), livestock (horses, cattle) an hydrous ammonia exposure, grain bin related incidents

Hasting, NE	Agricultural Safety and Health Training and Demonstration
Husker Harvest Days, NE*	Exhibit, Training and Demonstrations of Agricultural Safety and Health
Kayton International, NE	Kayton- Ag Exhibit, Training and Demonstrations of Agricultural Safety and Health
Elyria-Hall, NE	4H Gun Safety Class - Hearing Conservation
Kearney, NE*	Women in Agriculture Conference - Presentations and Demonstrations of Ag Safety and Health
Neligh, NE	Greenline Equipment - Worker Safety and Health fair and safety demonstrations
Valentine, NE	Tractor Safety Training and Certification
Crete, NE	Bunge Plant - Progressive Agriculture Safety Training
Gering, NE	Tractor Safety Training and Certification
Burwell, NE	Agricultural Safety and Health Demonstration and Training
Geneva, NE	Hearing Conservation Demonstration and Training
Omaha, NE*	Triumph of Agriculture Trade Show - Ag Safety and Health Demonstrations and Trainings
Omaha, NE*	Nebraska Leadership, Education/Action Development Presentation regarding NE Agriculture
Omaha, NE*	Annual Agricultural Medicine Course - Training NE healthcare professionals
Pender, NE	Agricultural Safety and Health Demonstration and Training
Lewiston NE	Agricultural Safety and Health Demonstration and Training
Jefferson County, NE	Agricultural Safety and Health Demonstration and Training

North Platte, NE	Tractor Safety Training and Certification
Kearney, NE	Tractor Safety Training and Certification
Concord, NE	Tractor Safety Training and Certification
Mead, NE*	Safety and Health Training for Animal Research Development Center employees
Omaha, NE*	Safety and Health Presentation - Nebraska Science Festival
Henderson, NE	Agricultural Safety Training and Certification
Clay Center, NE	Safety Training for employees
Omaha, NE*	Safety Presentation for Urban and Organic Farmers
Omaha, NE*	US Custom Harvesters Convention - Presentation of Agricultural Safety and Health
Curtis, NE	Tractor Safety Training and Certification
Boone County, NE	Agricultural Safety and Health Demonstration and Training
Gretna, NE	Agricultural Surveillance Presentation to the NE DHHS
Grand Island	Tractor Safety Training and Certification

* Ongoing yearly events