

South Dakota Agricultural Fatalities & Injuries

2012-2020



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South Dakota Tractor Related Fatalities*

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| July 29, 2012 | Twin Brooks , 54 year old male died in unspecified tractor accident. |
| April 9, 2016 | Menno , 70 year old male died after tractor overturned while loading branches. |
| April 22, 2017 | Avon , 52 year old male died after tractor rolled over while transporting a round bale. |
| October 31, 2017 | Milbank , 60 year old male died following unspecified tractor-related incident. |
| November 3, 2017 | Crooks , 68 year old male died after tractor run-over, ground started tractor in gear. |
| July 25, 2018 | Freeman , male died in an unspecified tractor-related incident on the farm. |
| Dec 31, 2018 | Fairburn , 15 year old male died in a tractor rollover incident. |
| July 14, 2019 | Tea , 74 year old male died when his tractor overturned while mowing roadside ditch. |
| Sept 14, 2020 | Ipswich , 49 year old male died after his tractor struck a deer and overturned into a ditch. |

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

South Grain Bin Related Fatalities

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| Sept 29, 2015 | Irene , 22 year old male died after becoming engulfed in corn while loading truck. |
| February 17, 2020 | Elkton , 27 year old male died after becoming engulfed while augering out corn. |
| May 22, 2020 | Hazel , 50 year old male died after falling from grain bin after his equipment failed. |
| Sept 11, 2020 | Estelline , 21 year old male died after becoming engulfed by grain inside a bin. |

South Dakota Roadway Agricultural Related Fatalities

- Sept 6, 2012 **Wessington Springs**, 63 year old male died in tractor-fuel truck collision.
Sept 6, 2019 **Alexandria**, 52 year old male died when hit by car while pulling manure trailer with tractor.

South Dakota Agriculture ATV and UTV Related Fatalities

- June 11, 2015 **Kennebec**, 78 year old male died after being pinned under overturned ATV in pasture.
June 29, 2015 **Wilmot**, 58 year old male died after being pinned under ATV rollbar chasing cow.
May 4, 2016 **Edgemont**, 11 year old male died on a farm after falling off ATV and being struck by it.
Feb 13, 2016 **Summerset**, 51 year old died after being thrown from ATV on a farm.
May 6, 2016 **Edgemont**, 16 year old male died in agriculture related ATV incident.
May 29, 2018 **Kennebec**, 79 y.o male and 80 y.o female died after UTV they were on collided with a car.
April 11, 2020 **Hoven**, 39 year old male died after an unspecified incident on an ATV in a farm pasture.
August 23, 2020 **Union County**, 35 year old male died after the ATV overturn in pasture checking cattle.

South Dakota Agriculture Related Entanglement Fatalities

- January 2, 2012 **Piedmont**, 31 year old male died after becoming entangled in PTO while converting bales.
Sept 24, 2018 **Presho**, 2 year old male died after becoming entrapped in grain auger conveyer.

South Dakota Livestock Related Fatalities

- January 29, 2018 **Alexandria**, 27 year old male died after becoming trapped in a cattle chute.

South Dakota Agricultural Fatalities (Various Causes or Unspecified)

- Sept 23, 2013 **Wentworth**, 58 year old male died after being pinned under combine corn-head.
April 21, 2014 **Parker**, 21 year old male died in unspecified farming accident.
June 8, 2015 **Kadoka**, 49 year old male crop duster died when plane crashed.
June 18, 2015 **Dell Rapids**, 79 year old male died in unspecified farming incident.
Sept 25, 2015 **Groton**, 72 year old male died when struck in head while working on a combine.
February 1, 2016 **Langford**, 61 year old male died when struck by grain truck box that was being lowered.
May 31, 2016 **Springfield**, male operator died in electrocution accident.
June 7, 2016 **Tyndall**, 35 year old male electrocuted after sprayer became entangled in power line.
April 14, 2017 **Wessington**, 7 year old male died in unspecified farm-related incident.
May 29, 2017 **Viborg**, 4 year old male died after being run over by a skid steer loader.
Sept 30, 2017 **Miranda**, 66 year old male died when a combine head fell on him while working on it.

June 30, 2018 **Philip**, 18 year old male died as a result of an unspecified farming-related incident.
August 22, 2018 **Eden**, male died from unspecified incident related to falling hay baler component.
August 28, 2019 **Montrose**, 66 year old male died after being struck by skid loader he was trying to start.
July 27, 2020 **Parkston**, male died after the crop dusting plane that he was operating crashed.
July 27, 2020 **Hosmer**, 65 year old male died after being crushed between loader and cab of skid loader.

South Dakota Agricultural Injuries

South Dakota Tractor Related Injuries

July 13, 2015 **Belle Fourche**, 15 year old male injured by tractor (run over) while remounting.
Sept 14, 2013 **White**, 72 year old male injured when he fell off tractor that had gone in a ditch.

South Dakota Grain Bin Related Injuries

June 28, 2017 **Salem**, 20 year old male injured after being caught in grain bin auger.
March 6, 2020 **Pierre**, 60 year old male injured after becoming engulfed in corn bin.

South Dakota Roadway Agricultural Related Injuries

Sept 6, 2012 **Wessington Springs**, 28 year old male injured in tractor-fuel truck collision.
April 6, 2017 **Alton**, 20 year old male injured when his semi-trailer tipped with livestock enclosed.
May 7, 2018 **Wagner**, 61 year old male injured when his vehicle struck a tractor towing an implement.
June 3, 2018 **Union County**, 27, 37 y.o. males, 49, 39 y.o. females injured in tractor/auto collision.
January 16, 2019 **Salem**, 28 y.o. male, 72, 85 y.o. females were injured in tractor/auto collision.
December 6, 2019 **Freeman**, Injuries occurred in a tractor/auto collision.
March 3, 2020 **Bath**, 75, 56 year old males in critical condition after tractor/semi collision.
April 1, 2020 **Madison**, 17, 17 year old males injured after a tractor/motorcycle collision.
October 10, 2020 **Brandon**, male and female injured after tractor/auto collision.

South Dakota Agriculture ATV and UTV Related Injuries

March 17, 2016 **Howard**, 37 year old male fractured leg during ATV roll-over incident.
April 10, 2016 **Tolstoy**, male injured in an ATV incident.
August 14, 2017 **Phillip**, male injured after legs were pinned under an overturned ATV.
May 29, 2018 **Kennebec**, passenger of UTV injured when vehicle collided with car on roadway.

South Dakota Entanglement Agriculture Related Injuries

- Nov 15, 2012 **Brookings**, 60 year old male injured both arms after becoming entangled in corn picker.
April 7, 2013 **Arlington**, Male had ear amputated and other injuries after tractor entanglement.
May 17, 2017 **Archer**, 20 year old female scalped after becoming entangled in PTO.
December 5, 2018 **Huron**, male injured after becoming entangled in combine head – (legs and ankles)

South Dakota Livestock Related Injuries

- April 8, 2012 **Sisseton**, Male received multiple fracture after being attacked by a cow.

South Dakota Agriculture Related Injuries (Various Causes or Unspecified)

- January 6, 2012 **Faulkton**, Male injured in grain elevator explosion.
August 2014 **Rockham**, 8 year old male injured after becoming entrapped in a grain wagon.
May 8, 2015 **Java**, 91 year old male injured when he fell from crawler truck while repairing.
April 24, 2016 Male injured after falling from 9 feet from the bucket of a tractor.
Sept 19, 2017 **Watertown**, 55 year old women injured after being dragged by grain trailer.
January 10, 2019 **Athol**, male injured after being pinned between a tractor and semi.
June 5, 2019 **Conde**, 40 year old male had head and face injuries when hit in face with towing chain.
July 8, 2020 **Hoven**, 78 year old male received life-threatening injuries when an auger fell on his leg.
Sept 23, 2020 **Huron**, 84 year old male was injured after falling from grain truck, puncturing lungs.

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