South Dakota Agricultural Fatalities & Injuries

2012-2020

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South Dakota Tractor Related Fatalities*

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

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.

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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.

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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.
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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