

North Dakota Agricultural Fatalities & Injuries

2012-2023



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North Dakota Tractor Related Fatalities*

July 18, 2012	Hampden , 51 year old male injured when tractor he was driving fishtailed and overturned.
August 27, 2012	Killdeer , 81 year old male died after being struck by tractor as he was working on it.
July 12, 2013	Erie , 72 year old male died after being stuck by tractor as he was working it.
July 17, 2013	Cayuga , 1 year old male died after falling out and being struck by tractor.
August 26, 2013	Minto , Male found dead in tractor that had caught on fire.
April 11, 2014	New England , 29 year old male died when tractor he was driving overturned.
April 28, 2015	Lisbon/Ulen , 65 year old male crushed under tractor bucket when hydraulic hose was cut.
May 3, 2015	Courtenay , 80 year old male struck by fertilizer cart/tractor & died.
June 20, 2015	Mott , 68 year old male struck by tractor when it slipped into gear.
August 17, 2015	Lignite/Stanley , 11 year old died when tractor he was driving overturned & pinned him.
September 25, 2015	Ashley , 88 year old male pinned between tractor and hay trailer.
October 17, 2015	Dickinson , 67 year old male's tractor struck culvert & overturned.
September 19, 2017	Souris , 3 year old male passenger in tractor fell out cab door and was struck by rear wheels
May 24, 2018	Cavalier , 59 year old male died after being backed over by tractor he was working on.

North Dakota Tractor Related Fatalities (continued)

July 12, 2019	Portland , 77 year old male died after his tractor overturned while mowing hay in roadside ditch.
May 28, 2020	LaMoure , 74 year old male died after tractor overturned and ejected him.
August 31, 2021	Wimbledon , 49 year old male tractor operator killed when struck by chain that failed.
May 19, 2022	Penn , 53 year old male died after a chain broke and went through the windshield of a tractor

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North Dakota Grain Bin Related Fatalities

February 10, 2014	Napoleon , 39 year old male engulfed by corn while trying to dislodge it.
June 16, 2014	Wilton , 27 year old male engulfed by corn in grain bin.
July 26, 2014	Napoleon , 83 year old male engulfed by corn he was trying to dislodge from bin.
June 12, 2019	Brampton , 71 year old male died after becoming engulfed in a grain bin.
February 26, 2020	Devils Lake , 80 year old male died after becoming engulfed in a grain bin.
June 10, 2020	Pingree , 56 year old female died after becoming engulfed in bin of sunflower seeds.
June 15, 2020	Adams , 50 year old male died after becoming engulfed after entering bin to break-up canola.
February 3, 2021	Jamestown , 60 year old male died after becoming engulfed inside grain bin.
April 20, 2021	Gackle , 70 year old male killed after becoming engulfed inside grain bin.

North Dakota Roadway Agricultural Related Fatalities

September 21, 2012	Tolley , 20 year old male died after his tractor was hit by a car.
October 14, 2012	East Grand Forks , 59 year old died when the potato truck he was driving hit a beet truck.
July 20, 2013	Northwood , 58 year old male died after his farm truck left the road and crashed into a tree.
May 28, 2016	Rugby , 53 year old male died after his tractor and wagon was rear-ended by pickup truck.
June 12, 2016	Garrison , 57 year old male died when pickup truck struck him while he was spraying.
September 18, 2018	Camp Grafton , 59 year old male died after his livestock trailer entered ditch and overturned.
October 23, 2018	Hankinson , 59 year old male died after the tractor he was driving was struck by an auto.
April 7, 2019	Leeds , male died after his tractor was rear-ended by a semi.
October 20, 2020	Fairmount , 71 year old male died after colliding with a tractor towing an cultivator.
May 31, 2021	Huff , 71 year old male killed in SP sprayer/minivan collision.
May 29, 2022	Raleigh , 35 year old male on a motorcycle died after colliding with a sprayer.
October 12, 2022	Glasston , 35 year old male died in a beat truck/vehicle collision.

North Dakota Agriculture ATV Related Fatalities

April 20, 2012	Berlin , 8 year old male died when pinned under overturned ATV.
June 21, 2012	Adams , 15 year old female died when ATV hit truck & overturned.
August 5, 2012	Turtle Lake , 10 year old male died in unspecified ATV accident.
July 19, 2014	Tolna , 8 year old male died when ATV rolled.
April 24, 2016	Park River , 45 year old male died after ATV overturned.
May 12, 2018	Streeter , 66 year old crushed by ATV - overturned after striking a tree root on farm.
August 2, 2018	Linton , 69 year old male died after being injured on ATV while returning from pasture.
October 18, 2018	Leeds , 84 year old male died after ATV overturned while trimming trees on farm property.
June 25, 2020	Grassy Butte , 78 year old male died after becoming pinned by overturned ATV while spraying.

North Dakota Agriculture Related Entanglement Fatalities

March 20, 2012	Eldridge , 53 year old male entangled in PTO of implement.
October 26, 2016	Edgeley , 59 year old male died after stock trailer entanglement incident.
December 15, 2018	Palermo , 64 year old male died after becoming entangled in driveline between tractor and grinder.
November 12, 2019	Maxbass , 16 year old male died after becoming entangled in a baler while baling corn stalks.
September 30, 2020	Westhope , 41 year old male died after becoming entangled in grain cart auger.

North Dakota Livestock Related Fatalities

June 10, 2013	Amidon , 81 year old male attacked by cow and thrown over fence.
July 5, 2013	Norwich , 47 year old male died in unspecified horse incident.

North Dakota Agricultural Fatalities (Various Causes or Unspecified)

October 13, 2012	Litchville , 87 year old male driving tractor died after tractor caught on fire.
June 10, 2013	Mott , 19 year old male struck electrical line while spraying field.
June 17, 2013	Bowbells , 55 year old male struck and killed by agricultural sprayer.
August 23, 2013	Milnor , 2 year old female died when backed over by forklift.
October 21, 2013	Ruso , 49 year old male pinned between pickup and car at farm.
October 27, 2013	McClusky , 82 year old female pinned between pickup & garage.
June 15, 2015	Niobe , 5 year old male run over by grain truck.
February 14, 2016	Napoleon , 60 year old male pinned underneath truck in farm shed.
August 2, 2016	Fairfield , 10 year old male died in unspecific farm-related accident.
October 3, 2016	Niagara , 34 year old male found dead near combine in field.
October 13, 2016	Hettinger , 56 year old male died in unspecific farming incident.

North Dakota Agricultural Fatalities (Various Causes or Unspecified) (continued)

March 13, 2017	Norwich County , 49 year old male died after being pinned under a bale processor.
June 29, 2017	Lisbon , 45 year old male died after crop spraying plane crashed.
September, 2017	Unknown , Female of unknown age died in unspecific farming incident.
March 30, 2018	Alexander , 89 year old male died after being pinned between livestock trailer and fence post.
May 27, 2018	Tappen , 66 year old male died after unspecified farm incident.
November 16, 2018	Minot , 64 year old male died in unspecified farm incident while working around equipment.
March 18, 2019	Minto , male died after tractor he was driving was struck by a train.
February 9, 2020	Oakes , 25 year old male crushed to death by feed while unloading a semi.
April 5, 2020	Flasher , 75 year old male died after unspecified farm related injuries.
April 20, 2020	New Town , 56 year old male died after his skid steer overturned (rearward) pinning him with grain.
October 28, 2020	New Salem , 62 year old male died after unspecified farm incident.
March 14, 2021	Valley City , 23 year old male killed when pinned under livestock panels that had fallen off truck.
August 10, 2021	Strasburg , 63 year old male killed when crop spraying aircraft crashed.
July 30, 2022	Crystal , 62 year old male died after lawn tractor overturned while going over a culvert.
August 29, 2022	Cando , 4 older males (56; 64; 59; 34) died after being shot while harvesting.
September 6, 2022	Gackle , 57 year old male bystander died after being runover by combine.
September 12, 2023	Ardoch , 33 year old pilot of spray plane died after hitting power line and crashing.
September 19, 2023	New Rockford , 62 year old pilot of spray plane died after hitting power line.

North Dakota Agricultural Injuries

North Dakota Tractor Related Injuries*

- June 8, 2017 **Hankinson**, 62 year old male injured after being run over by a tractor.
- August 30, 2020 **Cooperstown**, 32 year old male injured after being run-over by a tractor while working on fences.
- October 9, 2020 **Velva**, male hospitalized after a bridge collapsed that he was crossing on tractor with implement.

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North Dakota Grain Bin Related Injuries

- September 5, 2012 **Honeyford**, 59 year old male caught foot in bin auger while shoveling.
- October 23, 2017 **Wahpeton**, Male injured after falling from upper level of grain dryer when door hinges failed.
- November 21, 2017 **Northwood**, 52 year old male entangled in grain bin augur while cleaning bin.
- December 8, 2019 **Lankin**, male injured after becoming entrapped by corn that gave-way.

North Dakota Roadway Agricultural Related Injuries

- June 16, 2012 **Velva**, 43 year old male injured when in motorcycle-horse trailer crash.
- April 26, 2012 **Park River**, 54 year old male and 20 year old female in tractor-car crash.
- August 13, 2012 **Park River**, Male fractured pelvis and knee in payloader -car accident.
- October 1, 2012 **Bismarck**, Male semi driver injured after hitting the back of a hay rake on the highway.
- October 14, 2012 **Cando**, 81 and 73 year old males, 69 year old female, injured in farm truck-car collision.
- July 14, 2013 **Wahpeton**, 34 year old male and 31 year old male in SUV-pickup hauling hay collision and injured.
- July 26, 2013 **Michigan**, 67 year old male and 26 yea old male in grain hopper-car crash.
- August 19, 2014 **Berthold**, 63 year old male's leg injured in tractor-semi collision.
- June 10, 2015 **Fessenden**, 41 year old female and 8 year old female in tractor-car crash.
- July, 2017 **Salem**, male of unknown age injured in unspecified farming-related incident.
- July 8, 2017 **Lidgerwood**, 49 year old male injured when driving a motorcycle after colliding with tractor.
- October 20, 2017 **Litchville**, 40 and 49 year old males injured when tractor was struck by a semi.
- October 21, 2017 **Enderlin**, 15 and 27 year old males were injured when a SUV rear-ended a combine.
- June 26, 2018 **Insker**, 47 year old female injured after the tractor she was driving was rear-ended by pick up.
- October 23, 2018 **Oakes**, 39 year old male was injured when combine he was driving was struck by a semi.
- June 23, 2021 **Saint Thomas**, 64 year old male tractor operator injured trying to avoid collision with semi.
- September 25, 2021 **Devils Lake**, 21 and 39 year old males seriously injured in vehicle/truck collision.
- June 27, 2022 **Ray**, 23 year old and 42 year old injured in a vehicle/tractor collision including a tractor overturn.

North Dakota Roadway Agricultural Related Injuries (continued)

August 22, 2022 **Gwinner**, 2 males injured in a tractor/tanker truck collision including a tractor overturn.
May 25, 2023 **Lamoure**, female seriously injured after rear-ending a TerraGator going into a field.
May 28, 2023 **Devils Lake**, male passenger in SUV injured after rear-ending farm equipment.
January 22, 2024 **Trenton**, 81 year old male injured after a semi/vehicle collision.

North Dakota Agriculture ATV Related Injuries

April 20, 2012 **Berlin**, 5 year old male injured when pinned under overturned ATV.
July 6, 2016 **Killdeer**, male injured after being pinned underneath ATV.
July 7, 2016 **Woodworth**, 51 year old male injured after ATV rollover accident.

North Dakota Entanglement Agriculture Related Injuries

July 6, 2012 **Buchanan**, Male injured when entangled in auger in grain bin.
November 9, 2013 **Kathryn**, 30 year old male's arm and hand entangled in baler.
June 26, 2017 **Linton**, Male of unknown age injured after arm was entangled in a baler.
May 13, 2018 **New England**, Male had hand amputated after reaching into a grain vacuum transfer auger.
May 19, 2018 **Golden Lake**, Female in serious condition after becoming entangled in reel type rock picker.
October 25, 2018 **Drayton**, 61 year old male in critical condition after becoming entangled in beet lifter.
January 30, 2019 **Binford**, 25 year old male in critical condition after entanglement in the drive of mixer wagon.
October 31, 2019 **Buffalo**, male injured foot after becoming entangled in the auger of a combine.
August 20, 2020 **Fargo**, male hospitalized after becoming entangled in a grain bin auger.
September 16, 2020 **Langdon**, 18 year old male injured (leg) after becoming entangled in an auger.
November 5, 2021 **Jamestown**, male injures hand after it becomes entangled in baler.
October 29, 2022 **Grand Forks**, male injured after his leg was entangled in a sweep auger inside a grain bin.

North Dakota Livestock Related Injuries

April 28, 2012 **East Grand Forks**, Female paralyzed when fell off horse while working livestock.
April, 2013 **Washburn**, Male fractured jaw, shoulders, & ribs when struck by birthing cow.

North Dakota Agriculture Related Injuries (Various Causes or Unspecified)

February 21, 2012 **Dwight**, 60 year old male trapped under truck that fell off blocks.
June, 2012 **Edmore**, Male fractured leg when sprayer wheel fell on his legs when repair.
June 12, 2012 **Wyndmere**, Male fractured neck when missed step off of farm semi.
September 26, 2012 **Walcott**, 57 year old male crushed between pickup & farm truck.

North Dakota Agriculture Related Injuries (Various Causes or Unspecified) (continued)

January 28, 2013	South Heart , Male burned in incident with propane and well.
May 25, 2015	Casselton , 70 year old male crop duster struck overhead line & crashed.
December 11, 2015	Regent , Male was injured after falling 30 ft when cleaning seed machine.
July 1, 2016	Valley City , 45 year old male injured during landing while crop dusting.
August 23, 2017	Makoti , male of unknown age, operator of combine injured after it caught on fire.
April 1, 2018	Wahpeton , female had pelvis crushed by tire after jumping from farm truck to herd cattle.
September 21, 2018	Napolean , 38 year old male injured when the plane he was spraying with hit an electric line.
April 23, 2019	Glenburn , male received burns after working with torch on the farm that exploded causing a fire
July 8, 2020	Unknown , Male injured during unspecified incident on farm.
September 23, 2020	Crosby , 57 year old male in critical condition after attempting to extinguish combine fire – wheat.
October 31, 2020	Napolean , female damaged fingers during unspecified farming incident.
January, 2021	Valley City , male injured in unspecified farming incident.
May 7, 2021	Harris , 69 year old male burned hand and legs when elevator contacted electric distribution line.
November 2, 2021	Fairmont , male worker injured when auger cable snapped and fell on worker's head
May 23, 2022	Napoleon , 45 year old male injured after being runover by the wheel of a grain cart.

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