

South Dakota Agricultural Fatalities & Injuries

2012-2023



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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.
December 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.
September 14, 2020	Ipswich , 49 year old male died after his tractor struck a deer and overturned into a ditch.
June 16, 2021	White , 71 year old male killed when pinned underneath tractor cab that overturned.
December 20, 2021	Ethan , 56 year old male killed after exiting tractor and becoming pinned under bales.
September 5, 2023	Hayti , 60 year old male died after being runover by tractor in alfalfa field.

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

South Dakota Grain Bin Related Fatalities

September 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.

South Dakota Grain Bin Related Fatalities (continued)

May 22, 2020 **Hazel**, 50 year old male died after falling from grain bin after his equipment failed.
 September 11, 2020 **Estelline**, 21 year old male died after becoming engulfed by grain inside a bin.
 February 8, 2022 **Eden**, 59 year old male was found dead inside a grain bin on a farm.

South Dakota Roadway Agricultural Related Fatalities

September 6, 2012 **Wessington Springs**, 63 year old male died in tractor-fuel truck collision.
 September 6, 2019 **Alexandria**, 52 year old male died when hit by car while in a tractor/manure trailer.
 April 2, 2021 **Watertown**, 33 year old male killed when overturned in fertilizer truck on roadway.
 August 25, 2023 **Beresford**, 74 year old male died in auto collision with tractor pulling silage wagon.

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.
 February 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 year old male and 80 year old 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.
 August 27, 2021 **Hayward**, 78 year old male found dead in steep terrain where ATV rolled over.
 August 24, 2022 **Colman**, 48 year old male died in an ATV accident while 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.
 September 24, 2018 **Presho**, 2 year old male died after becoming entrapped in grain auger conveyer.
 April 23, 2022 **Watertown**, 4 year old girl died after being entangled in an operational slice seeder.

South Dakota Livestock Related Fatalities

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

South Dakota Agriculture Skid Loader Fatalities

May 29, 2017 **Viborg**, 4 year old male died after being run over by a skid steer loader.
 August 28, 2019 **Montrose**, 66 year old male died after being struck by skid loader he was trying to start.
 July 27, 2020 **Hosmer**, 65 year old male died after being crushed between loader and cab of skid loader.
 April 14, 2021 **Colton**, male killed while operating a skid steer loader that went into a farm pond

South Dakota Agricultural Fatalities (Various Causes or Unspecified)

September 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.
September 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.
September 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.
July 27, 2020	Parkston , male died after the crop dusting plane that he was operating crashed.
November 9, 2021	Langford , 68 year old male killed in unspecified farming incident.
July 15, 2023	Langford , 45 year old man died after being struck by boom of field sprayer.
July 30, 2023	Rutland , 56 year old man died in an unspecified farming incident.
January 21, 2024	Prairie City , 2 year old girl died in an unspecified farming incident.

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.
September 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.
August 2, 2021 **Olivet**, male injured when entrapped to waist in corn near sidewall inside bin.

South Dakota Roadway Agricultural Related Injuries

- September 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 year old males, 49, 39 year old females injured in tractor/auto collision.
January 16, 2019 **Salem**, 28 year old male, 72 and 85 year old 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, 2022 **Brandon**, male and female injured after tractor/auto collision.

South Dakota Roadway Agricultural Related Injuries (Continued)

- August 25, 2023 **Beresford**, 26 year old male injured in auto collision with tractor pulling silage wagon.
October 11, 2023 **Selby**, 35 year old male injured after a semi collides with a turning tractor.
October 31, 2023 **Gettysburg**, 3 males injured after semi collides with a farm semi.

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

- November 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.

South Dakota Entanglement Agriculture Related Injuries (continued)

- 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.
September 7, 2022 **Miller**, male injured after head was squeezed in chute while working with cattle

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.
September 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.
September 23, 2020 **Huron**, 84 year old male was injured after falling from grain truck, puncturing lungs.
May 5, 2021 **Amherst**, 34 year old male injured when pinned under field digger wing.
Unknown **Castlewood**, male sustains hand injury from combine.
September 12, 2022 **Summit**, multiple workers injured after a dairy barn under construction collapses.
July 15, 2023 **Langford**, 45 year old man died after being struck by boom of field sprayer.

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