How Farmers Get Hurt

Hazards on the farm

Many types of hazards threaten farm workers including physical stress, exposure to machinery, livestock, chemicals, and noise. All of these hazards can lead to a variety of injuries.

Below are examples of how Midwestern farmers have been fatally injured.

**Head**
Can be caused by falls or impact from animals, tools, or vehicles
~20% of deaths

**Lungs**
Asphyxiation can occur when entering confined spaces like manure pits and grain bins
~15% of deaths

**Other organs**
Damage can occur when the body is crushed or compressed by equipment or an object
~25% of deaths

**Spine & Bones**
Caused by falls or the body being stuck or pinned between objects
~3% of deaths

**Skin**
Burns and cuts can occur anywhere on the body
Infection, tissue damage, and blood loss can lead to death
~5% of deaths

**Extremities**
Can occur if hands or feet get caught in moving parts during cleaning or repair work
~2% of deaths

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