

2010 Farm Related Fatalities

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There were 22 work related deaths on Alberta farms in 2010. Of the 22 deaths, 19 were males, 12 were 60 or over, and 3 were children. Four incidents were electrocutions, and another four involved either baling or moving bales. When farming please follow [these precautions](#) in order to keep yourself, your family and your workers safe.

| | Date | Age | Sex | Cause | Comments |
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| 1 | March 3 | 37 | Male | Auger | Victim was removing grain auger from bin, auger came into contact with a power line and victim was electrocuted. |
| 2 | March 4 | 48 | Male | Unknown complications | Victim was injured in a farming incident in 1988. |
| 3 | March 4 | 78 | Male | Crushed, asphyxia | Victim was removing large round bales off stack. As he removed one bale, the next bale fell onto him. |
| 4 | April 7 | 2 | Female | Drowned | Victim was found several feet from shore in a steeply banked dugout. |
| 5 | April 13 | 75 | Female | Run-over, severe chest and abdominal trauma | Victim was leaving a quanset when she was run-over by a semi-trailer. |
| 6 | May 20 | 12 | Female | Fall, multiple blunt trauma | Victim was trick riding on a horse when she fell and was dragged around the corral several times. |
| 7 | May 26 | 30 | Male | Electrocution | Sprayer boom was lifted and came in contact with overhead wires. Victim was electrocuted as he exited equipment. |
| 8 | May 30 | 62 | Male | Crushed, multiple blunt force injuries | Victim was lifting a large steel pipe with a manual hoist when it fell, hitting his head. |
| 9 | July 3 | 63 | Male | Crushed, blunt injury to chest | Pinned between cab and bucket of mechanically unsafe bobcat. |
| 10 | July 22 | 22 | Male | Lightning strike | Victim was fencing prior to a storm. Victim was leaving area when he was struck by lightning. |
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| 11 | July 26 | 64 | Male | Motor vehicle collision | attached hay bine on the highway when he was hit from behind by a semi-trailer. |
| 12 | August 9 | 73 | Male | Entanglement, multiple trauma | Victim was baling and became entangled in the baler. |
| 13 | August 12 | 12 | Male | Crushed | Victim was found pinned under the shop door. |
| 14 | August 25 | 67 | Male | Run-over | Victim found in a field by witnesses who observed a tractor moving without a driver. It appears the victim had dismounted the tractor and been run over and dragged by the baler after failing to put the tractor in neutral. |
| 15 | October 8 | 76 | Male | Asphyxiation | Tractor that victim was operating caught on fire. |
| 16 | October 14 | 56 | Male | Blunt cranial trauma | Victim had been baling, died later of a closed head injury, circumstances unknown. |
| 17 | October 17 | 74 | Male | Chest trauma | Hit in chest by gas cap which coworker was cutting off a gas tank with a torch. |
| 18 | November 6 | 23 | Male | Blunt force trauma to chest | Victim was working on hydraulic system of a skid-steer digger when the hydraulics failed and the victim was pinned between digger arm and body of the machine. |
| 19 | November 18 | 61 | Male | Unknown | Victim was found near steel gate after herding buffalo. Possible head injury. |
| 20 | December 3 | 62 | Male | Electrocution | Was moving a grain auger with the help of another male when it collided with the overhead power lines. |
| 21 | December 3 | 54 | Male | Electrocution | Was moving a grain auger with the help of another male when it collided with the overhead power lines. |
| 22 | December 24 | 69 | Male | Crushed | Victim was chased by a bull and pinned against a gate. |



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