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# Summary of fatal injuries in agriculture, forestry and fishing in Great Britain

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023



## **Northwest**

- A 3-year-old child was killed when he was struck by a moving vehicle.
- A 74-year-old member of the public was found dead in a field with cows, calves and a bull. She had been trampled while walking her dog.
- A 61-year-old egg production worker was killed after becoming entangled in the feed conveyor machinery in a poultry shed.

## **East**

- A 71-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he fell through a fragile roof he was repairing.
- A 52-year-old employee was killed near a vehicle whilst it was being loaded with bales. A bale fell and he was crushed.
- A 30-year-old groom at a racehorse stud farm was crushed when the horse he was riding fell. He received head injuries.
- An 18-year-old member of the public was riding as a passenger in a side by side all-terrain vehicle (ATV). The machine rolled and he was thrown clear. He died from head injuries. No seat belt being worn.

## **East Midlands**

- A 45-year-old self-employed farmer was killed while cutting a trailer chassis that was supported by a jack. The chassis fell and crushed him.
- A 29-year-old member of the public was found in a field with cows and calves. She had been walking her dog. Her injuries were consistent with cattle trampling.
- A 60-year-old self-employed farmer was moving cattle in a race. He appears to have fallen and received serious head injuries. He died later.
- An 82-year-old farm worker was installing a set of stairs in a shed when he fell from height. He died later in hospital.

## West Midlands

- A 46-year-old farmer was killed when he fell through a fragile barn roof. He was repairing a roof light. He died the following day.

## South East

- A 55-year-old member of the public walking her dog was found in a field near a herd of cows and calves. She had been trampled.

## South West

- A 17-year-old employee was wrapping hay bales. He became trapped in the wrapping machine after it had developed a fault.
- A 76-year-old self-employed farmer was found dead in field. He had been moving bull calves to a new location.

## Scotland

- A 78-year-old retired farmer (member of the public) was knocked over and trampled by cattle when he was moving them to a milking shed. He was trampled and died later.
- A 71-year-old farmer was killed when he was moving a calf and cow back to the herd. The cow appears to have attacked him.
- A 58-year-old self-employed farmer was found dead in a sloping field beneath a side-by-side ATV. He had been run over while checking a lamb.
- A 55-year-old farmer was clearing vegetation from the fragile roof of a cowshed. He was killed when he fell through the roof. He landed on the concrete floor and sustained fatal head injuries.
- A 47-year-old commercial inshore fish farming (shellfish) diver died when he experienced difficulties breathing and difficulties communicating with the dive boat.
- A 65-year-old farmer was killed when trapped in a trailed bale chopper. He was trying to clear a bag that had become stuck in the bed and was fatally injured when the machine suddenly restarted.

## Wales

- A 50-year-old self-employed contractor was killed when lime spreading on steep ground. The tractor overturned and trailer jack knifed. No seat belt being worn. He was crushed under the tractor.
- A 55-year-old employee was killed when travelling as a passenger in a side-by-side ATV with trailer. The ATV overturned.
- A 58-year-old self-employed farmer was crushed against the side of an enclosure by an unrestrained bull.
- A 66-year-old self-employed farmer went to check sheep and was found beside an overturned quadbike on a hillside. No helmet.
- A 63-year-old farmer was killed trying to store a slurry agitator in an upright position to a fixed wall of a silage clamp. As he worked at height to make it secure with ropes and straps, he was crushed between the boom of the stirrer equipment and the sight rail of the silage clamp.
- A 79-year-old farmer and son were struck and trapped by a bulk feed bin that collapsed during filling. The farmer was killed and his son received serious injuries.

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This document provides a very short summary of each fatality in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in Great Britain report 2022/23. During compilation, all of the incidents have been significantly simplified and therefore may not accurately describe the full circumstances.