

Introduction

Agricultural operations are not just hazardous for workers, but also for non-workers such as family members, visitors, and drivers sharing the road with farm equipment.

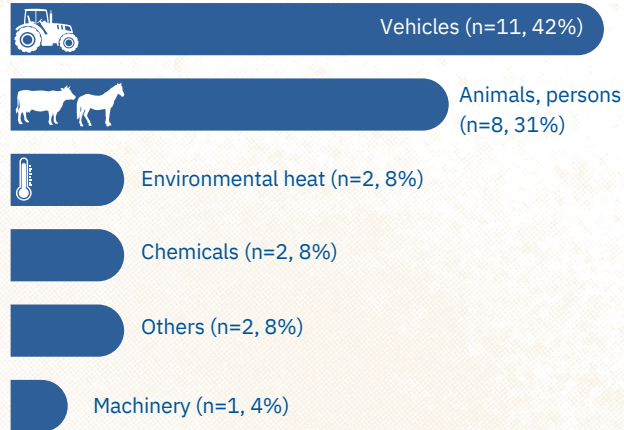
Results

26 fatalities
recorded in
Florida in 2021

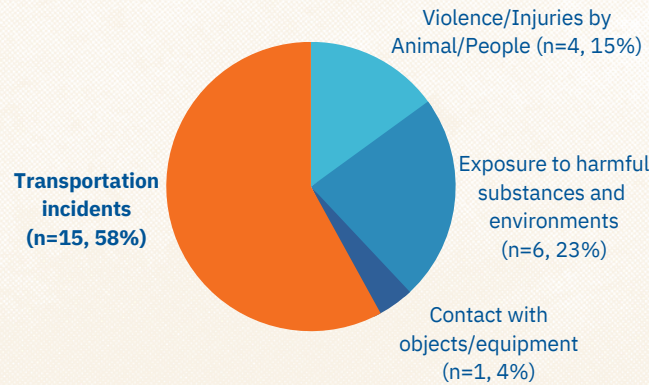
Summary characteristics

Variables		
Age	18-44	7 (27%)
	45-64	13 (50%)
	65 and older	6 (23%)
Sex	Female	4 (15%)
	Male	22 (85%)
Work relatedness	Occupational work-related	12 (46%)
	Support activities - occupational	2 (8%)
	Roadway hazards	4 (15%)
	Undeterminable	8 (31%)

Fatalities by Injury Source



Injury Event/Exposure Categories



Recommendations

Proper lighting and marking prevent crashes

Before using tractors or agricultural vehicles on roadways, check their lighting and marking features and make sure they are working

Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem - should be properly installed pointing up and as close to the vehicle centerline as possible to warn other vehicle drivers on public roadways

Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) - Tractor operators must wear seat belts if tractors are equipped with ROPS.

To prevent **heat stress-related injuries**, employers should follow recommendations from NIOSH and OSHA. **Water, shade, and rest.**

- Drink at least one cup (8 ounces) of water every 20 minutes
- Take hourly breaks in a shaded area to recover from the heat

Substance Abuse & Mental Health:

Check the resources by the The Florida Department of Children and Families
<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/substance-abuse-and-mental-health>

Get More Information!

Visit Florida Agricultural Safety and Health website
(<http://abe.ufl.edu/agsafety>)

