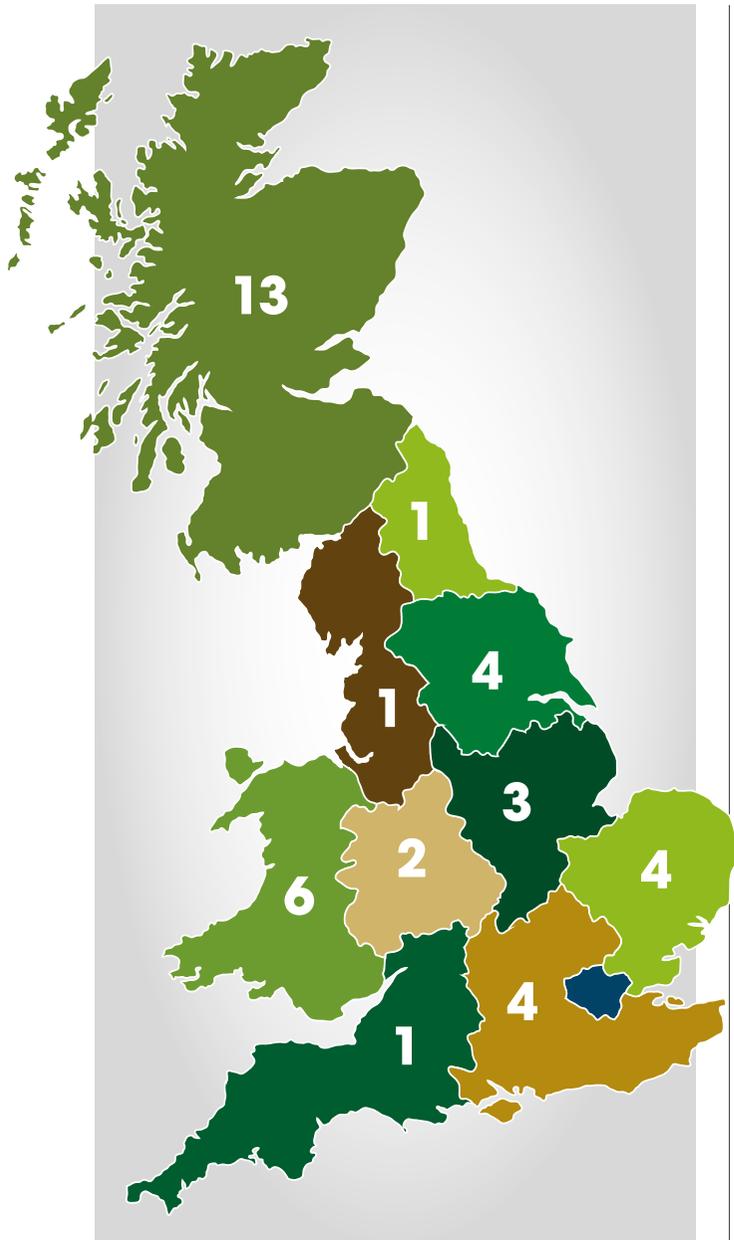




# Summary of fatal injuries in agriculture, forestry and fishing in Great Britain 2018/19



## Summary of fatalities from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

### East (4)

- A 41-year-old self-employed contractor was crushed and killed on a stone picking machine. He became trapped when he intervened with the machine while it was still running.
- A 3-year-old child died after being run over and crushed by a farm vehicle. The child had been playing in the yard while the vehicle was filled with fuel and was killed when the vehicle was started and began to move forwards.
- A 66-year-old self-employed farm partner was killed when he fell from a ladder. He was working at height in a redundant grain store. He was found on the ground with the ladder beside him and died of head injuries.
- A 78-year-old self-employed farmer was found buried up to his shoulders in grain inside a silo. He had climbed into a grain bin to clear rat droppings. He died of asphyxiation.

### South East (4)

- A 64-year-old self-employed farmer was trampled and killed by cattle in a field. He died from chest injuries.

- An 81-year-old member of the public was butted, trampled and killed by cattle. She was walking her dog on common land. She received serious face, body and head injuries.
- A 67-year-old member of the public was trampled and killed by cattle. He was walking his dogs on a public footpath. He was found with crush injuries and surrounded by cattle.
- A 66-year-old member of the public was trampled and killed by cattle. She was walking her dog in a field with cattle and young calves. She received crush injuries.

### Wales (6)

- A 24-year-old farm worker was run over and killed by a tractor with a rear-mounted sprayer. He had climbed out of the tractor leaving the engine running. He was found behind the tractor and under the sprayer with the wheels still turning. He died from crush injuries.
- A 50-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he fell through a fragile roof. He was clearing the valley gutter of the building and fell through a skylight onto the concrete floor. He died from head injuries.
- A 62-year-old self-employed farm partner was crushed and killed when she was run

over by an out-of-control telehandler. The driver had lost control on a slope. She died from multiple crush injuries.

- A 21-year-old member of the public was killed when he was struck by a landslide from land where forestry operations had taken place. He was standing on a public road that had been blocked by falling trees during a storm. He died from crush injuries.

- A 3-year-old child was run over and killed by a reversing vehicle and livestock trailer. He fell out of the back of the vehicle and was crushed under the rear wheel. He died from head injuries.

- A 68-year-old self-employed farmer was crushed and killed by a tree branch. After felling the tree, he was removing branches with a chainsaw. He was found trapped beneath a branch and died from crush injuries.

### **South West (1)**

- A 60-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when his ATV (quad bike) and trailer jack-knifed at the bottom of a steep slope. He was thrown from the bike and was found trapped beneath the overturned machine. He died from crush injuries.

### **West Midlands (2)**

- A 74-year-old self-employed farmer was killed handling cattle. He was vaccinating animals inside a cattle shed before releasing them to a field. He was found on the shed floor with head injuries.

- A 64-year-old self-employed farm partner was knocked over and killed by a cow who had recently calved. The cow charged as she opened a gate, causing her to fall backwards onto a concrete floor. She died from head injuries.

### **East Midlands (3)**

- A 63-year-old self-employed farmer was trampled and killed by a cow. He was ear tagging a calf in a field when he was attacked by the calf's mother. He was found slumped over his ATV (quad bike).

- A 59-year-old farm worker was killed when he fell from a ladder propped against a straw spreader. He was using the ladder to cut string from a bale of straw when he fell. He died later from head injuries.

- An 88-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he fell from a combine harvester. He was in the yard cleaning the harvester's window. He was taken to hospital and died as a result of his injuries.

### **Yorkshire and the Humber (4)**

- A 53-year-old farm worker was run over and killed by a telehandler being reversed inside a goat milking shed. The telehandler was being used to muck out the shed. She died from serious crush injuries.

- A 71-year-old member of the public was run over and killed by a reversing telehandler, driven by a farmworker. He was walking with a friend along a bridleway through the farm yard. He was struck and crushed by the vehicle as they stopped to ask the farm manager for directions. He died from crush injuries.

- A 54-year-old self-employed farmer was killed by a falling feed bale. The bale fell from a skid steer loader as it was being unwrapped. He died from crush injuries.

- A 20-year-old farm worker was killed when he fell from a barn roof. He was attempting to lift roof sheets from a telehandler when he fell and later died from his injuries.

### **North East (1)**

- A 62-year-old worker was killed after being cut on barbed wire. He was erecting stock fencing when he snagged his lower leg on the wire. He died later because of blood loss.



## North West (1)

- A 53-year-old farm worker was killed when he was crushed against a fence by a cow as a vet was administering treatment. The cow wasn't held securely in the crush and moved backwards, pinning him against a fence. He died from crush injuries.



## Scotland (13)

- A 47-year-old self-employed farmer was killed by a bull. He had been feeding cattle in a cattle shed and was found on the ground. He died from his injuries.
- A 54-year-old farm director was killed when he was crushed against a shed wall by the telehandler that he had been driving. He left the cab with the engine running and didn't apply the hand brake. The vehicle moved forward, trapping him against the shed wall. He died from crush injuries.
- A 25-year-old farm worker was killed when his ATV (quad bike) overturned. He was driving the bike along a farm track when he struck a calf and crashed into a log pile. He died from his injuries.

- A 76-year-old self-employed farmer was found trapped underneath an ATV (quad bike). He was travelling on steep ground to gather sheep when the bike overturned and crushed him. He died from serious neck and crush injuries.

- A 63-year-old worker was killed when his telescopic materials handler rolled down a sloping field as he attempted to feed cattle. Although he remained in the cab, he died from head injuries.

- A 52-year-old self-employed person was killed when he fell out of an excavator bucket. He was helping his son to bring down beams as they dismantled a storage shed. He died from head injuries.

- A 46-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when crushed beneath a baler tailgate. The tailgate dropped unexpectedly due to a failure with the hydraulic system. He died from crush injuries.

- A 69-year-old worker was killed when maintaining a river bank. He was cutting grass near the water edge with a strimmer. He was found face down in the water and died from drowning.

- A 47-year-old director was trapped and killed inside a grain dryer. He had cleaned the dryer and was last seen inspecting the dryer with the hatch door open. He was found trapped and died from injuries to his head and neck.

- A 26-year-old farm worker was killed by an overturned ATV (quad bike) and trailer. He was travelling along a steep slope when he lost control. He was not wearing a helmet and was found in a stream with the ATV on his chest. He died from drowning.

- A 42-year-old worker died when her ATV (quad bike) overturned on a slope to the side of a forest track. She was crushed by the ATV and died of her injuries.

- A 76-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he fell from a cattle shed roof. He was using sealant paint to repair minor leaks and fell onto the concrete floor below and died from head injuries.

- A 57-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when his telehandler overturned. He was driving on a steep slope with the grain bucket in a raised position. He lost control and was ejected from the cab as it flipped over. He died from crush injuries.

This document provides a very short summary of each fatality in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in Great Britain report 2018/19(p). During compilation, all of the incidents have been significantly simplified and therefore may not accurately describe the full circumstances.