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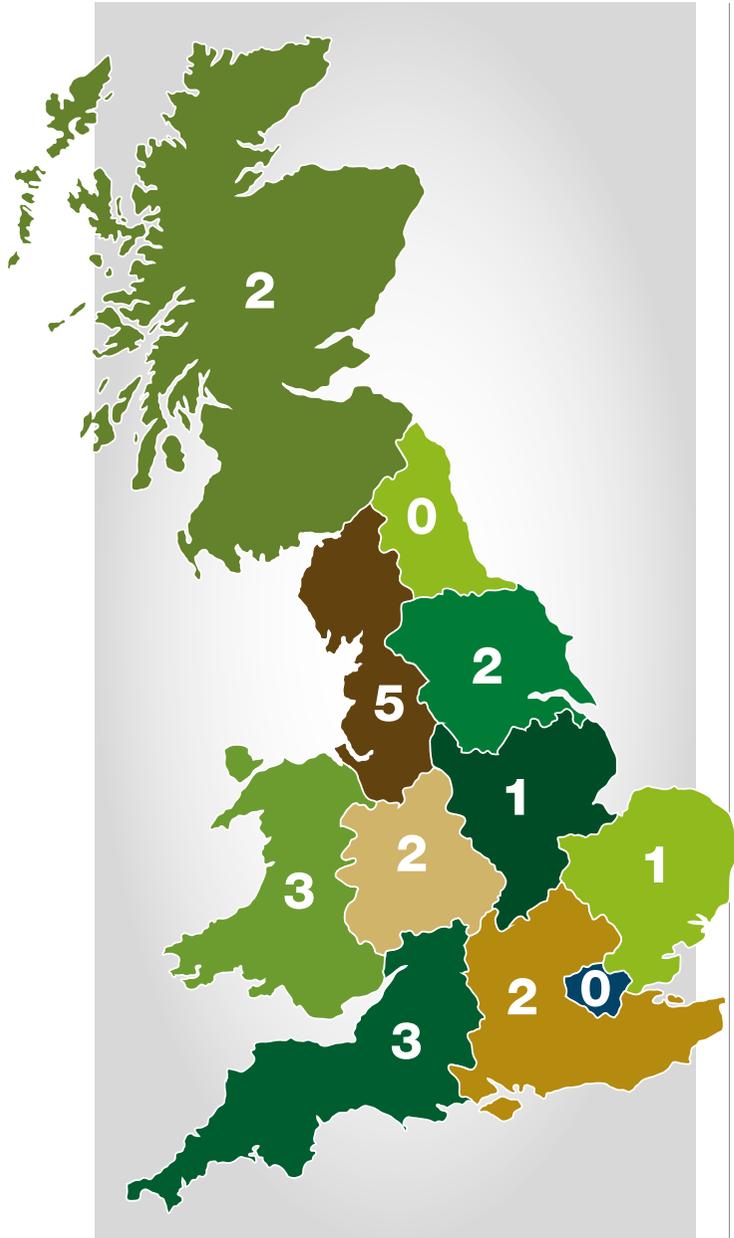# Summary of fatal injuries in agriculture, forestry and fishing in Great Britain 2019/20

Summary of fatalities from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

South East

- A 21-year-old farm worker was killed when he was crushed underneath a steel structure inside a grain store. He was dismantling the equipment and was removing the bolts holding the structure to the floor, when the equipment collapsed. He died from crush injuries.

- A 52-year-old forestry worker was killed when he was struck by a falling tree. He was felling trees in woodland with a chainsaw, while his colleague operated a winch. He had made some felling cuts on the trunk and was walking away from the tree when it fell, crushing him.

East of England

- A 37-year-old self-employed farmer was trampled to death by his bull. He was attempting to direct the bull into a pen. He died from serious head injuries.

Wales

- A 56-year-old self-employed farm partner was killed by a rotavator with poor guards. He had driven to a field and had stopped to make some adjustments. He was pulled underneath the machine and later found dead with the tractor engine running.

- A 78-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when a telehandler stalled on a farm track. He was riding on the steps on the side of the telehandler, which was being driven by his grandson. He fell onto the grass verge as the machine started to roll backwards down the track before it overturned. He died from multiple injuries.

- A 44-year-old self-employed farm partner was killed when he was struck by a tree. He had left the farmhouse to trim hawthorn with a chainsaw and was found trapped underneath a fallen tree.

South West

- A 57-year-old self-employed contractor was run over and killed by a telehandler, being reversed by a farmer. He was helping scrape pig muck out of the pens and as the telehandler manoeuvred inside the building, he was crushed.

- An 85-year-old self-employed farmer was run over and killed by a tractor. He had left his tractor, engine running, to open a gate. The tractor rolled forward and knocked him down.

- A 73-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he became trapped under an all-terrain utility vehicle (ATV). He was using the ATV to check sheep and was found under the overturned machine.

West Midlands

- An 80-year-old self-employed farm partner was found with serious injuries next to a combine harvester being manoeuvred by a contractor. He was in the field and was crushed by the vehicle or its header unit (when it was being loaded onto a trailer).

- A 32-year-old farm worker was killed when he became trapped between a sprayer and its rear wheel. He was spraying a field and had left the tractor, engine running, to check a fault with the sprayer's wheels. He was crushed between the chassis and the wheel.

East Midlands

- A 53-year-old self-employed farm partner was killed when he fell through a fragile roof. He was repairing the barn roof, replacing broken roof panels, when he fell through a skylight. He died from head injuries.

Yorkshire and the Humber

- A 27-year-old self-employed forestry worker was killed when he was struck by a falling branch. He was felling trees with a chainsaw and dislodged a branch from another tree. He died in hospital from serious head injuries.

- A 32-year-old farm worker was killed while operating a seed drill. He was using a tractor to pull the machine when he was struck and dragged along by the seed drill. He died from multiple injuries.

North West

- A 73-year-old self-employed farmer was knocked over and killed by a cow in a pen. He was treating a newborn calf when he was attacked by a cow causing him to lose his balance and fall backwards against a concrete kerb. He died from head injuries.

- A 4-year-old child was killed after being run over and crushed by the wheels of a telehandler. He was riding as a passenger and as the machine turned into a field, he fell out and was crushed under the rear wheel. He died from serious crush injuries.

- A 60-year-old self-employed farm partner was killed when he fell through a fragile cattle shed roof. He was unscrewing bolts to remove roof panels when he fell through a skylight onto the concrete floor. He died from serious injuries.

- A 26-year-old self-employed farm partner was crushed and killed between bales of hay and a barn wall. He had slipped from the top of the small stack into a small gap and was trapped by the weight of the bales. He died from asphyxiation.

- A 63-year-old farm worker was killed when he fell from farm equipment. He was assisting his colleague to unload waste from a tipping skip attached to a fork lift truck into a larger skip when he fell. He died from serious head injuries.

Scotland

- A 25-year-old farm worker was killed when he was trapped under a mower unit. He was pressure washing a tractor-mounted mower when the mower fell from a partially raised position, crushing him. He died from crush injuries.

- A 59-year-old fish farm worker was killed when he fell from the steps of a barge. He was crushed between a moving boat and the barge as he disembarked the vessel. He received severe crush injuries and died from drowning in water.

This document provides a very short summary of each fatality in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in Great Britain report 2019/20.

During compilation, all of the incidents have been significantly simplified and therefore may not accurately describe the full circumstances.