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Did you know?

- The top three causes of 1997 farm-related injuries in Iowa were machinery (24 percent of all injuries), animals (21 percent), and slips and falls (11 percent). However, the severity of these injuries differs. Only 15 percent of the injuries caused by animals resulted in hospitalization while 17 percent of injuries involving machinery and 22 percent of injuries involving slips and falls led to treatment.

- Acute chemical injury accounted for two percent of the total reported agricultural injuries in 1997.

- Tractors remain the number one killer of Iowa farmers with 13 deaths reported. Other types of machinery caused seven deaths.

- Youth age 19 and younger made up 22 percent of the total number of farm-related injuries. Fifty-seven percent of the 434 injuries to youth were work-related. Six children under age 14 died as a result of farm-related injuries.
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