From 1992 to 2004, 287 agriculture workers in New York State died while working. Below are descriptions of real farmers and farm workers who were killed on the job.

A feed mill worker became trapped and buried in a grain bin when he entered the bin to level the flaked corn.

An elderly farmer died when the tractor he was operating overturned. He was brush-hogging the outer edge of a pasture when the embankment gave way.

A farm worker became entangled in a forage chopper while putting in hay bales. The head of the chopper had been removed.

An elderly farmer was run over by a brush hog being pulled behind a tractor. He was mowing a slope when he fell off the tractor.

A farm worker was crushed by two dairy cows when he moved them to a freestall barn following the morning milking.

A farmer was crushed between the end of a gate and a steel fence by a cow while trying to load cows onto a trailer.

**HOW CAN THESE FARM ACCIDENTS BE PREVENTED?**

When working around tractors and other machines:

- Equip all tractors with Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) and seatbelts.
- Always disengage the transmission, turn off the engine, and apply the parking brake before dismounting farm machinery.
- Never stand directly in front of or behind the wheels of agricultural equipment.
- Do not operate farm machinery with guards or components missing.
- Do not modify farm equipment for purposes other than the original design.

When working in enclosed spaces:

- Develop and follow safety procedures for entering enclosed spaces, such as grain bins, silos, and manure storage systems.
- Do not enter enclosed places where large animals are present without proper safety passages.

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