Montana Industry Spotlights

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING, & HUNTING

The Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting Industry sector (NAICS code 11) includes establishments primarily involving growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from a farm, ranch, or their natural habitats. In 2015, there were 5,441 total employees and 1,090 total establishments in the private Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting industry in Montana. Cattle ranching (44%), logging (10%) and oilseed and grain farming (9%) employed the most workers in this industry in Montana in 2015.

Number of Work-Related Injuries & Illnesses

In 2015, an estimated 100 non-fatal injuries and illnesses occurred in Montana’s private Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting industry. Farms with 10 or fewer employees were excluded from these estimations.

Number of non-fatal injuries and illnesses in Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting in Montana, 2011-2015

Rate of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses

In 2015, there were 4.7 estimated cases of non-fatal injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers in Montana’s private Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting industry. This was the first year in 10 years that this industry in Montana had a lower rate of non-fatal injuries and illnesses than the national rate. Farms with less than 11 employees are excluded from these estimations.

Work-Related Injury and Illness Facts

Of 70 total injuries involving days away from work:

- 86% of injuries were men
- 57% of injuries were workers over age 45
- 43% of injuries occurred in farmworkers, farm, ranch, and aquaculture occupations
- 5 days = median number of days away from work
- 43% of injuries were sprains, strains, or tears
- 29% of injuries were due to falls, slips, or trips
- 29% of injuries were due to overexertion

Work-Related Fatal Injury Facts

From 2011 to 2015, there were 65 work-related fatalities in Montana’s Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting industry.

- 26 (40%) of those fatalities were due to transportation incidents.

In 2015, there were 36 total work-related fatalities in Montana. 17 (47%) of these fatalities were in the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting industry:

- 7 transportation incidents, 5 contact with object/equipment, and 3 falls, slips, or trips.

Questions or Comments?

Please contact the Montana Occupational Health & Safety Surveillance Program at: (406) 444-1722 or visit http://mtworkerhealth.mt.gov.

Sources

BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII)
BLS Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI)
BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

Disclaimer: This document was funded by Grant Number 5U60OH010802-02R from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the author and do not necessarily represent the official views of the CDC/NIOSH.