

FACTS

AGRICULTURE IN BC

Employment in the BC Agricultural Sector

Employment in agriculture-related industries has increased in the last five years - from 19,293 workers in 2001 to 20,636 in 2005. There were 5,621 agriculture employers registered with WorkSafeBC in 2005.

Injury Rate in Agriculture

In the agricultural sector in BC between 2001 and 2005 there were:

- 20 accepted fatalities
- 3,699 accepted claims
- 183 serious injuries with a majority of these being serious fractures
- \$43 million in claims costs were paid
- 221,000 work days lost

Most Common Claim Characteristics, 2001 - 2005

* For the Typical Claimant summary below, each claim characteristic type (e.g. Occupation, Accident Type, etc.) is summarized by the most common claim characteristic during the five year period, independent of the other claim characteristic types.



Occupation: Agriculture and Horticulture Workers

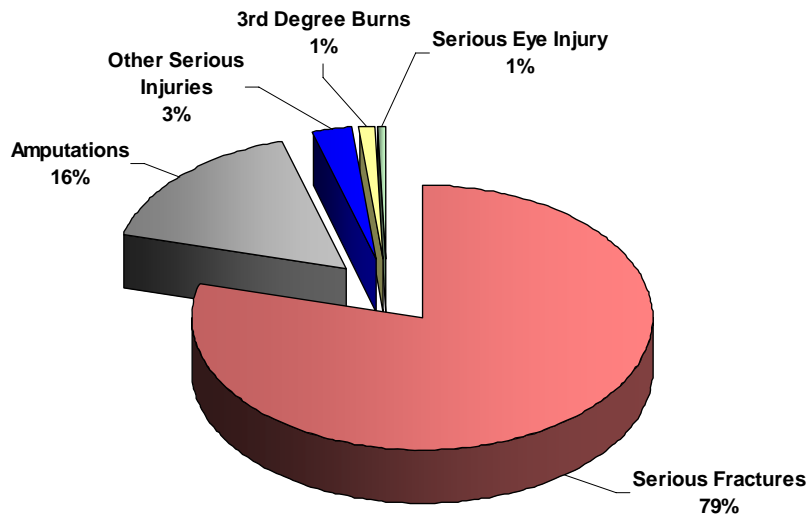
Gender: Male

Age: 25 - 44 (Average 38)

Accident / Injury: Overexertion; Sprains, Strains, Tears; Back, Including Spine, Spinal Cord

Injury Source: Floors, Walkways, Ground Surfaces

Average Days Lost: 58



Accident Type and Injury Type Profile, 2001 - 2005

Accident Type - Top 5	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
Struck by object	15%
Overexertion	15%
Fall to Lower Level	14%
Fall on Same Level	10%
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects	6%

Nature of Injury - Top 5	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
Sprains, strains, tears	42%
Fractures	15%
Bruises, contusions	11%
Cuts, lacerations	9%
Nonspecific injuries and disorders	4%

STD/LTD/FTL - short term disability (STD), long term disability (LTD), or fatality (FTL) claims

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 * Agriculture refers to Subsector 7010