How are farmers being injured on the farm?

**AVG WORK DAYS LOST PER CLAIM:** 11.01

**NUMBER OF NEW CLAIMS IN 2014/15:** 16,634

**MOST COMMON INJURY DAY:** MONDAY

**MOST CLAIMS BY AGE AND GENDER:** MALE 50–54

**COST OF ACTIVE CLAIMS TO ACC:** $51,982,691

### Farmers Injuries

#### LOWER BACK/SPINE

**INJURY CLAIMS:** 2,380  
% OF CLAIMS: 14.31%

“I was dragging a sheep out of a pen and it kicked and twisted causing me to lose my balance. I hit a door, hurting my back and neck.”

#### FINGER/THUMB

**INJURY CLAIMS:** 1,797  
% OF CLAIMS: 10.80%

“Trimming cow foot and cut fingers with knife.”

#### SHOULDER/CLAVICLE

**INJURY CLAIMS:** 1,381  
% CLAIMS: 8.30%

“I was mustering bulls on horseback, my horse bucked and I somersaulted over the top landing on my outstretched arm.”

#### NECK/BACK OF HEAD/VERTEBRAE

**INJURY CLAIMS:** 856  
% OF CLAIMS 4.80%

“I was riding a quad bike and braked coming down a hill. The bike overturned, I was thrown and I hit my head on the ground.”

#### KNEE

**INJURY CLAIMS:** 1,505  
% OF CLAIMS: 9.05%

“I was climbing over a fence, a piece of wire stabbed into my lower left leg, resulting in bleeding and pain.”

#### HAND/WRIST

**INJURY CLAIMS:** 1,383  
% OF CLAIMS: 8.31%

“I was milking our cows when my hand was crushed between the thigh of cow and a rail.”

#### EAR

**INJURY CLAIMS:** 275  
% OF CLAIMS: 1.65%

“I have worked with heavy, noisy machinery over the years and have significant hearing loss on an audiology assessment.”

### TOP 5 INJURY SITES BY NUMBER

1. Lower back/spine  
2. Finger/thumb  
3. Knee  
4. Shoulder (incl clavicle/blade)  
5. Neck/back of head/vertebrae

### TOP 5 INJURY SITES BY COST

1. Lower back/spine  
2. Shoulder (incl clavicle/blade)  
3. Knee  
4. Ear  
5. Neck/back of head/vertebrae
## Farm children’s injuries (aged 0–14)

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<tr>
<th>Body Part</th>
<th>Injury Claims</th>
<th>Percentage of Claims</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Age Group</th>
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<tr>
<td>Foot</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>9.34%</td>
<td>“Picked up inner tube and valve pierced skin on foot which bled.”</td>
<td>5–9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Face</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>9.43%</td>
<td>“Cleaning the milk shed. Child placed hands in chemical bucket and scooped chemical over face.”</td>
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<td>Finger/Thumb</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>8.5%</td>
<td>“Slipped off the fence and caught fingers on right hand on fence.”</td>
<td>10–14</td>
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<td>Upper and Lower Arm</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>9.08%</td>
<td>“Fell off a horse during the weekend and landed on his right elbow.”</td>
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<td>Lower Leg</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>8.57%</td>
<td>“Riding motorbike and burned lower right leg on exhaust.”</td>
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**How we calculated this information (using 2014/15 data)**

**Cost of active claims to ACC**
The total includes the cost (excl GST) to ACC of all treatment and entitlements for that claim except the cost of emergency treatment at public hospitals.
Injuries by region 2014/15

**Auckland**
- **Count of Claims:** 3,523
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 21.18%

**Waikato**
- **Count of Claims:** 3,523
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 21.18%

**Tarariki**
- **Count of Claims:** 875
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 5.26%

**Manawatu-Wanganui**
- **Count of Claims:** 1,381
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 8.30%

**Tasman**
- **Count of Claims:** 422
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 2.54%

**Nelson**
- **Count of Claims:** 84
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 0.50%

**West Coast**
- **Count of Claims:** 1,368
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 5.27%

**Bay of Plenty**
- **Count of Claims:** 1,068
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 6.42%

**Gisborne**
- **Count of Claims:** 1,088
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 6.54%

**Hawkes Bay**
- **Count of Claims:** 3,523
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 21.18%

**Wellington**
- **Count of Claims:** 1,309
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 7.87%

**Canterbury**
- **Count of Claims:** 1,153
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 8.22%

**Marlborough**
- **Count of Claims:** 280
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 1.68%

**Otago**
- **Count of Claims:** 1,368
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 5.27%

**Southland**
- **Count of Claims:** 1,368
- **Percentage of New Claims:** 8.22%