



Cows Kill More People in the U.S. Annually than Wolves do...

CAUSE OF DEATH	DEATHS/YEAR IN THE U.S.
Tractors	241
Bee stings	53
Lightning	39
Dog bites	31
Cows	22
Mexican gray wolves	0

...no, really.

Cows are responsible for an average of 22 human deaths in the U.S. each year. Bees take out another 53 annually. Domestic dogs? 31. Should we rid America of these dangerous creatures?

What about tractors? An average of 241 people are killed annually in tractor-related deaths in our country. Should we ban dangerous equipment?

Beyond all the hysteria about wolves, the truth is that not a single person has been killed by a Mexican gray wolf. Any suggestion to the contrary is just an attempt to scare-monger the public into an unfounded fear of these important and iconic animals.

SOURCES:

Tractor-related fatalities:

10-year average of 241/yr between 1992 – 2001, according to the National Agricultural Tractor Safety Initiative: http://depts.washington.edu/trsafety/stats_research.php#surveil and the CDC National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); see page 197: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-146/pdfs/2004-146.pdf>

Bee sting fatalities:

10-year average of 53/yr. from 1991-2001, according to Ricky L. Langley, MD, MPH
From the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Raleigh, NC. <http://scark.org/docs/Animal%20Related%20Fatalities.pdf>

Lightning strike fatalities:

Average of 39/yr based on numbers from 2003-2012 (NOAA) <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/victims.htm>

Fatal dog bites:

5-year average of 31/yr from 2007-2012, according to the National Canine Research Council
<http://nationalcanineresearchcouncil.com/dogbites/types-of-dog-bites/>
<http://nationalcanineresearchcouncil.com/dogbites/dog-bite-related-fatalities/>

Cow-related fatalities:

5-year average of 22/yr from 2003 – 2007, according to the CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5829a2.htm#tab1>

Mexican gray wolf caused fatalities:

0, according to Arizona Fish and Game. http://www.azgfd.gov/w_c/wolf/faq.shtml#6