

Power Take Off (PTO) Fatality File



Power Take-Off Injuries Cases

A 24-year-old male farmer died after becoming entangled in the unguarded rotating driveline shaft of a manure spreader. The spreader was connected to a tractor equipped with a PTO, which powered the spreader driveline. The victim was working alone in the barnyard, replacing a bolt on the shaft. He apparently had completed this task and was standing on ice-covered soil near the rotating driveline. Then, he either slipped and fell onto the driveline or the rotating shaft caught his clothing. The PTO spun him around the driveshaft, where portions of his clothing were entangled and torn from his body. His wife approached the site of the incident when her husband had not returned to the farmhouse as expected and found him entangled on the driveline. The tractor engine was not running. Emergency services pronounced the farmer dead at the scene.