AGINJURY REPORT January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

This month, I'm pleased to introduce a new layout for the AgInjury Report and a revised method for collecting incidents. We have all wondered about the value of AI, and I want to report that I have used AI to conduct seven individual searches a day for six months. For my question of AgFF child or teen fatalities, injuries, amputations, drownings, or accident reports in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, or Washington, ChatGPT checks the following sources:

1. Official incident logs & enforcement bulletins

State	Channels we check every day	Why they matter	Example
Alaska	 Alaska State Troopers Daily Dispatch (all boroughs) U.S. Coast Guard Arctic District (formerly D-17) marine SAR & casualty releases 	First source for drownings, missing-persons calls, SAR, and fish-boat mishaps	dailydispatch.dps.alaska.govdailydi spatch.dps.alaska.govUS Coast Guard
Washington	 WA Dept. of Labor & Industries (L&I) fatality alerts & child-labor citations WSP and county sheriff press releases in the Olympic & timber counties 	Logging, saw-mill, and farm- equipment injuries, plus enforcement follow-ups	Washington Labor & IndustriesWashington Labor & Industries
Oregon	 Oregon OSHA accident/fatality bulletins & agriculture topic updates State Police & county sheriff feeds (e.g., Linn, Douglas, Clatsop) 	Farm & forestry workplace accidents and OSHA citations	Oregon OSHA
Idaho	 Idaho State Police daily logs Clearwater, Nez Perce, and Boundary County sheriff pages 	Rural SAR, river drownings, back-country logging/fishing accidents	KLEW

2. Local & regional newsrooms

These outlets often break incidents before they appear in agency databases, so they're in the daily query set:

- Anchorage Daily News (AK) fishing & boating injuries Anchorage Daily News
- KLEW-TV, Idaho Statesman, KTVB (ID) Clearwater & Salmon River country incidents KLEW
- The Oregonian/OregonLive, KOIN-TV (OR) Willamette Valley & coastal agriculture/forestry
- Seattle Times, Spokesman-Review, KING/KOMO (WA) Puget Sound and Cascades logging/farm news

3. National / sector-specific feeds

- Associated Press Northwest bureau wire (captured via Google-News filter) AP News
- National Fisherman, Pacific Fishing, TimberWest / Loggers World trade presses (good for vessel or logging-site fatalities)

4. Periodic federal databases (checked weekly for back-fill)

• OSHA Fatality and Catastrophe Investigation database

- NIOSH FACE reports and AgYouth Fatality Surveillance tables
- 5. Supplemental open-source signals
 - Sheriff/fire district Facebook posts & X/Twitter SAR alerts
 - USCG district and sector Twitter alerts (real-time mayday/SAR threads)
 - GoFundMe pages flagged by keywords (used only for corroboration)
 - PACER / county-court dockets when enforcement actions follow a youth injury or fatality

How the automation works

- 1. 09:00 PDT daily: A scheduled script fires off ~50 Boolean Google News and Bing News queries that combine age terms ("child," "teen," "17," "18") with sector terms ("fishing," "logging," "tractor," etc.) plus each state/county.
- 2. Results are site-restricted to the outlets above when possible (e.g., site:dailydispatch.dps.alaska.gov "juvenile").
- 3. Hits are deduplicated and cross-checked against the agency logs and OSHA/NIOSH feeds.
- 4. If the item meets all four criteria—Ag/Forestry/Fishing sector, AK/ID/OR/WA location, victim < 19 years old, new report—I push the alert you receive.

AI helps me save countless hours of reading accident reports, which has improved my overall happiness. I do reset the search weekly, but it is a small price to pay.

CHILD FATALITY - AGRICULTURE

• St. Anthony, Idaho – Community raising money for family after 9-year-old dies in tragic farming accident (February 12, 2025) – On February 8, a 9-year-old boy died after being accidentally backed over by a vehicle on his family's farm. He sustained a traumatic brain injury and was pronounced dead at the scene.

https://www.eastidahonews.com/2025/02/community-raising-money-for-family-after-9-year-old-dies-in-tragic-farming-accident/.

TEEN INJURIES - LOGGING

• Tumwater, Washington – Olympia Timber Company Fined for Employing Teen in Hazardous Logging Job – (March 4): A 17-year-old worker employed by MVR Timber Cutting Inc. fractured his foot while jumping between tree stumps. The company was fined nearly \$115,000 for child labor violations, as minors are prohibited from working in logging operations due to safety concerns. https://ohsonline.com/articles/2025/03/05/teen-injury.aspx?admgarea=magazine

MULTIPLE INJURIES – LOG-HAULING OR LOGGING EQUIPMENT

• Monroe, Washington – Log Truck Collision in Monroe, WA – Four Hurt on US-2 (June 30, 2025) – A serious collision involving a logging truck and five other vehicles left four people injured. The WSP reported an SUV traveling eastbound crossed the center line, forcing a westbound log truck to swerve into the eastbound lanes to avoid a head-on collision. The truck then lost its load, spilling logs all over the road. Four additional cars collided with the log truck, and a pickup truck hit the debris scattered across the roadway. At least one person suffered injuries serious enough to be airlifted to Harborview Medical Center, while three others were transported to area hospitals for further care. https://localcrashreports.com/log-truck-collision-in-monroe-wa-four-hurt-on-us-2-june-30-2025/?utm source=chatgpt.com

FATALITY – AGRICULTURE

- Monmouth, Oregon Willamette Valley woman killed in crash with swather (June 18, 2025) A farming swather with traveling westbound when the eastbound driver of a Toyota 4Runner hit the swather's boom. The Toyota left the roadway and came to rest in trees on the north shoulder of the roadway. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scent. The driver of the swather was uninjured. https://capitalpress.com/2025/06/18/willamette-valley-woman-killed-in-crash-with-swather/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
- Hansen, Idaho Hansen Man dies after crash with tractor (June 10, 2025) The driver of a case tractor/sprayer was eastbound and moved over to give the westbound vehicle some room. A 77-year-old male driving a Ford 150 collided with part of the tractor. His truck left the roadway and landed in a ditch. He died at the scene. The crash is still under investigation. https://www.kmvt.com/2025/06/11/hansen-man-dies-after-crash-with-tractor/
- Pasco, Washington Fertilizer manufacturer fined nearly \$400,000 following worker death from toxic gas (June 7, 2024) On June 7, 2024, a 56-year-old male worker inserted a ladder into an opening on top of the tanker truck, entering the tank with a garden hose to clean it out before the next delivery of fertilizer. L&I inspectors say the fertilizer residue inside the tank created hydrogen sulfide gas that killed him. The worker was found deceased inside the tanker. L&I cited the fertilizer manufacture for three willful serious, five repeat serious, and three serious violations for allowing a worker to enter a permit-required confined space without air monitoring, attendants, ventilation, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), or a way to communicate. They were also cited for not training workers in chemical hazards or on working in confined spaces. https://www.lni.wa.gov/news-events/article/25-07

INJURY – AGRICULTURE

• Washington State – Worker's Legs Amputated in Subfloor (reported January 2025) – A new employee at a Washington dairy farm experienced a life-altering injury when both of her legs were amputated after being caught in an unguarded subfloor auger. The incident took place while she was transferring feed into a loader bucket using a pail. Unbeknownst to her, a 12-foot-long auger, part of an automated feed mixing system, was concealed beneath the feed pile. The auger, typically operated for only two minutes daily from a separate control room, had its protective steel guards displaced, leaving it exposed. As the auger activated, it pulled both of her legs into its rotating blades. Her coworker attempted to assist but was unable to stop the machinery immediately due to the lack of an accessible emergency shut off. He eventually reached the control room to halt the system and summoned emergency services. The worker was airlifted to a trauma center, where she underwent life-saving surgery.

https://lni.wa.gov/safety-health/safety-

research/files/2025/100 22 2025 DairyAugerAmputation.pdf?utm source=chatgpt.com

FATALITY - LIVESTOCK RELATED

• Dayton, Idaho – Local man dies after being found badly injured in cow pen on his farm (April 9, 2025) - An 84-year-old Dayton man was found unconscious in a cow pen on his property on Sunday. A bull had broken into the pen earlier in the day. The farmer had attempted to separate the bull from the cows and suffered a medical emergency. EMS responded to the call and attempted life-saving measures. The man was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital. https://www.newsbreak.com/idaho-state-journal-1591702/3954922144775-local-man-dies-after-being-found-badly-injured-in-cow-pen-on-his-farm

FATALITY – AGRICULTURE TRACTOR

- Hansen, Idaho Hansen man dies after crash with tractor (June 20, 2025) The driver of a case tractor/sprayer was eastbound and moved over to give the westbound vehicle some room. A 77-year-old-male was driving a Ford 150 that collided with part of the tractor. His truck left the roadway and landed in a ditch. The Ford driver died at the scene.

 https://www.kmvt.com/2025/06/11/hansen-man-dies-after-crash-with-tractor/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
- Othello, Washington State Route 26 reopens after fatal box truck and tractor collision west of Othello (April 11, 2025) On April 11, 2025, a fatal traffic collision took place approximately 8 miles west of Othello on State Route 26. The incident involved a Chevy vehicle and a tractor, both traveling eastbound at milepost 32. According to the Washington State Patrol, the Chevy struck the rear of the tractor, with the cause cited as "following too close." The driver of the Chevy, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene. Two passengers in the Chevy sustained injuries and were transported to Kadlec Regional Medical Center. The tractor driver was unharmed. https://www.nbcrightnow.com/news/state-route-26-reopens-after-fatal-box-truck-and-tractor-collision-west-of-othello/article_f31bf5f1-ceba-44fb-8734-f31039a3c754.html
- Union County, Oregon Fatal crash on Highway 204 claims one life, injures another in Union County (April 11, 2025) On April 10, 2025, a tragic head-on collision occurred on Highway 204 in Union County, Oregon. A 44-year-old male was driving a westbound Hyundai Sonata when, for reasons still under investigation, he crossed into the eastbound lane and collided with a John Deere tractor operated by a 42-year-old male moving spray tanks between wheat fields. The impact caused the tractor to overturn. The Hyundai driver was pronounced dead at the scene, while the tractor driver sustained minor injuries and was transported to the hospital. https://katu.com/news/local/fatal-crash-on-highway-204-claims-one-life-injures-another-in-union-county

INJURY – AGRICULTURE VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT

- Whatcom County, Washington 14 Million Honeybees Escape After a Truck Rolls Over in Washington State (May 30, 2025) A semi-truck carrying approximately 14 million in 70,000 pounds of hives overturned near Lynden, Washington, close to the Canadian border. It was not clear what caused the tractor-trailer to roll over. The hives dislodged from the vehicle releasing the bees into the area. Authorities urged residents to stay at least 200 yards away from the scene due to the unusual and potentially dangerous situation. Emergency crews summoned over two dozen beekeepers to recover the hives and mitigate potential harm. Several emergency responders were stung after the truck flipped. By nightfall, most of the hives had been recovered and reassembled, and officials expected the bees to return to their hives by morning. https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/30/us/washington-bees-escape-truck-crash.html
- Government Camp, Oregon Hay spills over road after serious injury crash on Highway 26 near Government Camp (April 18, 2025) A serious crash involved a SUV and a truck carrying hay and resulted in at least one person being taken to a hospital via a medical helicopter, according to authorities. The hay truck crashed into a SUV causing one person to be taken to the hospital by LifeFlight. https://www.koin.com/news/oregon/crash-closes-highway-26-government-camp-mt-hood-04182025/
- Jerome, Idaho Four injured after crash spills hay bales onto road (April 5, 2025) On Saturday a semi-truck towing two trailers of hay bales exited westbound Interstate 84 via Exit 165. The truck driver failed to stop at the intersection with Idaho Route 25 and crashed into an eastbound Ford Expedition carrying seven people. The crash sent four of the Expedition's

occupants to the hospital while the truck driver came out uninjured, according to troopers. https://www.kmvt.com/2025/04/05/four-injured-after-crash-spills-hay-bales-onto-road/

FATALITY - FISHING

- Off the coast of Westport, Washington Coast Guard suspends search for man near Westport, Wash (May 8, 2025) The F/V Captain Raleigh, a 68-foot commercial fishing vessel, sank off the coast of Westport, Washington. The ship began taking on water near the entrance to Grays Harbor. The vessel issued a distress call at approximately 8:15 a.m. The Coast Guard rescued three crew members from the water. The 44-year-old, seasoned Newport, Oregon, captain, who was onboard, remains missing following the incident. While the Coast Guard rescued three crew members, Stevenson remained on board as the boat sank. Despite extensive search efforts, he was not found and is presumed dead.

 https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/4180806/coast-guard-suspends-search-forman-near-westport-wash/https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2025-112/pdfs/2025-112.pdf
- Iliuliuk Habor, Unalaska Bay, Alaska Body of missing fisherman recovered along Captains Bay shoreline (April 4-5, 2025) Saturday morning, the Unalaska Fire and Police Departments, along with members of the U.S. Coast Guard and Alaska State Troopers, recovered the body of the missing 28-year-old fisherman/crewman from the *F/V Lady Alaska* following a severe winter storm. The veteran fisherman had last been seen walking in the dock area at the unloading and processing facility. That night, Thursday, April 4, nearly 13 inches of snow fell, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, while sustained winds were between 30 and 40 mph with gusts up to 50 mph. https://www.kucb.org/regional/2025-04-05/body-of-missing-fisherman-recovered-along-captains-bay-shoreline

INJURY – FISHING AND RESCUES

- Chatham Strait near Point Gardner Petersburg fishing boat catches fire in Chatham Strait; all crew reported safe (March 6, 2025) A 58-foot steel seiner, the F/V Spicy Lady, caught on fire Thursday, in Chatham Strait near Point Gardner. All crew evacuated safely. Lt. Matt Naylor said the crew reported an "out of control fire" in the pilot house. The five people on board evacuated onto a life raft and were rescued by a nearby F/V Angelette. On Thursday afternoon, the Coast Guard reported no injuries from the fire. However, in an update on Friday morning, an updated report stated the Coast Guard provided EMT assistance to two Spicy Lady crew members. One person suffered smoke inhalation but appeared to be better after receiving fresh air, and a second person was flown to Wrangell by WVFD for medical treatment, due to hand burns. On Friday, the hospitalized individual was "mobile" and is in "stable condition." https://www.kfsk.org/2025/03/06/petersburg-fishing-boat-catches-fire-in-chatham-strait-all-passengers-reported-safe/
- 23 miles southeast of Kodiak, Alaska Coast Guard, others rescue 2 fishermen near Kodiak, Alaska (January 15, 2025) The Coast Guard rescued two fishermen after their FV Tanusha capsized near Kodiak Wednesday afternoon. Crewmembers aboard the FV Victory received the request for assistance and navigated toward Tanusha's last known location. The crew of the Victory located the capsized Tanusha and two fishermen in a life raft. A Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter aircrew hoisted the two fishermen and transported them to awaiting emergency medical personnel in Kodiak, where they were in stable condition. One crew member showed signs of hypothermia and a head injury. https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/4031830/coast-guard-others-rescue-2-fishermen-near-kodiak-alaska/

FATALITIES – LOGGING

- Clallam Bay, Washington Forks man dies after tree falls at logging site. (May 7, 2025) A 33-year-old Forks feller/choker setter was fatally injured when struck by a falling tree at a remote logging site approximately 8.5 miles off Highway 112. Emergency responders navigated steep terrain to reach the man, who had fallen down an embankment. He was transported via LifeFlight helicopter but went into cardiac arrest during the flight. Despite CPR and life-saving efforts, he died. The Clallam County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident. https://www.peninsuladailynews.com/news/forks-man-dies-after-tree-falls-at-logging-site/
- Sweet Home, Oregon Linn County Sheriff's Office Investigates Logging Fatality (February 20, 2025) A logger tragically died from injuries sustained during logging operations in a remote forested area off Canyon Creek Road, east of Sweet Home. Emergency responders from the Sweet Home Fire Department and the Linn County Sheriff's Office responded to the 911 call. Despite the efforts of the logging crew to carry the victim to an accessible area, he succumbed to his injuries before he could be transported to the hospital. Authorities found no evidence of foul play or equipment malfunction. https://www.linnsheriff.org/2025/02/linn-county-sheriffs-office-invetigates-logging-fatality/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
- Azalea, Oregon Winston Man Dies in Logging Accident Thursday (January 17, 2025) The Douglas County Sheriff's Office reported a serious injury accident at a logging site. While working, a logger was struck by a log. Emergency responders attempted resuscitation, but he was pronounced dead at the scene. https://kqennewsradio.com/2025/01/17/winston-man-dies-in-logging-accident-thurday/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

FATALITIES – LOG-HAULING OR LOGGING EQUIPMENT

• Pend Oreille County, Washington – One dead in log truck wreck (February 21, 2025) – The driver of the logging truck was heading northbound near milepost 328 when he swerved into the southbound lane to avoid a turning vehicle. Unfortunately, the logging truck struck the Tesla on the driver's side. According to the Washington State Patrol, the driver of the Tesla died at the scene. https://www.pendoreillerivervalley.com/article/2457%2Cone-dead-in-log-truck-wreck

INJURIES – LOG-HAULING OR LOGGING EQUIPMENT

- Eugene, Oregon One injured in log truck crash that closed Territorial highway southwest of Eugene (June 30, 2025) A log truck rolled over and dumped its load onto the highway. One person was transported to a hospital with injuries.
 https://www.registerguard.com/story/news/traffic/2025/06/30/territorial-highway-closed-southwest-of-eugene-due-to-log-truck-crash/84423985007/
- Darrington, Washington Driver rushed to hospital after log truck flipped in Darrington (June 17, 2025) The Darrington Fire Department used the Jaws-of-life to cut the driver of a log truck from the cab of the truck after it flipped on Highway 530. The driver was transfer to a local trauma center. As the log truck rolled, it spilled its load of logs knocking out electrical power to much of the town of Darrington. https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/driver-rushed-hospital-after-log-truck-flipped-darrington/BPHGWHBWUVALLJVWA7QBID7SS4/
- Camas Valley, Oregon Driver Transported to Hospital After Log Truck Overturns (June 12, 2025) A single vehicle rollover crash took place on Highway 42, west of Camas Valley. The operator of the loaded log truck failed to negotiate a curve causing the eastbound

- vehicle to crash in the westbound land. The drive was taken to the hospital for treatment. https://kqennewsradio.com/2025/06/12/driver-transported-to-hospital-after-log-truck-overturns/
- Lane County, Oregon School bus and log truck collide, no serious injuries reported. (April 28, 2025) A school bus and a log truck collided when the trailer of the logging truck clipped the windshield of the school bus. Two children onboard the school bus were unhurt. The bus driver sustained minor scrapes, but no other injuries were reported.

 https://nbc16.com/news/local/school-bus-and-log-truck-collide-no-serious-injuries-reported-04-28-2025
- Clallam Bay, Washington Log Truck Crash Near Forks Sends One to Hospital (April 17, 2025) The incident occurred when a 2004 Kenworth T800 log truck, traveling northbound, failed to negotiate a curve and veered off the highway. The vehicle left the roadway to the right, entered a ditch, and the truck's load separated, striking the cab in the process. The log truck ultimately came to rest in the ditch. The driver was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash and sustained injuries. He was transported to the hospital for treatment. No other vehicles or individuals were involved in the incident. WSP determined that the cause of the crash was fatigued driving. https://www.forksforum.com/news/log-truck-crash-near-forks-sends-one-to-hospital
- Forks, Washington Log Truck Crash Near Forks Sends One to Hospital (April 8, 2025) A 69-year-old log truck driver was injured early Tuesday morning in a crash along U.S. Highway 101, near milepost 187 in Clallam County. The incident occurred when a 2004 Kenworth T800 log truck, traveling northbound, failed to negotiate a curve and veered off the highway. The vehicle left the roadway to the right, entered a ditch, and the truck's load separated, striking the cab in the process. The truck ultimately came to rest in the ditch. The driver was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash but sustained injuries. He was transported to the hospital for treatment. WSP determined the cause of the crash to be fatigued driving. https://www.forksforum.com/news/log-truck-crash-near-forks-sends-one-to-hospital
- Lane County, Oregon Pickup truck driver severely injured in crash with log truck on Prairie Road in Eugene. (March 18, 2025) Lane County Sheriff's deputies and fire personnel responded to an incident involving a pickup truck failure to stop at a stop sign. He was subsequently struck by a northbound Kenworth log truck. The driver of the pickup was transported to the hospital with severe injuries, while the log truck driver remained uninjured. https://nbc16.com/news/local/pickup-truck-driver-severely-injured-in-crash-with-log-truck-on-prairie-road-in-eugene
- Palmer, Alaska AK25020718 Vehicle Collision (March 6, 2025) AST received a report of a vehicle collision at the intersection of Snowgoose Road and Palmer Fishhook Road. A pickup truck had collided head-on with a Kenworth log truck. The log trailer was blocking both lanes of Palmer Fishhook Road, prompting AST to close the road until the trailer could be removed. No impairment is suspected in relation to the drivers, and EMS transported one of the drivers to the hospital.
 - https://dailydispatch.dps.alaska.gov/Home/Display?dateReceived=3%2F6%2F2025+12%3A00%3A00+AM

Interesting:

- WA safety agency seeks felony charges after teen worker loses legs
- https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2025-112/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
- Oregon farm labor standards board proposal scrapped for now
- Washington state farm labor firm fined whopping \$1.25M for violations involving 5,000 workers
- Washington state dairy farms reach top safety status in bird flu testing
- Oregon Leads in Strengthening Farm Biosecurity to Protect Livestock and Food Supply