

## Life Changing Agriculture Injury Stories from Farmers

### Gloria's Fall in Manure Pit

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**Gloria:**

I have always felt that there is a difference between people that grow up on farms and people that grow up in the city. We each have our awareness of what's going on at a different level around us, different types of things. I love my husband dearly, but he's not always aware of every little thing that's going on in the peripherals when he's out in the barn and stuff. Anyway, I went to the 4H demonstrations and I came back and I met at the door at the house with my neighbor who's a nurse and she's like "Oh, he's ok, he's ok Gloria, he's ok". What happened? Well, Jason is in the bathtub, he's covered with cow manure; she's been washing him and trying to get him cleaned up. Dave had been scraping the slab and you go around in a circle and scoop the manure into the square hole where the manure would go, and then you pass by with the tractor. Jason was on the slab with him with his little red tractor, mimicking dad as all kids do. So he was making a round with his little tractor, pedaling and trotting along, and pushing his little tractor along. This happened a couple times and Dave noticed that he saw him just out of the side of his eye, which just this one time at least thank goodness he saw this. Jason and his little red tractor got to the part where the manure had been and it was slick and he put his feet down to stop just like dad did, and he didn't stop. He scooted right off into the manure and splashed right down into the manure tank. Dave jumped off the tractor and ran over there and luckily it was high enough that he could just grab his coat by the collar. He was floating on his little tractor, hanging on for dear life and dad was able to scoop down and grab him and pull him out. It was quite traumatic for all of us. It's an accident that could have been a fatality very easily. The moral of the story is always have a grate over where you're scraping that has holes small enough where you can't get animals or people into them.

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