

## Life Changing Agriculture Injury Stories from Farmers

### Scott's Flywheel Burn

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**Scott:** The farm comes of course with inherent hazards. One of your earliest experiences, I'm not sure you remember this but it's very vivid in my memory because it scared me right off. We were new to the farm, I'm guessing you were probably 3, 4 years of age. We were putting up hay, and I was baling that day. I remember I had gotten off the tractor, and I walked back toward the baler and you were running and your mom was behind you and I had kind of laid my hand on the fly wheel and just let my hand slide over the fly wheel. You came running up. I noticed you looking at the flywheel and you immediately reached out with your hand and it kind of sucked your hand down between the flywheel and the shield, and then it just burnt the top of your finger off from the friction. I was very worried and we ended up taking you to the hospital to make sure everything was ok and I was worried that you wouldn't have skin there. It just really opened my eyes at that point in time because it was really the first time I'd seen anybody get hurt on machinery. Since then we've had other accidents, but I just learned that you've got to be very cautious on a farm with kids and machinery. Because, you know, we have a lot of kids that visit our farm. It's a nice place to hang around, but there are definitely a lot of hazards there.



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