A Deadly Occupation: Farming

Farming is one of the most dangerous occupations in America. Every year, tens of thousands of farmers are injured or killed in work-related accidents across America. In 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated there were over 58,000 adult farm injuries. Read Article Here.

Mechanical advancements in farming equipment have made the farming industry more efficient, but also more dangerous. For instance, dozens of deaths each year are linked to the simple use of a tractor, and more than 80 percent of such deaths are preventable with a simple rollover protective device. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, fewer than 60% of tractors in use in the United States have rollover protection. Other safety features are being tested and implemented in modern farming equipment, but the fact remains that farmers are at an increased risk of injury or death. Equipment manufacturers have a duty to design and manufacture reasonably safe products, and should conduct effective cost-benefit analyses throughout the process. Farmers have a right to rely that the products and equipment they use are reasonably safe for their intended use.

The attorneys at Lanier & Burroughs have the knowledge and experience to investigate farming accidents or other injuries caused by the use of a product. For more information or to speak to one of our attorneys, please contact us today.