

## Australian Farm Deaths & Injuries Media Monitors Snapshot January 1 - June 30, 2014

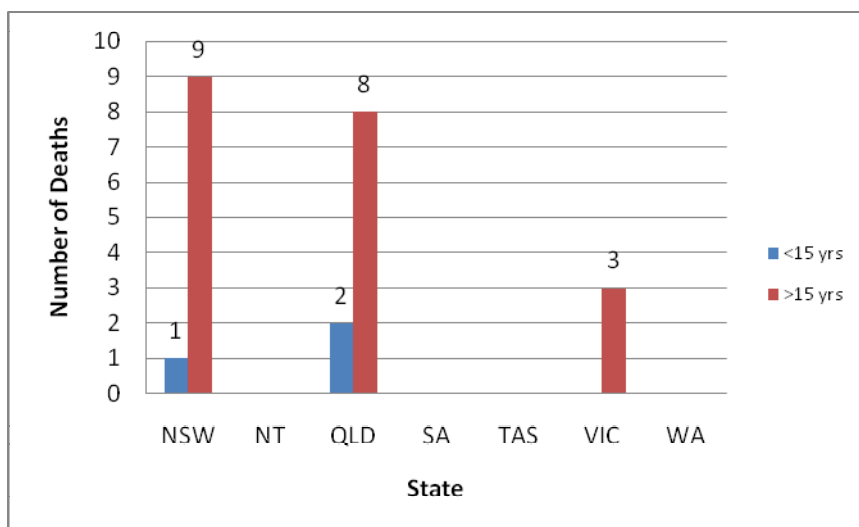
### Background

Australian print media provides an avenue to highlight the prevalence of farm related deaths and injuries. The process of media monitoring has been used by the National Farm Injury Data Centre (NFIDC) since 2005 to assist in the collection of information on farm injury events (fatal and non-fatal). This report focuses predominantly on data involving on-farm injury events reported in the Australian print media for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. It also captures non-farm quad related fatality and injury over the same period.

### Deaths

There were approximately 829 print media articles received by the NFIDC from iSENTIA during the period. A total of 23 on-farm deaths were reported:

- The overall number of fatal cases (n=23) was lower than that for the corresponding period in 2013 (n=28).
- Three (13%) of the 23 deaths involved a child aged 15 years and under.
- Quads (n=6) were reported most frequently, with tractors (n=4) and farm utes (n=3) also featuring.
- Media monitoring also captures non-farm quad bike related fatality. There was one additional fatal injury event that occurred off-farm for this period (i.e. there were a total of seven quad related deaths nationally including farm and non-farm cases).



**Figure 1:** On-farm deaths reported in Australian print media by age and state, Jan-June 2014.

**Table 1:** Agents of injury causing death as reported in Australian print media by age, Jan-June 2013 and Jan-June 2014.

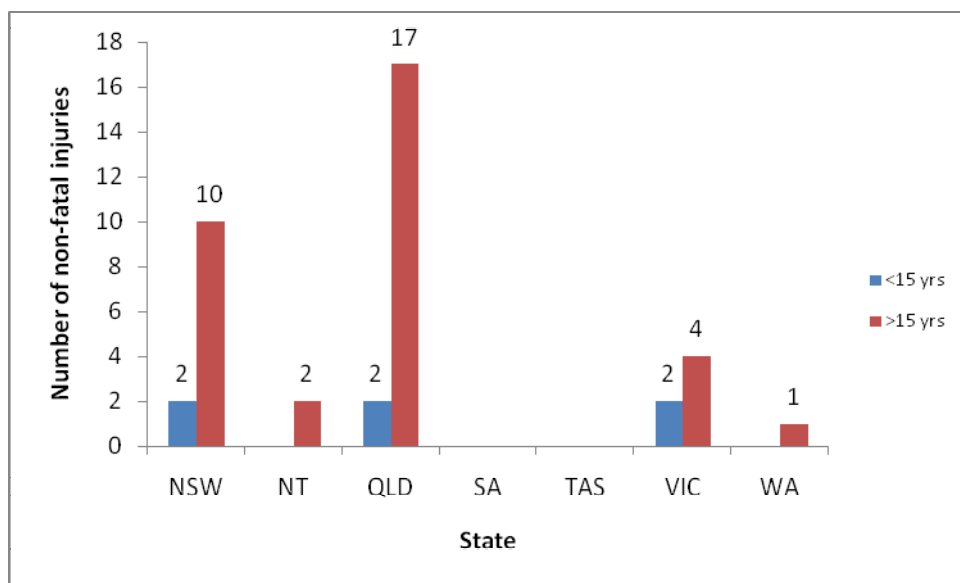
Category	Agent	2013			2014		
		<15yrs	≥15yrs	Total	<15yrs	≥15yrs	Total
Animal	Cattle		1	1			
	Horse		1	1			
Electricity	Powerlines		1	1		1	1
Farm Structure	Dam	1		1	1		1
	Roof					2	2
	Windmill		1	1			
Farm Vehicle	Aircraft					1	1
	Farm Vehicle NEC*		1	1			
	Helicopter					1	1
	Motorcycle	1		1			
	Quad		6	6	2	4	6
	Side By Side Vehicle						
	Trailer		1	1			
	Truck		1	1			
	Utility	1		1		3	3
Materials	Materials Other NEC*		1	1			
Mobile Farm Machinery/Plant	Tractor		5	5		4	4
	Earth Moving Equipment	1	3	4		1	1
	Mobile Farm Machinery/Plant NEC*		1	1		2	2
Other	Firearm		1	1			
Working Environment	Trees being felled					1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>

\*NEC: Not elsewhere classified

### **Non-fatal Injury**

There were an additional 40 non-fatal on-farm injury events reported in the Australian print media for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014.

- Five (13%) of the 40 injury events involved children aged 15 years and under.
- Quad related injury (n=18) accounted for 46% of all incidents. This was followed by mobile plant/machinery related incidents (n=4).
- For quads, there were seventeen additional injuries that occurred off-farm (i.e. there were a total of 35 quad related non-fatal injuries nationally including farm and non-farm cases).



**Figure 2:** On-farm non-fatal injury events reported in Australian print media, Jan-June 2014.

**Table 2:** Agents of on-farm non-fatal injury as reported in Australian print media, Jan-June 2014.

Category	Agent	2014		
		<15yrs	≥15yrs	Total
Animal	Cattle		1	1
Electricity	Powerlines			
Farm Chemicals	Fuel		2	2
	Pesticides		1	1
Farm Vehicle	Farm Vehicle NEC*	1		1
	Helicopter		1	1
	Motorcycle	1	1	2
	Quad		18	18
	Side By Side Vehicle		1	1
	Truck		1	1
	Utility	1	1	2
Mobile Farm Machinery/Plant	Mobile Farm Machinery/Plant NEC*	1	3	4
	Tractor		2	2
Other	Firearm		1	1
	Lightning		1	1
	Snake		1	1
Environment	Tree ( Fall from)	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>

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