Six Facts on Agriculture

Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multistate, megamillions jackpot).

The death rate for farmers and ranchers in the US for 2006 was 37.1 per 100,000 workers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

- 1. The number of farms operating in the US in 2006 was 2.1 million.
- 2. Agricultural production is the 4th most dangerous type of work in Canada, behind mining, forestry and construction, according to Statistics Canada.
- 3. Drowning was the cause of 16 percent of US farm deaths involving young workers between 1995 and 2002 (NIOSH).
- 4. Incidents involving farm machinery caused 23 percent of young farm worker fatalities throughout the United States between 1995 and 2002 (NIOSH).
- 5. Fractures were the most common injury involving youths on American farms in 2006, accounting for 27 percent of farm-related injuries.
- 6. About 100 Canadians die from farm-related injuries each year, according to the Canada Safety Council.