

# Liability Loss Leaders

## Pick Your Own Fruit Farms And Agri-Tainment

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# Pick Your Own Fruit Farms

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## Loss Leaders

- Fall from Heights (Ladders, Trees, Boxes)
- Slip/Trip/Fall (on same level)
- Wagon Rides (or other transport)
- Animal/Insect Bites



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# Fall From Heights

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## Ladders

- Loaned, Rented, or Bring Your Own
- Ladders
  - Identified, Inspected, Documented
  - Instruction Provided
  - Users Evaluated
  - Rules Posted
  - Orchard Supervision

# Fall From Heights

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Ladders continued

- Ladder Alternatives
  - Fruit Pickers (Basket Type)
  - Dwarf Trees



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# Slip / Trip / Falls

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## Ground Conditions

- Orchard Inspected
- S/T/F Hazards Identified and Corrected
  - Orchards Mowed
  - Woodchuck Holes
  - Irrigation Pipes
  - Picking Areas clearly Delineated
  - Parking Areas and Access to Orchards



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# Agri-Tainment

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## Loss Leaders

- Corn Mazes
- Slip / Trip / Falls
- Animal Bites (and Struck by)
- Wagon Rides
- Damage to Vehicles
- Food-borne Illness



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# Corn Mazes

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- Just a Corn Maze or are there tunnels and “playground” equipment (slides etc.)
- Jumping Pillows / Bounce Houses
- Condition of Equipment
- Rules Posted
- Staffing / Supervision
- Location of Corn Maze
- Perimeter Defined (Adjacent Hazards)



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# Slip / Trip / Falls

## Condition of Premises

- Walking surfaces (Transition areas)
- Surface Condition (Sloped, wet, etc.)
- Stairs (Interior and Exterior)
- Goods Sold & Handled (Carry-out Exposures)
- Parking Areas
- Public Access vs. Private Areas

Exposure Control: Inspect, Identify, and Abate



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# Animal Hazards

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- Know Your Animals and their Disposition
- Petting Zoo Animal vs. Viewing Only
- Animal Health, Vet Checked, State/County/Local Requirements
- Petting Zoo/Feeding Rules Posted
- Staffing / Supervision of Petting Zoo
- Animal Enclosures and Fence Integrity/Safety
- Hand Washing Stations



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# Wagon Rides

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## Six Critical Components

1. Tractor
2. Operator
3. Wagon
4. Wagon Attendant
5. Hitch
6. Travel Route



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# Wagon Rides

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## 1. Tractor

- Suitable for the task, Pulling and Braking
- Good Condition and Maintenance
- Maintenance Records

## 2. Operator

- Experienced
- Familiar with Tractor
- Pre-trip Inspection (Documented Daily)



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# Wagon Rides

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## 3. Wagon

- Good Condition and Maintenance
- Purpose Built (Permanent Seats & Railings, Safe Access)
- Rules Posted

## 4. Wagon Attendant

- Attentive to passengers and Enforces Rules
- Notifies Operator as needed



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# Wagon Rides

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## 5. Tractor / Wagon Hitch

- Connected to Tractor's Drawbar/Wagon Hitch
- Both in Good Condition
- Hitch Pin Secured against Displacement

## 6. Travel Route

- Designated Route on Solid Ground
- Avoid Uneven Terrain / Hills
- Speed Limit



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# Damage to Vehicles

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## Parking Areas

- Vehicle Access/Egress (Pedestrian Walkways)
- Parking Surface (Paved, Gravel, Hay Field)
- Impact on Local Traffic / Public Roads
- Adequate Staging Area
- Lighting
- Parking Attendant (Means of Communication)
- Safety Equipment



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# Food-borne Illness

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## Food Products Sold/Served

- Food Preparation (Sanitation, Refrigeration, Cooking Exposures)
- Employees Trained
- Health Dept. Requirements

## Outside Caterers / Vendors

- Certificates of Insurance
- Contract



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# Accident Response

- Notify Emergency / Medical Services
- Secure the Scene
  - Control the Hazard
  - Retain Potential Evidence
  - Photograph the Scene and Components  
(Not Injured Party(s), Injuries, etc.)
  - Witnesses (Names, Identification, Telephone #)
  - Statements
  - Start Documenting



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