

Cornfield Fire Death In Trempealeau County

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The very dry Wisconsin weather over the last month may be partly to blame for a farming fire that killed an Osseo man.

Spencer Pederson died Saturday at a St. Paul hospital after being burned severely in a cornfield in the town of Hale. Pederson was 83. He had been driving a tractor through a field, and the Osseo fire chief thinks heat from the tractor might have ignited dry plants in the field. A second man was taken to the Osseo hospital for treatment.