

Series Of Tractor Safety Demos Held This Week At Ag Progress

Without ROPS, Tractor Overturns Kill

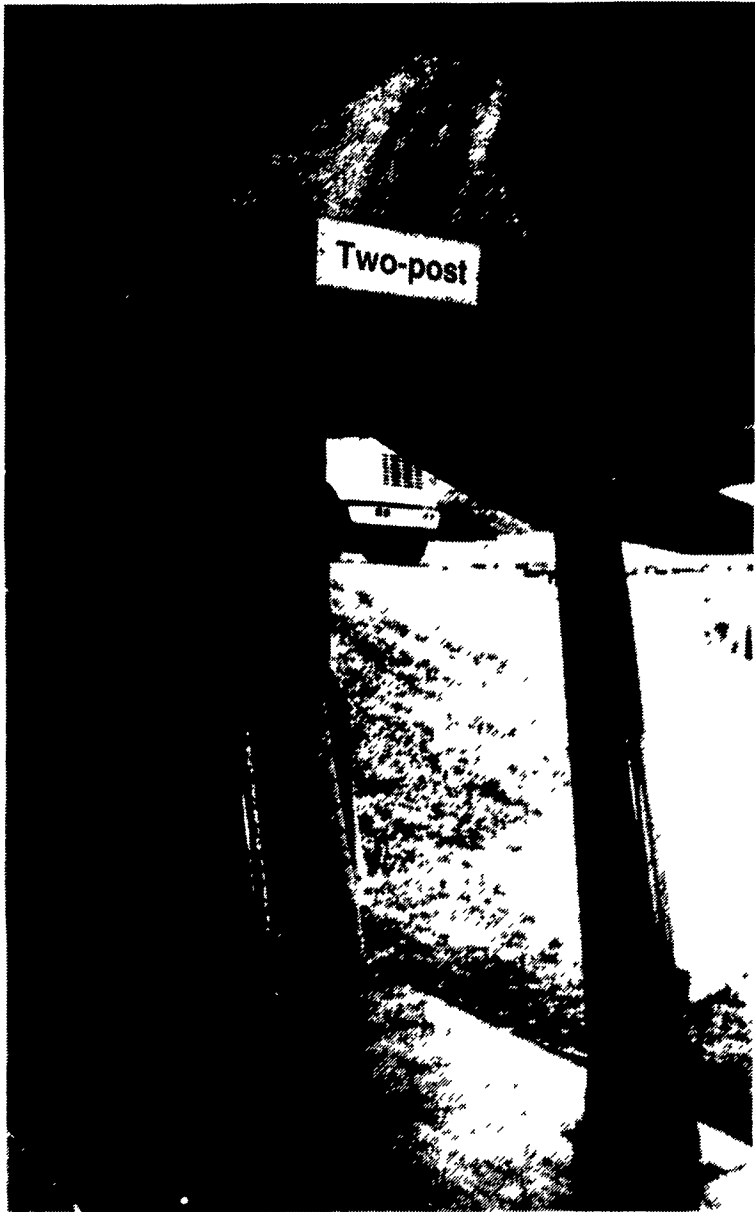
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A special ROPS Learning Center, which detailed the type of ROPS different tractors need, also provided the costs of different types of ROPS, including an enclosed cab, a fold-down ROPS, and a fixed two-bar ROPS.

What the study is finding,

according to Murphy, is that ROPS — in conjunction with a seatbelt — works to save lives and prevent injury.

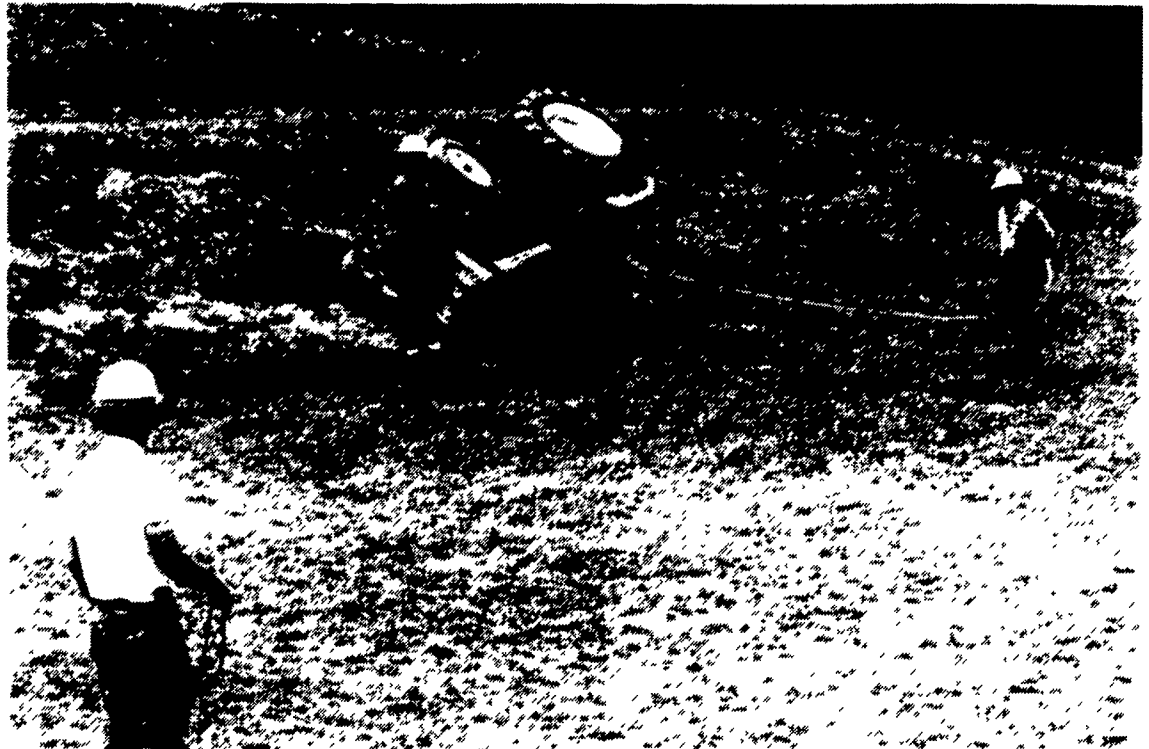
"There have been no fatalities, that we know of, with ROPS and a seatbelt," he said. "In fact, in the event of an overturn, (underneath tractor with ROPS and safety belt on) is the safest place to be."



This two-bar ROPS can be used on different types of tractors.



Dr. Tim Pierson, right, with Tuff Kelly.



Tractor rollovers were a big hit at Ag Progress. Thousands viewed a rollover protection structure at work. In picture, left foreground to back right, Dennis Murphy, ag engineer; Kevin Vandervort, research assistant; and Tim Pierson, research associate.

Value of ROPS
(Rollover Protective Structures)

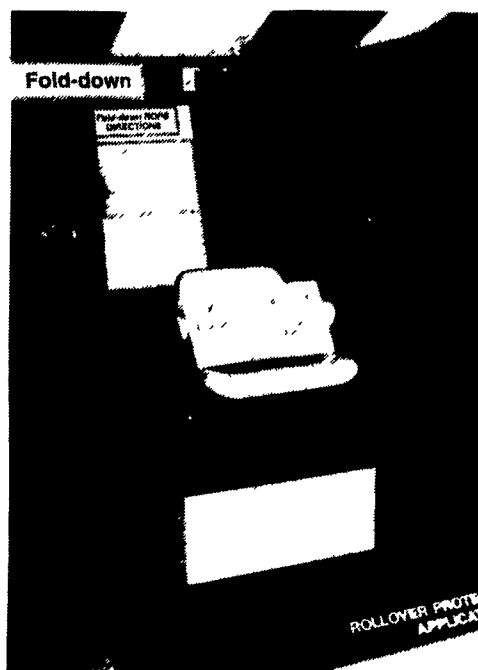
Without ROPS

- Tractor rollover is the single most common FATAL farm accident
- About 300-400 people die from tractor rollovers each year
- 106 persons died in tractor-related accidents between 1985 and 1989 in Pennsylvania. (80% were rollover accidents)
- 40% of tractor overturns without rollover protection result in death.

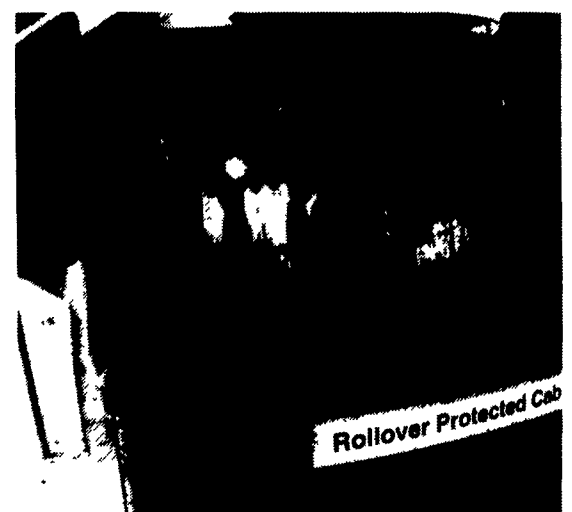
HOWEVER With ROPS

- NO operators have died from tractor overturns while properly seated in the seat of a tractor with ROPS.
- All new tractors sold in the U.S. are sold with "ROPS".

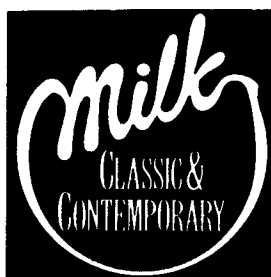
A visitor inspects the Rollover Protection Learning Center at Ag Progress Days.



A fold-down ROPS can be fitted to many types of tractors.



This is the enclosed cab ROPS.



FFA Happenings

Troy Fair

The following is a list of FFA results from the recent Troy Fair.

FFA Chapter Exhibits- 1. Troy FFA; 2. Athens FFA- Motor Oil Disposal and Groundwater Contamination Livestock Evaluation;

3. Northeast Bradford FFA (Lumber Identification).

FFA Hay Show (First Available)- 1. Samantha Hillyard (Athens FFA); 2. Cara Walters (Athens FFA); 3. Robin Thomas (Troy FFA).