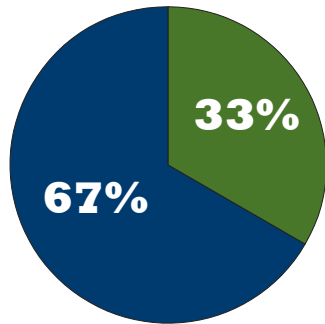


Illegal Tampering & Agricultural Safety

Illegal tampering is the likely result of so called right to repair legislation. The bottom line is that even today, illegal tampering is undermining advances in safety and emissions for equipment users across sectors. The North American Equipment Dealers Association surveyed its members and the statistics surrounding illegal tampering and safety is staggering. **This is concerning because the agriculture fatality rate is seven (7) times higher than other industries¹.** With this in mind, **safety must be our industry's top priority.**

Of the responding dealers, **33%** had modified equipment come into their dealership for service. Modified equipment is defined as equipment which has been altered from manufacturer settings. This would include safety mechanisms and emissions standards.



Dealers Who Reported They Observed Modified Equipment in the Dealership for Service

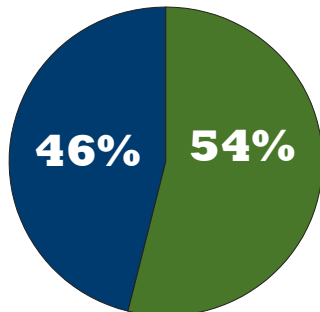
- Modified equipment serviced
- Non-modified equipment serviced

An estimated **62,079** people were treated in an emergency department for agricultural related injuries, the primary source of these injuries are "vehicles" with tractors being the dominant vehicle type injury (see footnote 1).

34: The number of people per day that visit an emergency department for an agricultural related injury (see footnote 1).

FRACTURE, OPEN WOUND, AMPUTATION are the most common agricultural related injuries injury (see footnote 1).

Of the responding dealers who did have modified equipment come into their dealership for service, **54%** reported that the modifications included those which removed, impaired, or disabled OEM safety features.



Modifications removed, impaired or disabled OEM safety features

- Safety features removed, impaired or disabled modification
- unrelated to OEM safety features

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¹ (Serap Gorucu, 2021) - DOI: [10.1080/1059924X.2021.1913271](https://doi.org/10.1080/1059924X.2021.1913271)