National ROPS Rebate Program
Saving lives. Saving Money.

The National Tractor Safety Coalition respectfully requests that you include $100,000 for ROPS Rebates in our state’s budget.

The Facts
Tractor overturns are the leading cause of deaths on farms.

Roughly 1/2 of US tractors do not have rollbars. Roughly 1/2 of US tractors do not have rollbars. Roughly 1/2 of US tractors do not have rollbars. Roughly 1/2 of US tractors do not have rollbars. Roughly 1/2 of US tractors do not have rollbars. Approximately 96 deaths per year. The occupational fatality rate for farmers is 700% higher than other industries.

PREVIOUS SUCCESS
Existing programs in select US States have allowed for farmers to retrofit over 1,900 tractors.

$ Mean cost of a tractor overturn is approximately: $1,000,000
Average out of pocket expense for rollbar kit: $391

* Rebate amount to retrofit a tractor with a rollbar
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Success Stories > Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS)

“I was out combining oats and had a full wagon of them. I was driving down the road in high gear when the pin fell through and the wagon came loose. It picked up speed and in an instant the wagon went onto the rear of the tractor. If the roll bar hadn’t been there, I would have been crushed.”

-ROPS Program Participant

THE PROBLEM
Tractor incidents remain the leading cause of death and injury among farm workers. Approximately 96 workers die in a tractor overturn incidents each year.²

THE SOLUTION
Previous programs have retrofitted unprotected tractors with over 1,900 ROPS. ROPS are the only proven method for preventing deaths and injuries in tractor rollover events. In more than 100 recorded incidents, farmers who had installed ROPS suffered no injuries.

Cost Analysis > Investment Return

Cost of overturn fatalities annually for the United States
→ $114,589,000

Approximate cost of one overturn
→ $916,712

Average cost of a ROPS
→ $1,200

Average out of pocket cost for a program participant
→ $391

$1 → $3.75+
INVESTMENT RETURN
A NIOSH tractor safety project in New York generated more than $3.75 for every dollar invested.³

$100,000 → 123 Rollbars
TRACTOR REBATES
Funding the ROPS Rebate Program can protect workers and lift the hardships and financial burdens for families, communities and U.S. taxpayers.