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Go to [www.tellingthestoryproject.org](http://www.tellingthestoryproject.org)

This website is all about farmers telling their stories. Most stories are tragic in some way and there is always a message at the end. This assignment is meant to have you think about a farm near you. Maybe you live or work on a farm. Maybe you have a friend or a relative that does. Many of these stories show how dangerous agriculture can be for people of all ages.

Go to stories and click on Susan's Page.

Check out the pictures first; don't read yet:

1. What do you think the danger is?

Now go back and read the story.

2. What caused Susan's injury?

3. What animal hurt Susan?

4. What were some key mistakes Susan made that day?

5. What does Susan always do different now?

6. How did Susan handle her injuries? Did this help or hurt her in the long run?

7. Susan said, "She recalls the cascading thoughts of a split second: "I'm home by myself, I am *not* chasing this steer, I *don't* have time for this!". She was thinking about future problems more than the immediate danger, and put herself in harm's way. Have you, or anyone you know, been involved in a dangerous situation on the farm because you were ignoring immediate dangers?

Watch the video clip of Susan:

8. What did doctors do for Susan?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What did Susan come to learn about how she could have handled the situation after the fact?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Be ready to discuss in class: Is it ever OK to put yourself in the way of livestock? Especially livestock that is charging?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. On the bottom half of this page you have two options:
  - a. Write a farm story about an accident you know of involving livestock that could have been avoided
  - b. Do you notice how you act around livestock on the farm? Do you often think about the danger of being around livestock and how you might be at risk if not prepared?