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**Tractor Fatality**

**What:** Fatality

**Where:** 247 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE approximate north of 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, 3.5 miles SW of Portland, ND

**When:** 07/12/2019 @ 17:13 PM

**Road Conditions:** Good

**Weather Conditions:** Clear, Sunny

**Crash Involvement:** 1 vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rollover

**Agencies Involved:** Portland Fire and Rescue, West Traill Ambulance, Traill County Sheriff’s Office, NDHP

**Vehicle No. 1:** John Deere 3020 Tractor

**Driver No. 1:** Not released, will update later at 17:13 PM on 07/13/2019

**Restraints:** None

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** A John Deere 3020 was traveling northbound in the east ditch pulling a sickle mower cutting grass for hay. The driver turned left to travel up the in-slope (toward the roadway) to go around a culvert opening in the bottom of the ditch. The front right tire of the tractor encountered a sink hole and the front right tire dropped into the hole. The tractor rolled onto its top as a result, crushing the driver. The tractor was not equipped with a roll bar or cab. The driver died at the scene because of his injuries.

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