

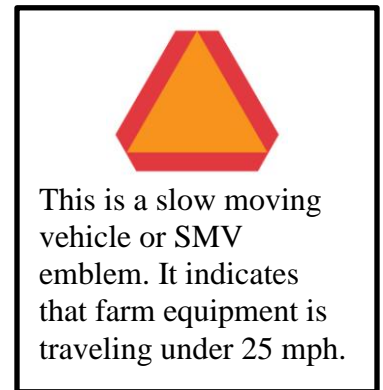
Keep the Roads Safe for Everyone...

Coexist with Farm Equipment on the Road



Farm machinery has a legal right to use public roads just as you do in your motor vehicle. Farmers must drive their machinery on public roads to get from field to field, which can occur at any time of the day or night throughout the year with peak times in the spring and fall. Farm machinery can unexpectedly turn onto a public road from a field or field driveway. As a motorist please use caution, have patience, and share the road with farm equipment.

- ◆ Slow moving farm machinery traveling at less than 25 mph should display a slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign on the back of the equipment.
- ◆ Most farm machinery travels slow on roads (under 25 mph). Automobiles that travel 55 mph, can quickly catch up to farm equipment. Automobile drivers must quickly identify farm equipment and slow down immediately to avoid rear ending the machinery. Farm machinery operators may not be able to see you due to large equipment blocking their rearward view. If you can't see the driver, they can't see you.
- ◆ Machinery that is half on the road and half on the shoulder may suddenly move completely onto the road.
- ◆ Extra-wide farm machinery may take up more than one lane to avoid hitting obstacles such as mailboxes.
- ◆ Farm machinery is not required to have brake lights or turn signals.
- ◆ Farm machinery crossing the road are traveling slow and may be pulling equipment that will take longer to clear the road.



Passing Farm Machinery:



- ◆ Check that the machinery is not turning left; the operator may slow down or pull towards the right side of the road to make a wide left turn.
- ◆ Determine if the road is wide enough for the machinery and you to safely share.
- ◆ Look for any road side obstacles such as mailboxes or bridges that may cause the machinery to move to the center of the road.
- ◆ Be sure there is adequate distance for you to safely pass.

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