

Reflect on your choices on Rural Roads

Be Alert

- ✓ Avoid all distractions.
- ✓ Be aware of surroundings.
- ✓ Obey the rules of the roads, all signs and signals.
- ✓ During the day, wear bright clothing.

Be Seen

- ✓ At dusk and after dark, increase your visibility by wearing reflective gear such as: reflective belts, arm/ leg bands. Clip on LED flashers, iron on reflective strips, reflective gloves, scarves or hats.

Agricultural Vehicles

- ✓ Travel after dark only if absolutely necessary. For extra visibility consider enhanced lighting.
- ✓ Keep the SMV reflector emblem clean, and replace it when it starts to fade
- ✓ Make sure your load doesn't obscure the lights, mirrors and warning signs on your tractor.
- ✓ Your visibility is vital at all times, especially when it is dark or the visibility is poor. Always keep all vehicle lights on and working— turn signals, headlights and taillights, warning lights, flashing amber lights and eye-level signals.
- ✓ Try not to group pieces of equipment together when traveling on high-traffic roadways.
- ✓ Provide a follow car with hazard lights flashing.
- ✓ Limit movements of equipment during evening or peak traffic hours.
- ✓ Keep lights on and flashing, even in the daytime.
- ✓ Verify if the size of the farm vehicle you drive or tow is subject to additional mandatory lighting requirements.
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Driver's Tips

- ✓ Slow down as soon as you see farm equipment on the road way.
- ✓ Watch for hand signals.
- ✓ Be aware of the triangular slow-moving-vehicle (SMV) sign.
- ✓ Watch for flashing amber lights.
- ✓ Do not speed past farm machinery.
- ✓ Do not pull out in front of slow moving vehicle and then slow suddenly.
- ✓ Do not expect equipment to run partly on the road shoulders.