

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.