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8 Road Safety Tips for Farm Vehicles

Driving farm vehicles on public roads can bring on a new set of safety concerns. It is imperative during times of increased farm activity that you and your workers are implementing safe driving procedures before and after your tires hit the pavement. To ensure safe travels for you and your employees, try following these eight road safety tips.

ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR FARM VEHICLES

1. Ensure your farm vehicles have been properly inspected and have received any required maintenance before going on the road.
2. Place a "Slow-moving Vehicle" sign in a visible location on your vehicle to alert other drivers of your reduced speeds.
3. Increase your vehicle's visibility by installing red taillights and reflectors, reflector tape and flashing amber lights as necessary.
4. Plan your route beforehand—avoid traveling in high-traffic areas or during hazardous conditions.
5. Be aware of the height of your vehicle when driving under bridges or low-hanging powerlines.
6. If towing equipment, follow your jurisdiction's towing limits and secure all equipment with tow bars and safety chains.
7. Avoid being an obstruction to traffic. If cars are lining up behind you, you are required to pull over and let them pass.
8. Abide by standard traffic rules—actively communicate with other drivers during turns, drive defensively and remain vigilant.

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The U.S. Department of Transportation **estimates** **15,000 collisions** involving farm vehicles occur on U.S. roadways each year.



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