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- ▲ Plan travel to avoid high traffic times, busy roads, bad weather and times before daylight or after dark.
- ▲ Be more obvious to motorists by using visible reflective SMV emblems and lights for any implement operated on public roadways. It's the law!
- ▲ Watch out for passing vehicles when making left turns, especially into fields.
- ▲ Always use hand or turn signals to indicate plans to turn.
- ▲ Install wide mirrors so you can see traffic that is following you.
- ▲ Use reflective marking tape and reflectors on equipment edges.
- ▲ Turn on farm equipment lights.
- ▲ If road and shoulder conditions are safe, pull over temporarily to allow traffic to pass.
- ▲ Minimize equipment width and haul equipment when practical.
- ▲ Have an escort precede or follow you, when practical.
- ▲ Be aware of drowsiness from long hours of work.

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### SPEED AND CLOSING DISTANCE

- ▲ Always wear seat belts and heed the road speed limit.
- ▲ Reduce speed when you see farm equipment on rural roads.
- ▲ Allow for short closing distances when approaching slow moving vehicles.
- ▲ Brake for orange and red reflective triangles that warn of slow moving vehicles.
- ▲ Slow down on gravel roads, hills, curves and turns.
- ▲ Keep safe distance behind farm equipment so farmers can see you. If you can't see his mirrors, he can't see you.
- ▲ Yield to wide equipment on narrow roads.

### PASSING FARM EQUIPMENT

- ▲ Be especially cautious of farm equipment turning left onto driveways or fields. They may first pull right for wide turns.
- ▲ Pass farm equipment only if conditions are safe and no on-coming traffic.
- ▲ Farm equipment operators may pull over on the shoulder of road if safe to do so.
- ▲ Farm equipment operators may move to the center to avoid objects on the road shoulder.
- ▲ Do not pass farm equipment on the yellow line, curves or hills. BE PATIENT.

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