

DRIVE SAFELY AROUND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT

At least 45 people were killed in farm machinery accidents on Illinois public roadways during a 7-year period with those killed being primarily from the non-agricultural driving public.

Tips For Motorists 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 a safe distance behind farm equipment. 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 road's shoulder if it is 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.**

Source: University of Illinois Extension Factsheets - Safe Movement of Farm Machinery on Public Roadways
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/agsafety/factsheets/smfmpr>