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Operating agricultural equipment on rural roads

When operating agricultural equipment on rural roads, keep these five safety tips in mind.

1 Prioritize visibility:

Confirm equipment's lighting and signaling systems, including flashers, flags, and slow-moving vehicle signs, are working.

2 Choose timing and routes wisely:

Steer clear of peak travel hours and busy roads. Opt for quieter routes and avoid times when visibility is compromised by darkness or the glare of the sun.

3 Moderate your speed:

Maintain a speed that ensures you remain in control of equipment, especially during maneuvers like turns, curves, or when towing larger trailers or attachments.

4 Signal intentions and stay alert:

Double-check mirrors and signal your intent to turn. Be cautious and ready for other vehicles to overtake you, especially when slowing down to make a wide turn.

5 Inspect your equipment thoroughly:

Conduct a detailed inspection of your equipment and any attachments before departure. Verify safety chains, hitch pins, and all lighting fixtures are secure and functional.