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Why is National Farm Safety and Health Week not just for farmers anymore?

Even though there are over 130,000 people injured, fatally and non-fatally, in agriculture, not everyone is counted. Those not counted are people who were involved in incidents with agricultural machinery but not employed in agriculture. The most common location for the general public to become involved in incidents with agricultural machinery is on a public roadway. Thus the theme for this year's National Farm Safety and Health Week focus on roadway safety.

When is National Farm Safety and Health Week?

September 15th through the 21st for 2002.

Who is going to be targeted during this week?

The focus is on farmers and ranchers, the general public, and pedestrians and bicyclists who use public roads for exercise programs.

What do farmers and ranchers need to know?

Farmers and ranchers need to remember that the general public does not often realize tractors and other agricultural machinery often cannot travel faster than 25 mph and have limited maneuverability. Farmers and ranchers should keep SMV emblems and extremity markings clean and bright. All lights need to be working properly and mirrors need to be kept clean and adjusted properly for the operator. Farmers and ranchers should use their mirrors to watch for motorists. When planning to make a left turn, look to see if someone is attempting to pass. If so, let them pass before starting the turn, if the turn is located in a designated passing zone.

What does the general public need to know?

The general public needs to know that tractors and other agricultural machinery often cannot travel faster than 25 mph. Limited speed vehicles are identified by a Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem.



The general public needs to realize that tractors towing long trailing or wide machines may need to move to the right before completing a left turn.

Therefore, look for unmarked field and other entrances where the tractor and/or machine may turn in before attempting to pass. Don't assume the operator is waiting for the motorist to pass just because he/she moves to the right. REMEMBER: Only pass if you are in a designated passing zone. **Drive Defensively!**

What do pedestrians and bicyclists need to know?

Pedestrians need to walk against the flow of traffic. In other words on the left side of the road when there are not any sidewalks. This will enable the pedestrian to see motorists that are coming at them and will allow them to move off the road quickly if necessary. Pedestrians need to wear bright clothing so they can be easily seen. Bicyclists need to wear all personal protective equipment, especially helmets. Bicyclists should travel with the flow of traffic (the right side of the road) and be aware of the traffic around them. A mirror mounted on either the bike or the helmet will help to monitor traffic.

What does everyone need to know?

Sharing the road is everyone's responsibility and being proactive about preventing incidents that could result in injury is just plain smart.