



Farm Vehicle Regulations

Guide to Farming in New York State

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Farm Vehicle Registration

Complete MV-82 Motor Vehicle Registration form and check the Farm Vehicle box – and complete form MV 260-F, part 1 – Certification of Farm Vehicle Use

Moving Farm Equipment on Public Roads

The "slow moving vehicle" emblem, a fluorescent or reflective orange triangle, must be displayed on the rear of vehicles drawn by animals, and most farm vehicles and construction equipment. These signs fade with time, so it is recommended to replace them every 2-3 years.

If on a public highway after dark, requirements include:

- 2 white headlights on front of tractor
- one red tail lamp at the farthest end (tractor or implement) and as far to the left as practical
- 2 amber combined hazard warning and turn signal lamps at least 42 inches high, visible from front and rear. If just a tractor, these lights can be on the cab. If traveling with an implement, these lights need to be mounted at rear of implement.
- 2 red reflectors at the rear of the implement

Important Exception:

If the width of tractor/implement combination is between 12 and 17 feet, you cannot travel on public roads after dark. When traveling during daylight, red or orange fluorescent flags not smaller than 18 square inches and reflectors need to be placed at extreme corners of the load. In addition, 2 amber lights or hazard lights visible from the rear of the load **must be flashing**. If the vehicle or implement extends beyond the center line or is traveling during inclement weather, the implement should be preceded by an escort vehicle with a warning sign and flashing lights.

Transportation of Hazardous Materials on Public Roads

A farmer who is operating as a private business (not for hire) is exempt from vehicle placarding and marking regulations when transporting an agricultural product (hazardous material including fertilizers, pesticides, fuel, etc.) over local roads between fields utilized by the farm.

For more information on this subject, a good reference is the *Farmer's Guide to Truck & Farm Implement Laws & Regulations*, available from NY Farm Bureau – 518-436-8496 or visit:

www.nyfb.org



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