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The theme for this year's National Farm Safety and Health Week is 'Rural Roadway Safety Alert, Aware & Alive'. It was developed to focus on the dangers for both farmers and the community that will be driving together on America's rural roads this Fall.

Suggestions for the farming community:

- 1) Be sure your SMV is clean and in good shape
- 2) Check equipment lights and flashers to assure they are clean and working properly
- 3) Choose a tractor big enough to both pull the gravity flow wagons and able to stop the wagons

Suggestions for the motoring public:

- 1) Slow down when driving near farm equipment
- 2) Do NOT use cell phones or text messaging when driving
- 3) Know how fast you will come upon farm equipment on the roadway when you are traveling at highway speed while they are traveling at 12-15 miles per hour

Distracted driving by using the cell phone or texting is extremely dangerous when driving on rural roadways because you can travel the distance of a football field by looking at your phone. You can close the distance between your vehicle and farm equipment quickly.