

Drivers encouraged to be careful during harvest season

(KLZA)-- Harvest is in full swing and the Nebraska State Patrol encourages all motorists to be aware of agriculture equipment traveling on roads.

With ag producers on the move, all motorists should stay alert for slow-moving ag implements. Due to their dimensions and loads, operator visibility is often reduced, so drivers are urged to be cautious when approaching, following, or attempting to pass farm vehicles.

Ag producers across Nebraska utilize a harvest permit to move their products to market. There are a number of benefits with this permit, including an overweight allowance of up to 15 percent above state law. To utilize the harvest exemption, the product owner should provide the hauler with a signed statement of origin and destination.

Haulers should maintain the safety of their vehicle by conducting pre-trip inspections, voluntarily complying with traffic safety laws, displaying warning signs on machinery, using flashing yellow caution lights when traveling, and staying aware of vehicles that may be attempting to pass.

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