



# Slow-Moving Vehicles on South Alabama Roadways

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**H**ave you ever seen a slow-moving vehicle sign on a farm tractor traveling on a highway? The sign shown here indicates that the vehicle is a slow-moving vehicle.

When you see the sign, you must slow down. If you are traveling at 60 miles per hour and are 100 yards away from the vehicle — the length of a football field — you have 3.4 seconds until you will hit the vehicle unless you apply your brakes. Average reaction time is approximately 0.7 seconds, which leaves 2.7 seconds to reduce your speed to that of the tractor or about 20 miles per hour.

We share our rural highways with farm tractors, and we must expect to encounter them in rural areas of Alabama. When you approach a slow-moving vehicle, slow down quickly, and pass with caution when the way is clear.

Many visitors travel to Alabama beaches during the summer months. Farming is prevalent in many of these rural areas, and tractors must travel the same roadways as these visitors. Please remain aware of slow-moving vehicles, and drive responsibly and patiently. Just remember, when you see a farm vehicle on the road, brake immediately. Enjoy your stay, be safe and come back to visit again.

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Your view from 15 yards away



Your view from 100 yards away