

101. FARM EQUIPMENT

We will support:

1. Efforts to clarify and simplify the vehicle code and regulations relating to farm vehicles.
2. Efforts by Illinois Agricultural Association and county Farm Bureaus to encourage proper use and law enforcement agencies to enforce proper use of slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblems.
3. Efforts to encourage retailers of SMV emblems to provide information with each such sale informing consumers of regulations regarding the proper use of the SMV and the potential consequences of improper use.
4. The development and utilization of standardized specifications for pesticide containers and equipment connectors for closed pesticide application systems.
5. Efforts to encourage farm equipment manufacturers and American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) to work together to create an improved system for new equipment that would better indicate turns, such as sequentially-flashing red arrows, making them more noticeable for vehicles that are approaching or following.
6. The development and utilization of standardized wire color/function for any trailer licensed for over-the-road use or any towed implement of husbandry.

We will seek legislation to increase the fine for the misuse of SMV emblems to at least \$75.00 for the first offense. We encourage law enforcement agencies to enforce the laws pertaining to the improper use of the SMV emblem.

We oppose licensing farm tractors and other implements of husbandry.

We will develop an SMV and lighting campaign to encourage farmers to update their older equipment with new amber flashing lights and SMV emblems. This should be accomplished through educational programs and materials presented by both state and county Farm Bureaus.

We oppose legislation which would forcibly require mandatory lighting on older farm equipment other than what is currently required by law.