

Truck Regulations

There has been increased law enforcement attention given to farmers pulling agricultural implements with pick-up trucks in certain areas of New York, specifically in northern New York. This practice is legal, as long as specific guidelines are followed.

A "bulk agricultural commodity implement" (farm equipment like a gravity box, hay wagon or forage wagon etc.) can be towed by a validly registered, inspected and insured truck provided that the gross weight does not exceed the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR). Also, the implement cannot be over-width, the combined gross vehicle weight of the truck and implement cannot exceed 26,000 lbs. combined gross vehicle weight rating, and the implement cannot exceed the manufacturer's gross axle or tire ratings. In addition, the implement can be towed by a truck on a public highway if: it is operated from sunrise to sunset; it does not exceed 25 miles per hours; displays a slow-moving vehicle sign; is within a 50 mile radius of the address on the truck's registration; has a hitch pin to prevent disengagement under normal operating conditions; is not operated on an interstate or controlled access highway; and is not being driven when highway visibility is less than 1,000 feet. If you have any questions about this, contact New York Farm Bureau at (518)436-8495. Also, for more information about transportation related issues, consider purchasing a "Farmer's Guide to Truck and Farm Implement Laws & Regulations", published by New York Farm Bureau. Call (518)436-8495 for information on how to order.