## Safety and Pesticides



#### Be Alert!!

- Farms present certain hazards to those working on the farm, and to those just visiting.
- As an enumerator, it's important to have a good understanding of these hazards and how to protect yourself.



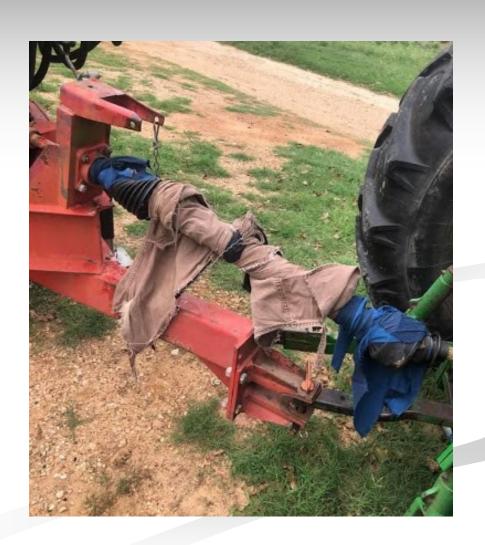
### Walking and Working Surfaces



- Farm landscapes are unpredictable.
- Tire ruts, Rocks, Nails, Animal droppings
- Be cautious entering barns or other buildings:
  - Ladders and stairways may be in disrepair.
  - Some barns have holes in the floor

#### Power Take Offs (PTOs)

- Connects to farm implement and provides mechanical power to the implement.
- Spins at extremely high speeds.
- Caught loose clothing can entangle a person in seconds.
- Often not guarded on tractors or other farm implements.



#### Livestock and Pets



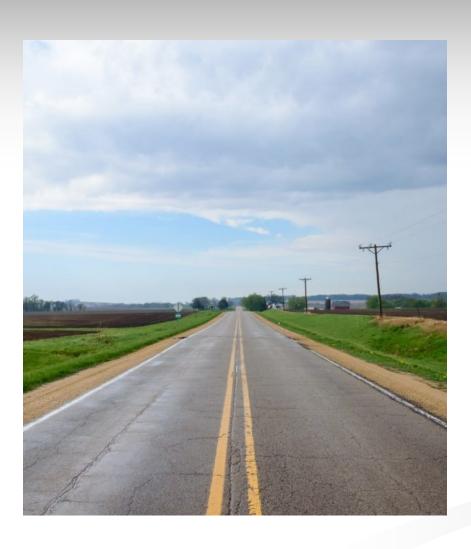
- Animals can be aggressive
- Don't interact with animals unknown to you.
- Be calm and deliberate around livestock.
- Avoid the animal's blind spot.
- Avoid loud noises/yeling
- Always leave yourself a way out in close quarters.
- Use extreme caution around male farm animals.
- Wash your hands

#### Dehydration

- Signs include thirst, feeling dizzy and lightheaded and having a dry or sticky mouth.
- Drink lots of fluids
- Wear loose-fitting clothing, a hat, and sunglasses
- Don't forget to use sunblock.
- Long sleeve shirts and pants are also a wise idea.
- Avoid being in the fields during the hot time of the day.



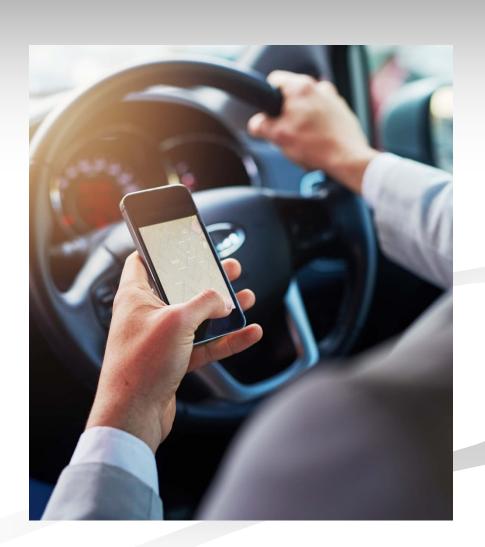
#### Driving in Rural Areas



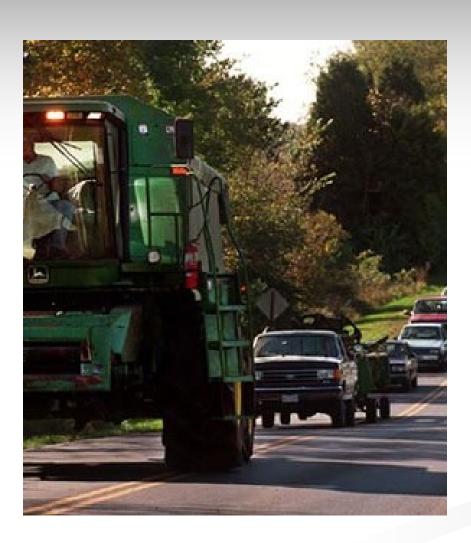
- Inspect Your Vehicle
- Have Emergency Supplies
- Carry a Map and GPS
- Don't Speed
- Watch out for BadWeather
- Be aware of Blind Dips or Curves

### Driving Safely and Defensively

- Use Low Beams
- Don't Follow Too Close
- Don't Speed
- Use Caution at Intersections
- Look Ahead in Traffic
- Wear Seatbelt
- Avoid Impairment
- Avoid DISTRACTIONS



## Driving Around Farm Machinery



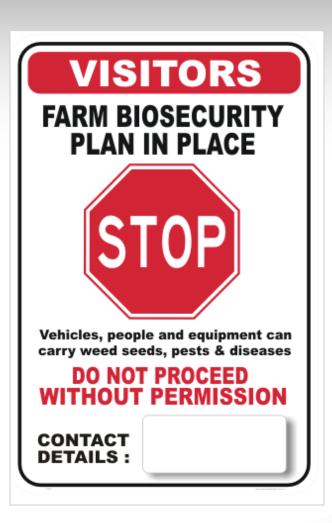
- Drive Defensively
- Seat belt
- Follow Speed Limits
- Be Patient
- Watch Road Condition
- Be a Role Model

#### Biosecurity

- Most farms, especially livestock operations, have bio-security plans
- Enumerators need to respect operators who don't want outsiders on their operation for fear of disease contamination.



#### These facilities are controlled!



- Consider calling ahead before visiting.
- Expect to see posted warning signs.
- Expect to see locked buildings.
- Be prepared to sign into a visitor log book.
- You may be asked where else you have been.
- You may not be permitted on the operation.

#### Field Re-Entry Intervals

- Always be observant of any evidence that recent spraying may have occurred
- Restricted Entry Interval for many chemicals is 24-48 hours
- OrganophosphorusCompounds require at least 72 hours
- Be aware of the signs of pesticide poisoning.



# Special Precautions – Organophosphates Within 30 Days



- Wear a long sleeve shirt, long trousers and head covering.
- Not wear any clothing more than one day without laundering.
- Limit work time to a maximum of 6 hours per day in these fields.
- Thoroughly wash all exposed skin (hands, face, etc.) that may have come into contact with plant foliage during the field visit.

## Stay Safe!

