

Nebraska motorists are reminded to use extra caution and pay special attention as harvest season is underway. Drivers can expect to see an increase in agricultural equipment on state roadways.

In addition to farm implements, motorists are also encouraged to watch for deer often scared from fields during this very busy time.

“Harvest season in Nebraska can mean numerous challenges for motorists,” said Colonel Bryan Tuma, superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. “Not only are drivers dealing with large slow moving agricultural equipment, but they must also contend with displaced wildlife.”

Motorists are reminded combines, grain carts, tractors and other implements typically travel at slower speed.

Due to their dimensions and loads, operator visibility is often reduced.

Drivers are urged to be cautious when approaching, following or attempting to pass them.

Operators of agricultural implements are reminded they may travel upon the shoulder of the roadway, when available.

They are also reminded of the need for SMV warning triangles, and to utilize their flashing yellow caution lights whenever they are on the road. When turning left, operators are cautioned to be aware of vehicles attempting to pass them.

Operators are encouraged to buckle-up if possible.

Colonel Tuma said, “We realize each of us has a job to do and some place to go. By sowing the seeds of cooperation, we can make this harvest season safe for everyone traveling our roadways.”