

Farm Science Review

Field Demonstration Safety during Farm Science Review

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Field demonstrations are an important part of the Farm Science Review experience. Each year thousands of attendees gather for the Trotter Field Demonstrations to see the latest technology used for tillage, planting and harvesting.

Safe practices are important, and safety is everyone's responsibility. It is very important that those operating equipment do so in a safe manner to minimize the risk of injury and protect equipment, facilities, and grounds.

The following information provides operational and safety guidelines to follow while participating in the field demonstrations at Farm Science Review.

Traveling between the exhibitor grounds to field demonstration areas:

- No one under the age of 18 is to operate equipment.
- Slow down and use extra caution when driving between the exhibitor area and the road. This is a high traffic area: shuttles, pedestrians, gators, golf carts, school busses access this area.
- School busses and students will be at the northwest gate loading dock area, watch closely for pedestrian traffic.
- No passing slower vehicles (**shuttles or golf carts**). Plan ahead! Be patient, you will get there.



A safe operator must be able to recognize potential hazards and react accordingly. It is very important to drive defensively and follow FSR policies and operator safety guidelines.

During the field demonstrations

- Plan ahead and be there prior to the start: If you are late, you are hurrying.
- Secure your equipment, remove the key, and maintain possession of keys at all times
- There are designated areas for attendees to be during demonstrations. FSR staff and deputies will secure the field perimeter and monitor pedestrians.
- Startup **only** when the "all clear" signal is given by FSR field demonstration staff. No other startup is permitted when attendees are around the equipment.
- Use a ground man, make sure people are clear and hit the horn before starting.
- Startup when advised, make your round(s), park, and shut the machine off. Do not attempt extra movements once finished with round(s).
- If turning on the end, make sure to leave enough room to stay clear of the crowd .
- Tillage and planter operators need to use extra caution with pedestrians checking field conditions.
- Tractor and wagon operators get into position as soon as possible. Tractor and wagon operators must shut down when combines shut down.

Additional Safety Guidelines

- Dust = Poor Visibility: If dust overcomes the demonstration area, use extreme caution or stop.
- If severe weather is in the area, FSR will monitor, follow CFAES Severe Weather Guidelines and act accordingly, notifying all involved.
- Extreme heat: If you see someone that looks like they have heat related illness, let the FSR staff know.
- Always yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- Operators are prohibited from using cell phones during operation or road travel
- Everyone must work together and clearly communicate with each other. If there is any question of safety, stop and shut down.
- In the event of an **EMERGENCY** call **911**. Emergency services are located on the FSR grounds.