SAFE TRACTOR DRIVING RULES

1. Before starting the tractor, be sure the brakes are set (or transmission is in park position), gear shift lever is in neutral or park position, and PTO is disengaged.

2. Disengage clutch while starting the engine.

3. Release brakes before attempting to move the tractor.

4. Engage clutch gently. Avoid careless or sudden starts and stops.

5. Avoid unnecessary slipping of the clutch. The operator’s foot may remain on the clutch, but “riding” the clutch is to be avoided.

6. Keep tractor in gear when driving. Never shift into neutral or disengage clutch to coast part of the way.

7. Ride on tractor seat or stand on platform. Never ride on drawbar or hitch of implement being drawn.

8. Reduce speed to a safe level before making a turn or applying brake.

9. Avoid short turns which will foul implement against tractor wheels.

10. Drive at speeds slow enough to insure safety, both for yourself and for others near the tractor.

11. Do not permit extra riders on the tractor at any time.

12. Bring tractor to a complete stop before dismounting.

13. Mount and dismount tractor properly. Use steps, if provided by the manufacturer.

14. When leaving tractor, shift into neutral or park, set brakes, engage clutch and shut off engine. The sequence of this operation does not necessarily need to be followed, so long as all operations are accomplished in a safe manner. (Locking one brake or moving gear shift to park position will be considered adequate.)