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Look for the Sign

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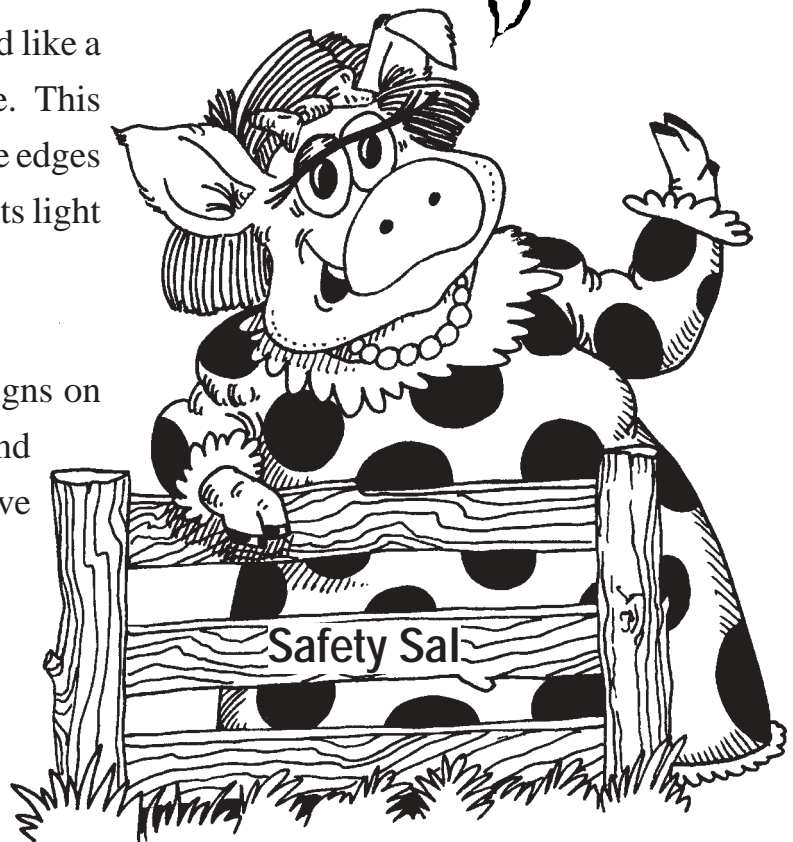
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Farmers use tractors everyday. They help farmers feed their animals and work in their fields. Tractors do not go fast. Farmers put slow moving vehicle signs on their tractors to warn you that they are going slow.

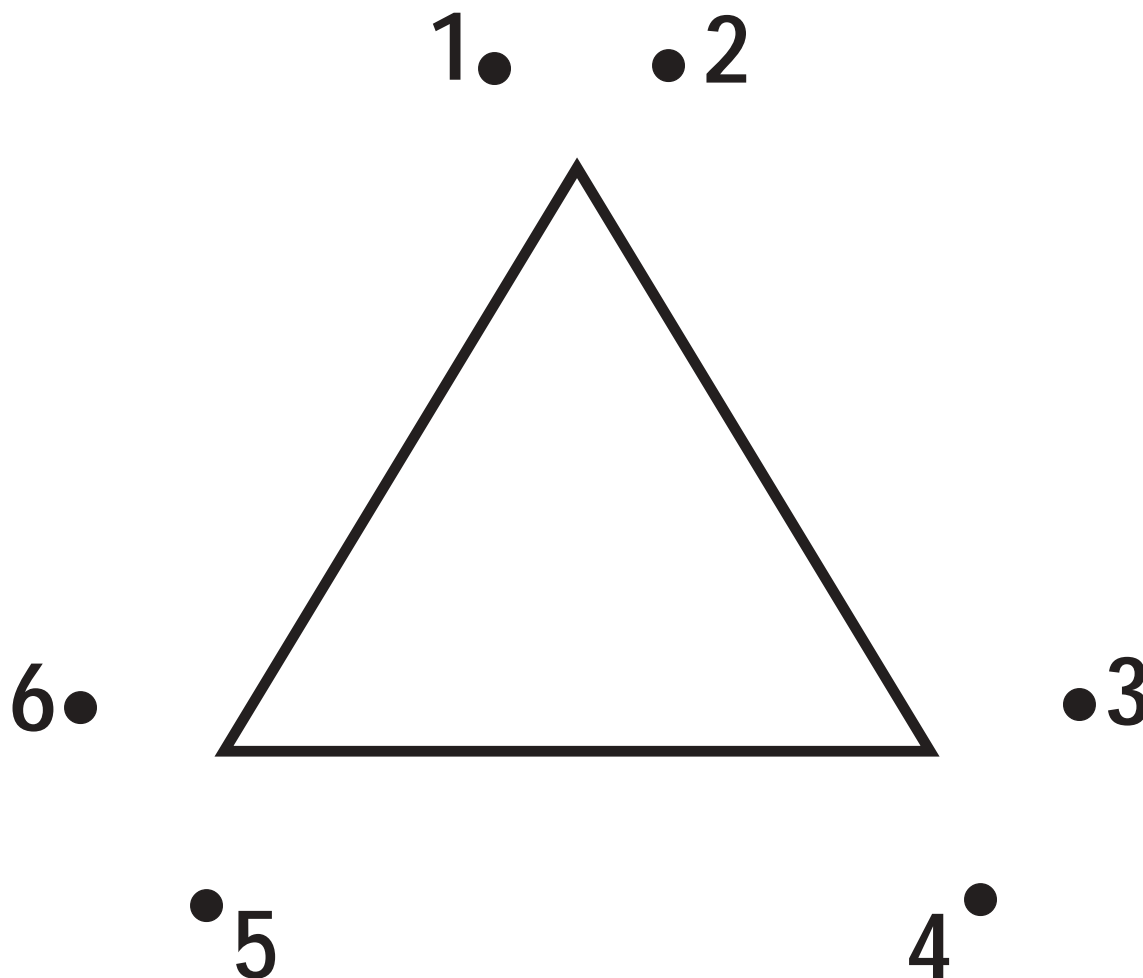
A slow moving vehicle sign is shaped like a triangle. The center is bright orange. This color shines the brightest in the day. The edges of the triangle are red. This color reflects light so you can see it at night.

Farmers put slow moving vehicle signs on the back of their tractors, wagons, and combines. Carriages pulled by horses have slow moving vehicle signs too.

"When you see a slow moving vehicle sign stay away! This machinery can hurt you!"



Make your own slow moving vehicle sign by connecting the dots.
 Color the center of the sign orange and the outside red.
 Use the brightest colors you have!



Slow moving vehicle signs are required by law on all machinery designed to travel at speeds of 25 m.p.h. or less. Such equipment includes farm machinery, animal drawn vehicles, and road construction implements. Responsible motorists recognize slow moving vehicles and respond to them with caution by slowing down, giving the equipment plenty of room, and passing only when legal and safe. Parents can use slow moving vehicle emblems as signs of caution for children to recognize. Teach your children not to play on or around agricultural equipment. Young kids can learn to associate slow moving vehicle emblems with dangerous equipment.

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