

Transportation Vehicles Used for Field Days and Tours. (A07-biehle065342-Poster)

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Abstract:

There are many ways to transport people for field days and farm tours. For years people have been transported on straw bales on a flatbed wagon. Likewise many unique and custom-built vehicles are being used across the country today. Designs of transportation vehicles can be very simple or very sophisticated. Elements of consideration in vehicle design are safety, convenience, size, comfort, cost and appearance. Small vehicles can be used for handicapped individuals or for personalized tours and large tandem drawn vehicles can be used where large numbers of people need to be moved. School busses are commonly used where long distances and/or highway travel is required. Slow moving vehicle emblems and warning lights are a common safety feature used when tractor or pickup truck drawn vehicles must travel public roads. Special access steps with handrails are a common addition to transportation vehicles. Padded seats with backrests provide comfort to travelers. Overhead canopies to block sun and rain are welcome additions to field day visitors. Public address systems can be built into the vehicle. The tour host often displays logos and special paint colors on transportation vehicles.

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