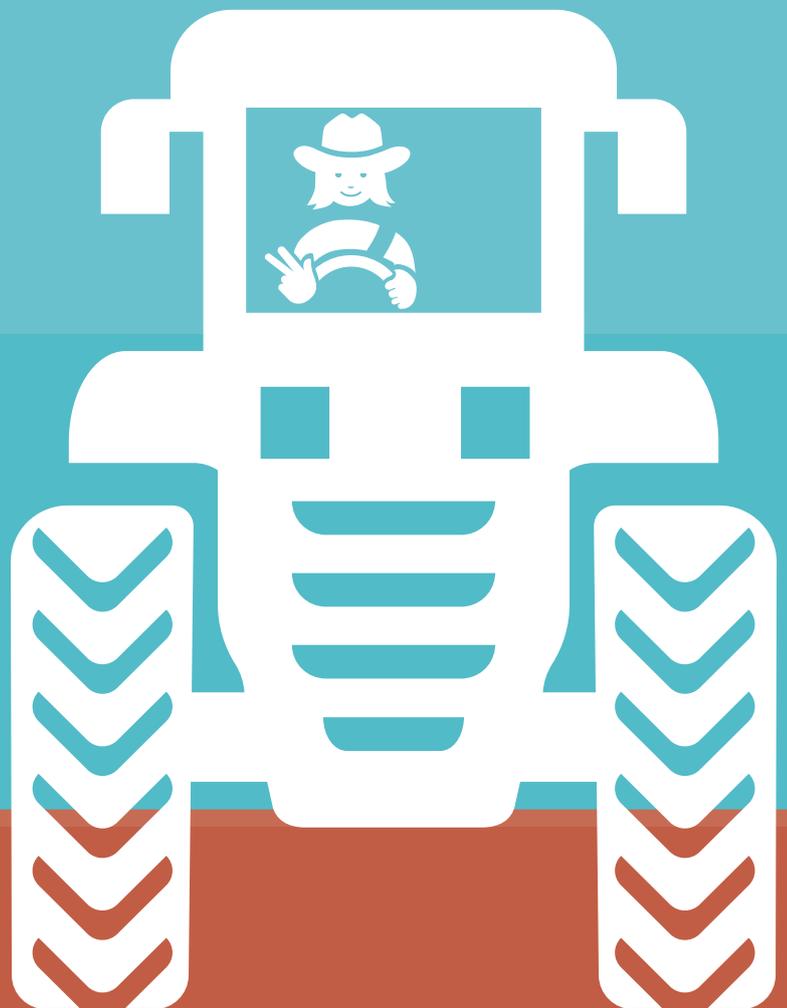




# **COMMON ROADS COMMON SENSE**

Large agricultural vehicles (LAVs) are required to produce food and fibre, and sometimes need to travel on roads to move from farm to farm. LAVs are usually bigger, heavier and slower than cars. For some road users, knowing how to drive around these vehicles can be confusing.

***Safely interacting with LAVs on common roads comes down to common sense.***





# **COMMON ROADS COMMON SENSE**

A SIMPLE THREE-STEP PROCESS CAN HELP GUIDE DRIVING DECISIONS AROUND LAVS:

**1**

## **LOOK OUT**

*Roads are built for all Australians and not all vehicles travel at maximum speed. Be aware of farmers, cyclists and trucks that might be slower.*

**2**

## **SLOW DOWN**

*Most accidents with LAVs in Australia are rear-end collisions due to differing travelling speeds. Slow down when you see a slower vehicle ahead.*

**3**

## **TAKE CARE**

*When overtaking, make sure it is safe to do so and you have enough space – take a moment to evaluate the situation. When an LAV heads your way slow down and give the oncoming vehicles plenty of room.*

Farmers appreciate that large machinery is slow and can be an inconvenience to other road users. Interacting safely on common roads is based on common sense and a mutual respect between all drivers.



# COMMON ROADS COMMON SENSE

## What is a Large Agricultural Vehicle (LAV)?

LAVs are large and oversized machines needed to grow Australia's food and fibre. Common examples include:



**COTTON PICKER:**  
Machine used to harvest cotton crops



**SPRAY RIG:**  
Machine on large wheels used to spray a liquid over a crop or pasture



**CANE HAULER:**  
Long, heavy and slow cart towed by a tractor to cart cut cane to a railway siding



**SEEDER:**  
Wide machine, usually towed behind a tractor, used for sowing seed into a paddock.



**CANE HARVESTER:**  
Big and slow machine to harvest cane



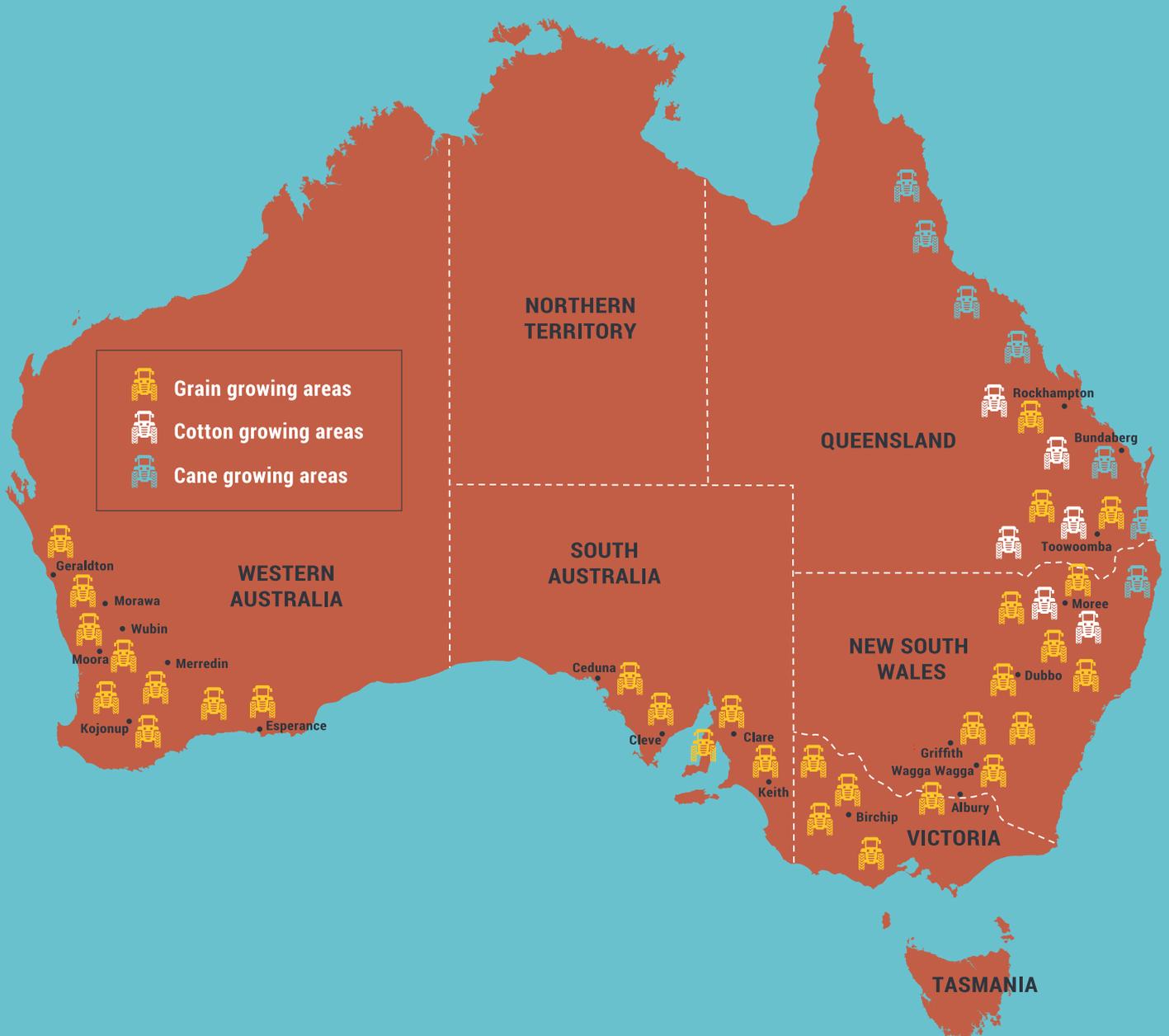
**CHASER BIN:**  
Cart or wagon towed by a tractor to transport grain or other crops



**HARVESTER/HEADER:**  
Machine used to harvest grain crops like wheat, barley and sorghum



# COMMON ROADS COMMON SENSE



## Why do we need LAVs?

Farmers rely on LAVs to help them efficiently and safely grow food and fibre for our communities.

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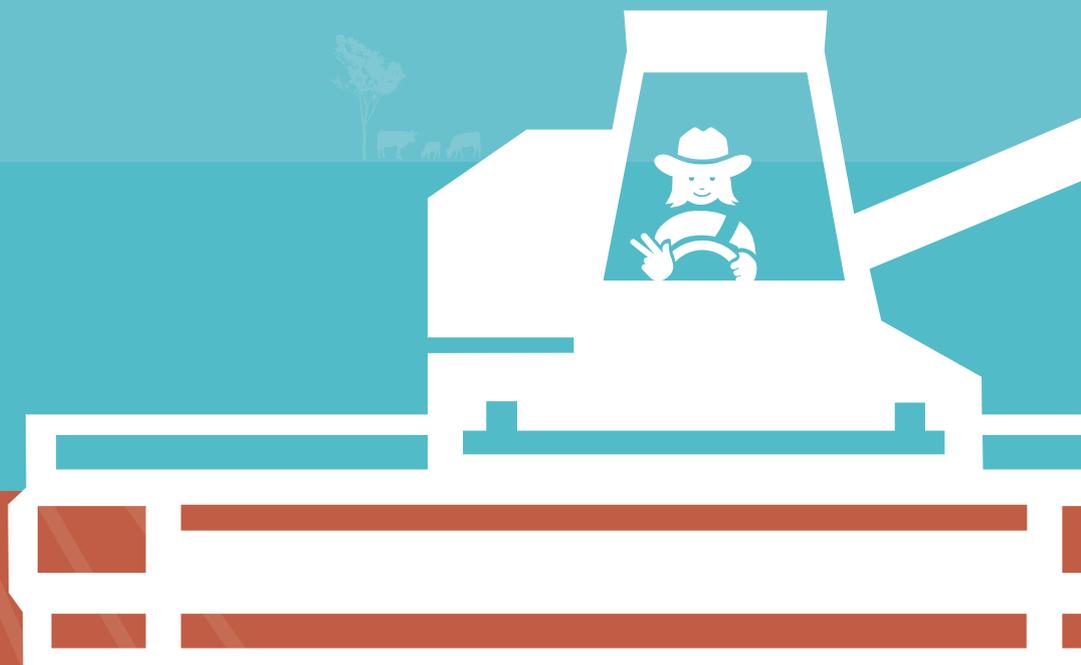


# **COMMON ROADS** **COMMON SENSE**

## ***Tips: Driving in the same direction as an LAV***

**On high-speed, two-way roads, overtaking can be tricky:**

- **Farmers know the roads they travel on and will pull over and let you pass, if it is safe to do so. If they do not pull over, there is a good chance that pulling over is not safe;**
- **On country roads, there are usually overtaking lanes at regular intervals to allow you to safely overtake. Use these lanes if possible – they are safer and avoid the risk of head-on crashes;**
- **Take your time when making the decision to overtake, there is no need to rush.**





# COMMON ROADS COMMON SENSE

**In 2018-2019 the  
value of agricultural  
production will be**

**\$60  
billion**

**Farmers manage  
48% of Australia's  
landmass.**

**Australia  
produces  
world-  
class food  
and fibre.**

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**Agriculture employs  
1.6 million  
people across the  
supply chain.**

**By 2030, it's  
hoped agriculture  
will contribute**

**\$100  
billion  
to the Australian  
economy.**

**Large machinery  
is an important  
part of agricultural  
production.**

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