

The NSW Farmers' Association conducted a survey of its Members in May 2010 relating to various transport issues. The survey received 477 responses.

Fodder Carrying Trailers

	Mean	Median	95% interval
Distance Travelled	17.9km	10km	50km
Width of Trailer	2.53m	2.5m	3.5m

Remove top 5%, mean becomes 12 km.

Width of Trailer

Total	<2.5m	>2.5m <3m	>3m <4m
133	91 (68.4%)	30 (22.6%)	12 (9%)

Most of the trailers between 3.5m and 4 m were grain chaser bins which are not travelling on the road laden.

How often does the trailer travel on the road?

>3 times/day	3 times/ day	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely
3 (2.1%)	6 (4.2%)	13 (9.1%)	37 (25.9%)	34 (23.8%)	50 (35%)

Grain Augers

	Mean	Median	95% interval
Distance Travelled (all combinations)	26.2km	13.5km	80km
Distance Travelled (combinations >25m)	28.37km	17km	75km
Length of Combination	20.2m	20m	30m
Distance hitch-axle	8.21m	7.5m	
Distance axle-discharge	7.9m	7m	

Length of Grain Auger Combination (i.e. towing vehicle plus the auger)

Total	<25m	>25m <30m	>30m <35m	>35m <40m	>40m
185	155 (83.8%)	22 (11.9%)	3 (1.6%)	4 (2.1%)	2 (1.1%)

Mean Rear Overhang = 49%

How often does the grain auger travel on the road during the harvest period?

Total responses	>3 times/day	3 times/ day	Daily	Weekly
181	5 (2.8%)	1 (0.6%)	59 (32.6%)	116 (64.1%)

How often does the grain auger travel on the road during the remainder of the year?

Total responses	>3 times/day	3 times/ day	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely
208	1 (0.5%)	2 (1%)	1 (0.5%)	10 (4.8%)	45 (21.6%)	149 (71.6%)

Header Fronts

What is the width of your header front (comb)?

Total	<24ft	24ft	30ft	36ft	40ft	>40ft
160	21 (13.1%)	27 (16.9%)	60 (37.5%)	39 (24.4%)	7 (4.4%)	6 (3.8%)

Mass Breach

Have you been fined for a mass breach when the gross mass limit of the total vehicle is not breached but you have breached one or more individual axle group mass limits?

Answered question – 375 Yes – 38 (10.1%) No – 337 (89.9%)

Communication

Do you find the information on the RTA website www.rta.nsw.gov.au useful?

Answered question – 299 Yes – 167 (55.9%) No – 132 (44.1%)

Do you find the RTA website user friendly?

Answered question – 301 Yes – 116 (38.5%) No – 185 (61.5%)

Do you find your local RTA registry office staff helpful?

Answered question – 347 Yes – 239 (68.9%) No – 108 (31.1%)

If you have been fined by an RTA enforcement officer, did you receive a satisfactory explanation of your infringement?

Answered question – 160 Yes – 42 (26.2%) No – 118 (73.8%)

Is it necessary for the RTA to be more proactive with its communication?

Answered question – 312 Yes – 289 (92.6%) No – 23 (7.4%)