

Title: Farm Vehicle Plates in Alaska



I'm interested in getting Farm plates for my farm vehicle. What type of vehicle is eligible and what are the stipulations?

- A vehicle must be used in the business operation of the farm to be eligible for farm plates.
- The unladen weight of the vehicle must be 20,000 lbs or less
- The vehicle may only be operated within 150 miles of the farm.
- Vehicles must meet all of the above requirements to be eligible for Farm Plates.

If my vehicle has farm plates do I need a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)?

No, vehicles with farm plates and operated under the above rules are exempt from the CDL requirement.

Can an underage (younger than 16) laborer drive an unlicensed implement/tractor from one farm location to another?

Yes, there is an exemption for unlicensed drivers to temporarily drive an implement of husbandry on a roadway (AS 19.10.065) with the following conditions:

- Must be operated only during the period from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset;
- Must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the implement;
- Must display a red flag on the implement in a location that affords greatest visibility; and
- Must be moving from one farm operation to another within 50 miles of the home base of the implement of husbandry.
- The implement must be 12 feet wide or less. For implements wider than 12 feet, a pilot car must precede the implement, or a permit must be obtained.

Can an underage laborer drive a plated vehicle from one farm location to another?

No, the exception for unlicensed drivers is specifically for implements of husbandry. A plated farm vehicle

registered to be driven on the road requires the operator to be licensed driver.

Implement of husbandry definition: A vehicle designed or adapted and used primarily for agricultural, horticultural or livestock-raising operations and is only incidentally moved upon the highway; it includes farm tractors used primarily for drawing plows and mowing machines.

If my vehicle has Farm plates, do I have to stop at the weigh scales?

You do not have to stop if; the farm vehicle is controlled and operated by a farmer; used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from that farmer's farm; not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier; and used within 150 miles of the farmer's farm; and not operating under a permit.

Are Farm plates still available in Alaska?

Yes, the program is ongoing. However, not all Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) have Farm plates in stock and readily available. It may be necessary for the DMV to request your plates be mailed to you from a different location.

How much fuel or fertilizer can I haul in a vehicle with farm plates?

Farm plates do not grant any special exceptions in regards to fuel & fertilizer.

Did the Federal Government recently update their rules regarding Farm vehicle use?

Yes, this updated rule is called the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Agricultural Exceptions*.

Does this Fact Sheet reflect those changes?

No, the State of Alaska is currently evaluating the new rules and has not adopted them as of July 1, 2014.

If you have more questions or want additional information, please contact the following:

- The Department of Motor Vehicles at (855) 269-5551
- The Department of Transportation Commercial Vehicle Enforcement at (907) 365-1210.
- The Division of Agriculture at (907) 745-7200.