

FARM EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

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Farm Equipment - A vehicle that is specifically designed and manufactured for and used exclusively in agriculture to plant, seed, cultivate, harvest, or apply soil nutrients, fertilizers or chemicals. The term also includes any other vehicle determined by PennDOT to be farm equipment.

	Farm Vehicle	Farm Vehicle 2-Year Certificate of Exemption
Motor Vehicle Code Sections	102, 1344, 1924(a), 2105, 4307(e), 4702, 4921(b)(1)(5)	102, 1302(10), 1924(b), 4307(e), 4703, 4704(g), 4921(b)(1)(5)
Vehicle Description and Purpose	A truck or truck tractor determined by PennDOT to be used exclusively for agricultural purpose.	Type A - A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight or combination weight or weight rating of 17,000 pounds or less. Type B - A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight or combination weight or weight rating of 17,001 pounds or greater. Type C - A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight or combination weight or weight rating of 17,001 pounds or greater.
Use	Exclusively upon farm(s) owned/operated by the vehicle registrant; highways between parts of a farm; between such farms; between farm(s) and a place of business for the purpose of buying/selling agricultural commodities/supplies and the place of final delivery if transported by an employee of the vehicle registrant or by an auctioneer and delivery is made by the same vehicle of the registrant who transported the commodities to the place of business or, for inspecting, repairing or servicing the farm vehicle.	Exclusively upon farm(s) owned/operated by the vehicle owner on highways only between parts of a farm; between such farms located within 25 miles of each other; between a farm or farms and place of business within a 25 mile radius of the farm or farms for the purpose of buying/selling agricultural commodities/supplies (10 miles for Type B vehicles); or, between a farm or farms and a place of business within a 50 mile radius of the farm or farms for repairing or servicing the farm vehicle (25 mile radius for Type B vehicles). Type A and Type B vehicles may only be driven upon highways from sunrise to sunset. Type C vehicles may be driven upon highways without any time restrictions.
Lighting Requirements	Vehicles used exclusively for highly perishable crops for processing, operating only during the period of May 20 to Oct. 15, between sunset and sunrise, must have two rotating yellow beacons and vehicular hazard signal lamps on highways other than freeways.	Vehicles used exclusively for highly perishable crops for processing, operating only during the period of May 20 to Oct. 15, between sunset and sunrise, must have two rotating yellow beacons and vehicular hazard signal lamps on highways other than freeways.
Size Limitations	Generally, no wider than 8 feet. If used to haul vegetables or forage crops, may be up to 10 feet wide if not traveling on freeways or, before sunrise and after sunset.	Generally, no wider than 8 1/2 feet. If used to haul vegetables or forage crops, may be up to 10 feet wide if not traveling on freeways or, before sunrise and after sunset.
Inspection Requirements	Registered 17,000 pounds and under - annual. Registered over 17,000 pounds - semi-annual.	Type A - None Type B - None Type C - Annual
Permit Requirements	None	None
Registration	Fee: \$76.50 or 1/3 regular truck fee, whichever is greater per year. Forms: MV-1 or MV-4ST / MV-77	Fee: Type A - \$24 Type B - \$50 Type C - \$100 Form: MV-77

	Multi-Purpose Agricultural Vehicle	Implement of Husbandry (Registered)
Motor Vehicle Code Sections	102, 1102(10), 1302(17), 4703, 4704, 4921(b)(1)(5)	102, 1922, 2105(a)(6), 4303(e), 4307(e), 4502(d), 4529(a), 4534, 4535(c), 4536, 4703(b), 4704(g), 4905(e), 4921(b)(1, 2 & 5)
Vehicle Description and Purpose	A motor vehicle that is 60 inches or less in width and 1,200 pounds or less in dry weight and is used exclusively for agricultural operations and only incidentally operated or moved upon the highways.	Farm equipment that meets all of the following criteria: (1) Is equipped with pneumatic tires except if prohibited by religious beliefs, (2) Is infrequently operated or moved upon highways; (3) Is used in agriculture for any of the following purposes: (a) performance of agriculture production or harvesting activities for the farmer's agricultural operations; or (b) transportation of agricultural products or agricultural supplies for the benefit of the farmer's agricultural operations. The term also includes earthmoving equipment and any other vehicle determined by PennDOT to be an implement of husbandry.
Use	Exclusively upon farm(s) owned/operated by the vehicle owner or upon highways between parts of one such farm or such farms located not more than two miles apart.	Is used in agriculture for any of the following purposes: performance of agriculture production or harvesting activities for farmer's agricultural operations; or transportation of agricultural products or agricultural supplies for the benefit of the farmer's agricultural operations. The term also includes earthmoving equipment and any other vehicle determined by PennDOT to be an implement of husbandry.
Lighting Requirements	Vehicles used exclusively for highly perishable crops for processing, operating only during the period of May 20 to Oct. 15, between sunset and sunrise, must have two rotating yellow beacons and vehicular hazard signal lamps on highways other than freeways.	Vehicles used exclusively for highly perishable crops for processing, operating only during the period of May 20 to Oct. 15, between sunset and sunrise, must have two rotating yellow beacons and vehicular hazard signal lamps on highways other than freeways.
Size Limitations	Generally, no wider than 60 inches and 1,200 pounds or less in dry weight.	Generally, no wider than 8 feet. If used between sunrise and sunset may be 10 feet wide if used to haul vegetables or forage crops on highways other than freeways and, may be 14 feet, 6 inches if driven, hauled or towed between sunset and sunrise only from May 20 to Oct. 15 on highways other than freeways between: parts of one farm owned/operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry; farms owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry located not more than 25 miles apart; farms; or a farm and a place of business of a mechanic or dealer in implements of husbandry located not more than 100 miles away for the purpose of buying, selling, trading, loaning, and leasing, demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of husbandry.
Inspection Requirements	None	None
Permit Requirements	None	None
Registration	Fee: None Form: None	Fee: \$18 per year Forms: MV-1 or MV-4ST MV-190A Photos Required

NOTE: In order for vehicles to be titled as implements of husbandry and/or commercial implements of husbandry, they must qualify as a piece of farm equipment as defined on reverse side of this matrix.

NOTE: Any farm and garden vehicles under 20 horsepower driven incidentally upon a highway are exempt from any of the criteria listed above and on the reverse side of this matrix.

	Implement of Husbandry (Non-Registered)	Commercial Implement of Husbandry
Motor Vehicle Code Sections	102, 1102(8), 1302(2), 1302(18), 2105, 4303(e), 4307(e), 4502(d), 4529(a), 4534, 4535(c), 4536, 4703(b), 4704(g), 4905(e), 4921(b)(1, 2 & 5)	102, 1933, 2105(a)(e), 4303(e), 4502(d), 4529(a), 4535(c), 4534, 4535(c), 4536, 4905(e), 4921(b)(6)
Vehicle Description and Purpose	Farm equipment that meets all of the following criteria: (1) Is equipped with pneumatic tires except if prohibited by religious beliefs, (2) Is infrequently operated or moved upon highways. (3) Is used in agriculture for any of the following purposes: (a) performance of agriculture production or harvesting activities for the farmer's agricultural operations; or (b) transportation of agricultural products or agricultural supplies for the benefit of the farmer's agricultural operations. The term also includes earthmoving equipment and any other vehicle determined by PennDOT to be an implement of husbandry.	An implement of husbandry that (1) is a self-propelled vehicle, (2) is used commercially, or (3) is operated or moved upon highways for not more than 180 days in a calendar year. The term also includes any other vehicle determined by PennDOT to be a commercial implement of husbandry.
Use	Infrequently operated on highway(s) between parts of a farm owned/operated by a vehicle owner; between farms located less than 25 miles apart, between farms and a place of business located within a 25 mile radius of the farm for the purpose of buying/selling agricultural commodities/supplies or for delivery, repair/servicing of the vehicle.	Used commercially and is operated or moved upon the highways for not more than 180 days in a calendar year.
Lighting Requirements	Vehicles used exclusively for highly perishable crops for processing, operating only during the period of May 20 to October 15, between sunset and sunrise, must have two rotating yellow beacons and vehicular hazard signal lamps on highways other than freeways.	A commercial implement of husbandry operated exclusively between the hours of sunrise and sunset and not during periods of reduced visibility or insufficient illumination are exempted from lighting requirements. However, the vehicle must display a slow moving vehicle emblem. Otherwise, the vehicle must meet all general lighting inspection requirements. Vehicular hazard signal lamps must be used when the vehicle is traveling below the speed limit on any highway and the vehicle is not equipped with a rear bumper.
Size Limitations	Generally, no wider than 8 feet. If used between sunrise and sunset may be 10 feet wide if used to haul vegetables or forage crops on highways other than freeways and may be 14 feet, 6 inches if driven, hauled or towed between sunset and sunrise only from May 20 to Oct. 15 on highways other than freeways between: parts of one farm owned/operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry; farms owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry located not more than 50 miles apart; farms; or a farm and a place of business of a mechanic or dealer in implements of husbandry located not more than 100 miles away for the purpose of buying, selling, trading, loaning, and leasing, demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of husbandry.	Generally, no wider than 8 feet. If driven, hauled or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other than freeways, may be 12 feet in width including wheels and tires.
Inspection Requirements	None	Registered 17,000 lbs. and under - annual Registered 17,001 lbs. and over - semi-annual. Commercial Implement of Husbandry with Implement of Husbandry type - none
Permit Requirements	None	None
Registration	Fee: None Forms: None	Fee: \$76.50 or 1/2 regular fee, whichever is greater per year. Forms: MV-1 or MV-4ST/MV-44 MV-190A Photos Required