

**REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMISSION
ON TRANSPORTATION
ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Issues Impacting the Virginia Departments of
Agriculture and Consumer Services, Motor
Vehicles, and State Police**

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Executive Summary

Over the past year, a number of issues have surfaced related to the operation of farm vehicles. The issues generally pertain to whether the statutory provisions have been properly applied to eligible vehicles, whether such vehicles are entitled to certain farm vehicle exemptions, and how the operation of farm vehicles can be properly enforced.

The Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Motor Vehicles, and State Police all play a role with respect to the enforcement of the operation of farm vehicles. Representatives from these three agencies have met throughout the year to identify and address farm vehicle issues and to develop a variety of responses that will help to resolve the issues.

In general, the agencies have developed:

- Proposed changes to the permitting process by which farm vehicles are exempted from various statutory provisions imposed on all vehicles.
- A process to better monitor and enforce proper use of exemptions when granted.
- Legislative proposals to clarify statutes where needed and to streamline the exemptions application process.
- A proposal to study and review the current statutory provisions and enforcement efforts for both registered and unregistered farm vehicles.
- Recommendations concerning cross-border issues with Virginia farm vehicles operating in North Carolina.

The agencies have also worked closely with representatives of the Virginia Farm Bureau, which has committed to sponsoring part of the legislative proposals presented here in the 2011 General Assembly Session and helped the agencies disseminate important information.

Introduction

At the request of Chairman Joe T. May, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and the Department of State Police (VSP) (referred to collectively hereafter as "the agencies") have prepared this report for presentation to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability. This report addresses five specific issues that impact the agencies collectively, all of which relate to the operation of farm vehicles:

Issue 1: Overweight Farm Machinery

Pertaining to the exemption of certain farm machinery from statutory maximum vehicle weight limits.

Issue 2: Out-of-State Harvest Vehicles

Pertaining to the use of out-of-state harvest vehicle exemption permits by vehicles not principally engaged in the transportation of farm produce.

Issue 3: Unregistered Farm Vehicles in Virginia

Pertaining to the operation of farm-use vehicles that are exempt from registration, inspection, and insurance requirements in Virginia.

Issue 4: The Operation of Unregistered Virginia Farm Vehicles in North Carolina

Pertaining to the citation by North Carolina law enforcement of Virginia farmers operating unregistered farm-use vehicles into North Carolina.

Issue 5: Registered Farm Vehicles in Virginia

Pertaining to the operation of farm-use vehicles elected to be registered with DMV.

The agencies were asked to present their own views on these issues; however, all three agencies share the views provided in this report. While several of the issues presented have solutions that are currently being pursued, or have already been implemented, all issues are open to additional action by the Commission. The agencies ask only that proposed solutions seek to further the following shared goals:

1. Protect Commonwealth revenue;
2. Avoid undue burden on farmers; and
3. Promote highway safety.

Issue 1

Overweight Farm Machinery

Current Law:

Virginia Code § 46.2-1102 provides that:

The vehicle size limitations contained in Articles 14 through 17 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 shall not apply to any farm machinery or agricultural multipurpose drying unit when such farm machinery or agricultural drying unit is temporarily propelled, hauled, transported, or moved on the highway by a farm machinery distributor or dealer, fertilizer distributor, or farmer in the ordinary course of business.

The Articles referenced in that section apply to the following:

Article 14 (§§ 46.2-1101 through 46.2-1104): Maximum Vehicle Size, Generally

Article 15 (§§ 46.2-1105 through 46.2-1111): Maximum Vehicle Widths and Heights

Article 16 (§§ 46.2-1112 through 46.2-1121): Maximum Vehicle Lengths

Article 17 (§§ 46.2-1122 through 46.2-1138.2): Maximum Vehicle Weights

The full text of § 46.2-1102 is provided in Attachment A.

Issue:

DMV has always understood § 46.2-1102 as exempting farm machinery from statutory weight limitations, as well as from size limitations. Plain reading of the statute would suggest that, since Article 17 is included in the Articles that are inapplicable to farm machinery, farm machinery is exempt from weight limitations; however, at least one Commonwealth's Attorney (in Pittsylvania County) has interpreted § 46.2-1102 as exempting farm machinery from size limitations (height, width, and length) only, because the word "weight" is not included in the statute. Based on this interpretation, state troopers have been citing farmers for overweight farm equipment.

Action:

The agencies are in agreement that § 46.2-1102 should exempt farm machinery from the weight limitations of Article 17, but that the language of the section should be clarified. The agencies met with representatives of the Secretary of Transportation's Office and the Virginia Farm Bureau to discuss enforcement and possible Code changes. At that meeting, the Virginia Farm Bureau agreed to develop language and solicit a patron for a bill in the 2011 General Assembly

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Session. Delegate Edward T. Scott has agreed to carry the legislation for the Farm Bureau.

The proposed language offers a simple solution to the problem by adding "weight" where necessary. It also carves out exceptions to the weight limit exemption in order to protect the integrity of the Interstate highway system. A preliminary draft of the language is included in Attachment B.

Issue 2

Out-of-State Harvest Vehicles

Current Law:

Under Virginia Code § 46.2-668, a vehicle registered in another state is exempt from registration and motor fuel road use tax requirements in Virginia if it is engaged in the transportation of farm produce that is:

1. incidental to harvesting operations;
2. no more than 20 miles along a public highway "to a storage house, packing plant, market, or transportation terminal;"
3. only seasonal; and
4. performed under an exemption permit issued by DMV.

Permits are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. They are free for vehicles that are not subject to motor fuel road use taxes and \$100 for vehicles that are. Applications are made through VSP, which certifies the applicants' eligibility to DMV, which, in turn, issues the exemption permits. The full Code section is included in Attachment C.

Issue:

The issue here is with an apparent loophole in the current law, which does not require the vehicles to be *principally* engaged in transporting farm produce. Earlier this year, law enforcement discovered instances of vehicles on the Eastern Shore that had obtained the out-of-state harvest vehicle exemption, but were engaged in activities other than transporting farm produce. These vehicles were carrying token amounts of farm produce in order to qualify for the exemption, but were actually being used to transport migrant workers.

Action:

In June 2010, the agencies developed a flyer to be included with applications for out-of-state harvest vehicle exemption permits received from farms on the Eastern Shore. The flyer clarifies the rules for the exemption permits and stresses that the permits are being strictly enforced. To date, only applicants from the Eastern Shore have received the flyer and VDACS has indicated that the effort is working. Farmers in other regions of the state will also receive the flyer if law enforcement discovers this problem in those areas, as well. A copy of the flyer is provided in Attachment D.

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The agencies have also identified a need for legislative action to address this issue. DMV has prepared statutory language as part of its 2011 legislation package. The draft language clarifies that the vehicle must be principally engaged in transporting farm produce. In addition, the proposed legislation streamlines the application process by transferring responsibility entirely to DMV and increases the fee for the permits from \$100 to \$150. The transfer of responsibility removes the requirement of VSP to certify that an applicant is eligible, while the fee increase conforms the fee to the flat road tax fee levied in Chapter 27 of Title 58.1 of the Virginia Code, which was raised in 2007. The fees had been equivalent until that year. The draft statutory language is included in Attachment E.

Issue 3

Unregistered Farm Vehicles in Virginia

Current Law:

Virginia Code §§ 46.2-664, 46.2-665, 46.2-666, 46.2-670, 46.2-672, and 46.2-673 permit the operation of unregistered farm-use motor vehicles in Virginia. Section 46.2-665 provides the general exemption, while the other sections apply to specific vehicle uses, such as the seasonal transportation of livestock and the transporting of cotton. Section 46.2-673 permits these vehicles to return to the farm, in the event the return trip is not expressly permitted in the other provisions. These Code sections are presented in Attachment F.

The general registration exemption applies only to pickup trucks, panel trucks, sport utility vehicles, and vehicles with gross weights above 7,500 pounds. In addition to the restriction of vehicle type, these vehicles may only be used to:

1. Cross a highway;
2. Travel no more than 30 miles along a highway to move from one part of the owner's land to another;
3. Travel to and from a repair shop for repairs to the vehicle or fixtures on the vehicle;
4. Take another unregistered farm-use vehicle to a repair shop;
5. Haul farm-generated garbage to a refuse disposal facility; or
6. Travel no more than 30 miles along a highway in order to obtain supplies for the farm.

The registration exemption for these vehicles also provides them with exemptions from safety inspection and minimum automobile liability insurance requirements. These vehicles may or may not possess adequate safety equipment and may or may not be insured. If the owner chooses not to purchase automobile insurance, unregistered farm vehicles may be covered under another type of insurance policy, such as homeowner's insurance.

As a signal to law enforcement that the vehicles are exempt from registration, unregistered farm vehicles typically display a sign indicating that they are for farm use. This indicator is usually in the form of homemade or retail cardboard or metal license tags, but it may also be painted directly on the rear of the vehicle.

Issues:

The agencies have identified a number of concerns about unregistered farm vehicles. First, there is an apparent problem of abuse of the exemption, which is difficult to enforce. In general, the abuse comes in the form of individuals who do not have a farm operating vehicles under the auspices of "farm use" or farmers who operate properly exempted vehicles outside of the limitations imposed by the Code.

Second, the lack of registration fees means that these vehicles do not contribute to road maintenance funds. Since many of these vehicles are heavy, with gross weights over 7,500 pounds, significant numbers of these vehicles on the road may contribute substantially to road damage in some areas of the state.

Third, the exemption for mandatory insurance presents difficulties when these unregistered vehicles are involved in crashes and their owners are at fault. In some cases, the owner may have sufficient other insurance to cover their liability, but there is a significant possibility that the vehicle is not insured at all. Crashes involving uninsured unregistered farm vehicles represent the potential for insufficiently compensated victims and higher insurance rates for all drivers.

Finally, and tangentially related to the insurance concern above, the exemption of these vehicles from annual safety inspections may mean that unsafe vehicles are operating daily, and legally, on Virginia's highways. The Virginia Highway Safety Office (HSO) reports that unregistered farm vehicles play a role in motor vehicle-related crashes and fatalities yearly, which supports the agencies' concern.

HSO's crash statistics indicate that the number of people killed or injured in crashes involving unregistered farm vehicles has increased approximately 21% between 2008 and 2009. In 2008, one person was killed and 46 injured in 82 crashes, but those numbers increased in 2009 to three people killed and 54 injured in 114 crashes. HSO estimates that eight people will be killed and 98 injured in 138 crashes by the end of 2010, a nearly 86% increase from 2009.

Over the same time period, crashes involving registered farm vehicles, which are required to meet inspection and insurance requirements, have resulted in only one fatality, in 2008. For 2008, in addition to the fatality, 39 people were injured in 127 crashes. In 2009, 54 people were injured in 138 crashes. HSO estimates that 60 people will be injured in 141 crashes by the end of 2010. These statistics suggest that requiring annual safety inspections and minimum automobile liability insurance limits for farm vehicles saves lives.

Action:

In 2010, the General Assembly enacted legislation that removed passenger cars from the list of exempted farm-use vehicles in § 46.2-665. This change is already helping the enforcement of farm-use vehicles in Southwest Virginia, but more time is needed to determine the full impact of the law.

The agencies believe that further study of these issues is necessary to better understand the impact of unregistered farm vehicles on Virginia's highways. To that extent, the agencies are committed to gathering stakeholders together in 2011 to attempt to find workable solutions that may be presented in the 2012 General Assembly session.

Issue 4

Operation of Unregistered Virginia Farm Vehicles in North Carolina

Current Law:

In addition to the Code sections presented above (and in Attachment F), this issue is impacted by North Carolina law. North Carolina General Statutes § 20-51 does not permit the operation of unregistered farm motor vehicles on North Carolina highways, except to access adjoining properties separated by a roadway. This exemption is not limited to farmers, but extends to all property owners. A variety of farm-use equipment, including trailers, tractors, and agricultural spreaders are permitted to be operated or towed without registration. The statute is included as Attachment G.

Issue:

In 1996, Virginia Farm Bureau received a letter from the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles Enforcement Section indicating that Virginia farmers would be allowed to operate unregistered farm-use motor vehicles in North Carolina, provided they were operating within Virginia law. Specifically, the letter states that farmers will be allowed to operate on North Carolina highways if they are within 30 miles of their Virginia property and traveling to their own land in North Carolina. Until this year, there had been no question of this apparent reciprocity.

This year, the Virginia Farm Bureau was notified that farmers along the North Carolina border were being cited for operating unregistered vehicles in North Carolina. According to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the North Carolina Highway Patrol, officers had no knowledge of the 1996 letter. Upon receipt of a letter from Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Todd Haymore, North Carolina officials confirmed with their Attorney General's Office that the 1996 letter was improper and that no reciprocity for unregistered farm vehicles existed. The basis for the decision was that North Carolina could not extend those privileges to Virginia farmers when it did not allow for the operation of unregistered farm-use vehicles by North Carolina residents. North Carolina had no concerns with the operation of registered farm vehicles.

Copies of the 1996 and 2010 letters are included in Attachments H through J.

Action:

In August 2010, DMV and VDACS met to discuss this issue. The Commissioners agreed to craft a memorandum explaining the problem and recommending solutions. The memorandum (Attachment K) was completed and sent to the Virginia Farm Bureau and the Virginia Agribusiness Council. Those two groups were asked to disseminate the memorandum to farmers along Virginia's border with North Carolina.

The memorandum recommended that border farmers take one of two actions to avoid citations for the operation of unregistered vehicles in North Carolina. First, if practical, farmers could choose to avoid traveling into North Carolina in unregistered farm vehicles. Second, farmers could register their qualifying vehicles with DMV-issued farm-use license plates. VDACS and DMV endorsed option two.

Issue 5

Registered Farm Vehicles in Virginia

Current Law:

If they choose, farmers may register farm vehicles with DMV under Virginia Code § 46.2-698. Only vehicles with gross weights of 7,500 pounds or more that are used exclusively for farm use are eligible for registration.

Registering a farm vehicle allows the farmer to use the vehicle:

1. To transport agricultural products for sale, and tools, equipment, and supplies for use at the farm, and any other transportation incidental to farm operations;
2. To transport forest products or materials that originate at the farm or are necessary for farm operations;
3. To transport produce, supplies, equipment, or materials to another farm as part of a cooperative agreement; or
4. For personal use for attending church, seeking medical treatment, and obtaining supplies or other household necessities.

An applicant for farm-use license plates must certify to DMV that the vehicle is for use on a farm as defined in § 46.2-698. A "farm" means:

one or more areas of land used for the production, cultivation, growing, or harvesting of agricultural products, but does not include a tree farm that is not also a nursery or Christmas tree farm, unless it is part of what otherwise is a farm. As used in this section, the term "agricultural products" means any nursery plants; Christmas trees; horticultural, viticultural, and other cultivated plants and crops; aquaculture; dairy; livestock; poultry; bee; or other farm products.

The applicant must provide DMV with the acreage of the farm, the types and annual amounts of the commodities produced, and a certification that the vehicle will only be used as permitted under the Code.

The fee for farm-use license plates is one-half of the fee, based on weight, for the vehicle if it were registered as a private property carrier under Virginia Code § 46.2-697, plus statutory fees for emergency medical, safety inspection, and, where required, emissions inspection programs. Without emissions inspection fees, which apply only in select Northern Virginia jurisdictions, the annual fees for farm-use license plates range from \$26.10 to \$675.05. The fee for most farm-use vehicles is \$29.75 (for vehicles with gross weights between 7,500 and 10,000 pounds).

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A registered farm vehicle is subject to all inspection and insurance requirements.

Attachment L provides the full text of § 46.2-698. A copy of the application, with its certification section, is provided in attachment M.

Issue:

The agencies are concerned about the enforcement of farm-use license plates. As with unregistered farm vehicles, the registration of vehicles as farm vehicles is also subject to abuse. Because the permitted uses of registered farm vehicles are broad, abuse typically presents itself in the form of false certifications of farm ownership in order to obtain the reduced registration fee. DMV has no system for verifying the farm certifications on applications. In addition, law enforcement agencies (both state and local) lack the resources to conduct surveillance on suspected abusers to determine whether they are out of compliance.

Action:

The agencies have discussed this issue, but no actions have been taken at this time. They believe that further study of this issue is necessary because of the difficulties of enforcement, in general, and the limited resources of the agencies to improve enforcement efforts at this time. The agencies plan to address both registered and unregistered farm vehicle concerns in cooperation with stakeholders in 2011.

Conclusion

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of State Police will continue to work together to address the on-going issues presented here, as well as any new problems that may arise.

The participants in this effort have developed and endorse legislative proposals to resolve some issues. These will be taken up by the General Assembly in its upcoming 2011 session as the proposals are introduced as bills.

Beyond the General Assembly session, the agencies hope new ideas will be developed that will provide efficient solutions to the outstanding issues, such as the operation of unregistered and registered farm vehicles. At this time, the agencies formally ask for the recommendations of the Commission.

Attachment A: Virginia Code § 46.2-1102

§ 46.2-1102. Size limitations inapplicable to farm machinery, agricultural multipurpose drying units, and fire-fighting equipment; amber warning lights.

A. The vehicle size limitations contained in Articles 14 through 17 (§ 46.2-1101 et seq.) of this chapter shall not apply to any farm machinery or agricultural multipurpose drying unit when such farm machinery or agricultural multipurpose drying unit is temporarily propelled, hauled, transported, or moved on the highway by a farm machinery distributor or dealer, fertilizer distributor, or farmer in the ordinary course of business. Nor shall those limitations apply to fire-fighting equipment of any county, city, town, or fire-fighting company or association. Any farm tractor or agricultural multipurpose drying unit wider than 108 inches, however, which is so propelled, hauled, transported, or moved on the highway shall be equipped with a safety light of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police. The light shall be plainly visible from the rear of the tractor or agricultural multipurpose drying unit.

B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, any farm tractor or other farm, agricultural, or horticultural vehicle wider than 108 inches may be equipped with an amber flashing, blinking, or alternating warning light as provided in § 46.2-1025. Any such light may be installed in lieu of or in addition to the safety light described in subsection A of this section. The absence of amber flashing, blinking, or alternating warning lights on any farm tractor or other farm, agricultural, or horticultural vehicle, as authorized under this subsection, shall not constitute negligence, be considered in mitigation of damages of whatever nature, be admissible in evidence or be the subject of comment by counsel in any action for the recovery of damages arising out of the operation, ownership, or maintenance of any motor vehicle or farm tractor, nor shall anything in this section change any existing law, rule, or procedure pertaining to any such civil action.

Attachment B: Draft Overweight Farm Machinery Statutory Language

§ 46.2-1102. Size and weight limitations inapplicable to farm machinery, agricultural multipurpose drying units, and fire-fighting equipment; amber warning lights.

A. The Except for restrictions by bridge capacity in § 46.2-1104, the vehicle size and weight limitations contained in Articles 14 through 17 (§ 46.2-1101 et seq.) of this chapter shall not apply to any farm machinery or agricultural multipurpose drying unit when such farm machinery or agricultural multipurpose drying unit is temporarily propelled, hauled, transported, or moved on the highway by a farm machinery distributor or dealer, fertilizer distributor, or farmer in the ordinary course of business. Nor shall those limitations apply to fire-fighting equipment of any county, city, town, or fire-fighting company or association. Any farm tractor or agricultural multipurpose drying unit wider than 108 inches, however, which is so propelled, hauled, transported, or moved on the highway shall be equipped with a safety light of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police. The light shall be plainly visible from the rear of the tractor or agricultural multipurpose drying unit.

No overweight farm machinery or agricultural multipurpose drying unit may operate on an interstate highway under any provision of this section if the vehicle has

1. a single axle weight in excess of 20,000 pounds; or
2. a tandem axle weight in excess of 34,000 pounds; or
3. a gross weight, based on axle spacing, greater than that permitted in § 46.2-1127; or
4. a gross weight, regardless of axle spacing, in excess of 80,000 pounds.

B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, any farm tractor or other farm, agricultural, or horticultural vehicle wider than 108 inches may be equipped with an amber flashing, blinking, or alternating warning light as provided in § 46.2-1025. Any such light may be installed in lieu of or in addition to the safety light described in subsection A of this section. The absence of amber flashing, blinking, or alternating warning lights on any farm tractor or other farm, agricultural, or horticultural vehicle, as authorized under this subsection, shall not constitute negligence, be considered in mitigation of damages of whatever nature, be admissible in evidence or be the subject of comment by counsel in any action for the recovery of damages arising out of the operation, ownership, or maintenance of any motor vehicle or farm tractor, nor shall anything in this section change any existing law, rule, or procedure pertaining to any such civil action.

Attachment C: Virginia Code § 46.2-668

§ 46.2-668. Vehicles validly registered in other states and used in conjunction with harvesting operations.

A. No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which is validly registered in another state and bears valid license plates issued by that state when the use of the vehicle has been contracted for by the owner or lessee of a farm as an incidental part of the harvesting of a crop from his farm. This exemption shall only be valid while the vehicle is engaged in transporting farm produce from the farm:

1. As an incidental part of harvesting operations;
2. Along a public highway for a distance of not more than 20 miles to a storage house, packing plant, market, or transportation terminal;
3. When the use is a seasonal operation; and
4. When the owner of the vehicle has secured from the Commissioner an exemption permit for each vehicle.

B. The Commissioner, upon receipt of certification by the Superintendent of State Police that a vehicle is entitled to the exemption set forth in this subsection and, if the vehicle is a qualified highway vehicle under § 58.1-2700, payment of \$100, shall issue an exemption permit on a form prescribed by him. The exemption permit shall be carried at all times by the operator of the vehicle for which it is issued or displayed in a conspicuous place on the vehicle. The exemption permit shall be valid for a period of 90 days from date of issue and shall be renewable by the procedure set forth in the foregoing provisions of this section.

Attachment D: Harvest Vehicles Flyer

Important Notice

Law enforcement will strictly enforce the use of harvest permits.

Harvest permits are issued for certain out-of-state vehicles used in harvesting operations within Virginia. The permit exempts the vehicle from Virginia vehicle registration requirements and motor fuel road use tax requirements.

The 90 day permits are only for vehicles with a valid registration from another state and that transport farm produce from the farm not more than 20 miles to a storage house, packing plant, market or transportation terminal during the harvest season. These vehicles are not to be used to transport workers. Violators will be cited and face strict penalties.

Display your permit at all times while the vehicle is in use.

Application Process

To qualify for a harvest permit, submit an Application/Permit to Operate on Out-Of-State License Plates (VSA148) to Virginia State Police along with a valid vehicle registration card for the vehicle.

Once a state police officer completes the segment of the application authorizing DMV to issue a harvest permit, present the application at a DMV customer service center where the harvest permit will be issued.

If the vehicle is subject to motor fuel road use taxes, a \$100 fee will be required. Otherwise the permit is free.



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Attachment E: Draft Harvest Vehicle Statutory Language

§ 46.2-668. Vehicles validly registered in other states and used in conjunction with harvesting operations.

A. No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which is validly registered in another state and bears valid license plates issued by that state when the use of the vehicle has been contracted for by the owner or lessee of a farm as an incidental part of the harvesting of a crop from his farm. This exemption shall only be valid while the vehicle is principally engaged in transporting farm produce from the farm:

1. As an incidental part of harvesting operations;
2. Along a public highway for a distance of not more than 20 miles to a storage house, packing plant, market, or transportation terminal;
3. When the use is a seasonal operation; and
4. When the owner of the vehicle has secured from the Commissioner an exemption permit for each vehicle.

B. The Commissioner, upon receipt of ~~certification by the Superintendent of State Police~~ an application certifying that a vehicle is entitled to the exemption set forth in this subsection and, if the vehicle is a qualified highway vehicle under § 58.1-2700, payment of ~~\$400~~ \$150, shall issue an exemption permit on a form prescribed by him. The exemption permit shall be carried at all times by the operator of the vehicle for which it is issued or displayed in a conspicuous place on the vehicle. The exemption permit shall be valid for a period of 90 days from date of issue and shall be renewable by the procedure set forth in the foregoing provisions of this section.

**Attachment F: Virginia Code Sections Pertaining to Unregistered Farm
Vehicles**

§ 46.2-664. Vehicles used for spraying fruit trees and other plants.

No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee for any vehicle on which is securely attached a machine for spraying fruit trees and other plants of the owner or lessee of the truck.

§ 46.2-665. Vehicles used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

A. No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes on lands owned or leased by the vehicle's owner.

B. This exemption shall only apply to pickup trucks, panel trucks, sport utility vehicles, and vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 7,500 pounds, and trailers and semitrailers that are not operated on or over any public highway in this Commonwealth for any purpose other than:

1. Crossing a highway;
2. Operating along a highway for a distance of no more than thirty miles from one part of the owner's land to another, irrespective of whether the tracts adjoin;
3. Taking the vehicle or attached fixtures to and from a repair shop for repairs;
4. Taking another vehicle exempt from registration under any provision of §§ 46.2-664 through 46.2-668 or § 46.2-672, or any part or subcomponent of such a vehicle, to or from a repair shop for repairs, including return trips;
5. Operating along a highway to and from a refuse disposal facility for the purpose of disposing of trash and garbage generated on a farm; or
6. Operating along a highway for a distance of no more than thirty miles for the purpose of obtaining supplies for agricultural or horticultural purposes, seeds, fertilizers, chemicals, or animal feed and returning.

§ 46.2-666. Vehicles used for seasonal transportation of farm produce and livestock.

No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee prescribed for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer owned by the owner or lessee of a farm and used by him on a seasonal basis in transporting farm produce and livestock along public highways for a distance of no more than thirty miles or the distance to the nearest storage house, packing plant, or market, but in no event more than fifty miles. The provisions of this section shall only apply to pickup trucks, panel trucks, sport utility vehicles, and vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 7,500 pounds, and trailers and semitrailers.

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**§ 46.2-670. Vehicles owned by farmers and used to transport certain wood
products.**

No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer owned by a farm owner when the vehicle is operated or moved along a highway for no more than twenty miles between a sawmill or sawmill site and his farm to transport sawdust, wood shavings, slab wood, and other wood wastes. The provisions of this section shall only apply to pickup trucks, panel trucks, sport utility vehicles, and vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 7,500 pounds, and trailers and semitrailers.

§ 46.2-672. Certain vehicles transporting fertilizer, cotton, or peanuts.

No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee for any motor vehicle or trailer, semitrailer, or fertilizer spreader drawn by a farm tractor used by a farmer, his tenant, agent or employee or a cotton ginner, peanut buyer, or fertilizer distributor to transport unginning cotton, peanuts, or fertilizer owned by the farmer, cotton ginner, peanut buyer, or fertilizer distributor from one farm to another, from farm to gin, from farm to dryer, from farm to market, or from fertilizer distributor to farm and on return to the distributor.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles operated on a for-hire basis.

§ 46.2-673. Return trips of exempted farm vehicles.

No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee for any farm vehicle exempted from registration under the provisions of this article when that vehicle is:

1. Making a return trip from any marketplace;
2. Transporting back to a farm ordinary and essential food and other products for home and farm use; or
3. Transporting supplies to the farm.

**Attachment G: North Carolina General Statutes Section Pertaining to
Unregistered Farm Vehicles**

§ 20-51. Exempt from registration.

The following shall be exempt from the requirement of registration and certificate of title:

- (1) Any such vehicle driven or moved upon a highway in conformance with the provisions of this Article relating to manufacturers, dealers, or nonresidents.
- (2) Any such vehicle which is driven or moved upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing such highway from one property to another.
- (3) Any implement of husbandry, farm tractor, road construction or maintenance machinery or other vehicle which is not self-propelled that was designed for use in work off the highway and which is operated on the highway for the purpose of going to and from such nonhighway projects.
- (4) Any vehicle owned and operated by the government of the United States.
- (5) Farm tractors equipped with rubber tires and trailers or semitrailers when attached thereto and when used by a farmer, his tenant, agent, or employee in transporting his own farm implements, farm supplies, or farm products from place to place on the same farm, from one farm to another, from farm to market, or from market to farm. This exemption shall extend also to any tractor, implement of husbandry, and trailer or semitrailer while on any trip within a radius of 10 miles from the point of loading, provided that the vehicle does not exceed a speed of 35 miles per hour. This section shall not be construed as granting any exemption to farm tractors, implements of husbandry, and trailers or semitrailers which are operated on a for-hire basis, whether money or some other thing of value is paid or given for the use of such tractors, implements of husbandry, and trailers or semitrailers.
- (6) Any trailer or semitrailer attached to and drawn by a properly licensed motor vehicle when used by a farmer, his tenant, agent, or employee in transporting unginning cotton, peanuts, soybeans, corn, hay, tobacco, silage, cucumbers, potatoes, all vegetables, fruits, greenhouse and nursery plants and flowers, Christmas trees, fertilizers or chemicals purchased or owned by the farmer or tenant for personal use in implementing husbandry, irrigation pipes, loaders, or equipment owned by the farmer or tenant from place to place on the same farm, from one farm to another, from farm to gin, from farm to dryer, or from farm to market, and when not operated on a for-hire basis. The term "transporting" as used herein shall include the actual hauling of said products and all unloaded travel in connection therewith.
- (7) Those small farm trailers known generally as tobacco-handling trailers, tobacco trucks or tobacco trailers when used by a farmer, his tenant, agent or employee, when transporting or otherwise handling tobacco in connection with the pulling, tying or curing thereof.

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- (8) Any vehicle which is driven or moved upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing or traveling upon such highway from one side to the other provided the owner or lessee of the vehicle owns the fee or a leasehold in all the land along both sides of the highway at the place or crossing.
- (9) Mopeds as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)d1.
- (10) Devices which are designed for towing private passenger motor vehicles or vehicles not exceeding 5,000 pounds gross weight. These devices are known generally as "tow dollies." A tow dolly is a two-wheeled device without motive power designed for towing disabled motor vehicles and is drawn by a motor vehicle in the same manner as a trailer.
- (11) Devices generally called converter gear or dollies consisting of a tongue attached to either a single or tandem axle upon which is mounted a fifth wheel and which is used to convert a semitrailer to a full trailer for the purpose of being drawn behind a truck tractor and semitrailer.
- (12) Motorized wheelchairs or similar vehicles not exceeding 1,000 pounds gross weight when used for pedestrian purposes by a handicapped person with a mobility impairment as defined in G.S. 20-37.5.
- (13) Any vehicle registered in another state and operated temporarily within this State by a public utility, a governmental or cooperative provider of utility services, or a contractor for one of these entities for the purpose of restoring utility services in an emergency outage.
- (14) Electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(7a).
- (15) Any vehicle that meets all of the following:
 - a. Is designed for use in work off the highway.
 - b. Is used for agricultural quarantine programs under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
 - c. Is driven or moved on the highway for the purpose of going to and from nonhighway projects.
 - d. Is identified in a manner approved by the Division of Motor Vehicles.
 - e. Is operated by a person who possesses an identification card issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (16) A vehicle that meets all of the following conditions is exempt from the requirement of registration and certificate of title. The provisions of G.S. 105-449.117 continue to apply to the vehicle and to the person in whose name the vehicle would be registered.
 - a. Is an agricultural spreader vehicle. An "agricultural spreader vehicle" is a vehicle that is designed for off-highway use on a farm to spread fertilizer, seed, lime, or other agricultural products on a field.

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- b. Is driven on the highway only for the purpose of going from the location of its supply source for fertilizer or other products to and from a farm.
- c. Does not exceed a speed of 35 miles per hour.
- d. Does not drive outside a radius of 50 miles from the location of its supply source for fertilizer and other products.
- e. Is driven by a person who has a license appropriate for the class of the vehicle.
- f. Is insured under a motor vehicle liability policy in the amount required under G.S. 20-309.
- g. Displays a valid federal safety inspection decal if the vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 10,001 pounds.

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**Attachment H: November 1996 Letter from North Carolina to Virginia Farm
Bureau**


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
1100 NEW BERN AVENUE, RALEIGH, N.C. 27697-0001

JAMES B. HUNT, JR.
GOVERNOR

GARLAND B. GARRETT, JR.
SECRETARY

November 20, 1996

Ms. Martha Moore
Virginia Farm Bureau
Post Office Box 27552
Richmond, Virginia 23261

Dear Ms. Moore:

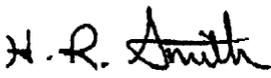
This letter is in regard to our telephone conversation of November 14, 1996.

North Carolina Law will allow farmers from Virginia to travel into North Carolina without a registration plate, if they are complying with Virginia Law (46-2-665) which states:

Operating along a highway for a distance of no more than thirty miles from one part of the owner's land to another, irrespective of whether the tract adjoin.

If the farmer exceeds the thirty miles limitation, they would be required to have a Virginia farm plate which is considered a restricted plate and will be honored on all North Carolina Highways.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

LTC H. R. Smith, Deputy Director
Enforcement Section

WTK/HRS:ds



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Attachment I: July 2010 Letter from Secretary Haymore to North Carolina



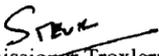
COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Todd F. Haymore
Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

July 1, 2010

Commissioner Steve Troxler
Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
1001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699


Commissioner Troxler:

As you know, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of North Carolina have maintained a special agreement in recognizing the ability of our farmers to operate unlicensed and unregistered farm-use vehicles and other farm equipment across state lines. Many Virginia farmers in the counties that border the North Carolina state line have crops in North Carolina and vice-versa. In years past, it has been of great benefit to our farmers to operate the same equipment to plant and harvest crops without additional license requirements. However, it appears this agreement between our two states must be renewed, as a number of Virginia farmers have reported being ticketed upon crossing the border with farm-use vehicles.

The reciprocal agreement to which I refer is outlined in the enclosed letter from the State of North Carolina's Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles Enforcement Section dated November 20, 1996. The letter states that "North Carolina Law will allow farmers from Virginia to travel into North Carolina without a registration plate if they are complying with Virginia Law (46-2-665)" which permits farmers to travel along the highways within a 30 mile radius of their farm, wherever located. It is my understanding that the Virginia farmers who were ticketed recently were in compliance with the aforementioned Virginia law.

Given the history of cooperation between Virginia and North Carolina, and the significant number of growers who are producing crops in both states, I respectfully request the State of North Carolina consider renewal of our reciprocal agreement in order to allow the use of the unlicensed farm vehicles within the limitations of existing law. In addition to continuing our states' tradition of comity at the inter-governmental level, I believe this will be of genuine benefit to our shared and valued farming community.

Please contact me directly if I may be of assistance to you as you consider our request.

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With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Todd Haymore

Enclosure

— Steve: Thanks for your
consideration of this request.
I hope you're doing well.

Attachment J: July 2010 Letter from North Carolina to Secretary Haymore



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

**North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services**

July 26, 2010

Todd P. Haymore
Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
State of Virginia
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Todd:

This is to follow up on your letter about whether North Carolina would allow Virginia farmers to operate farm trucks in North Carolina without registration plates as long as they were in compliance with the Virginia law exempting them from registration.

We checked with Major Marc Nichols with the North Carolina Highway Patrol, who is in charge of the Motor Carrier Safety Enforcement Unit, and is very familiar with the exemptions relating to farm vehicles. He was not familiar with the 1996 letter you provided. He also checked with the senior deputy attorney general who has been their legal advisor for many years, and he also was not familiar with the 1996 letter. He did not believe that there was any basis in North Carolina law for recognizing the Virginia exemption, and therefore the North Carolina Highway Patrol would not have the authority to enter into such an agreement with the State of Virginia.

As you probably know, in North Carolina we do not have any exemptions from registration for operating farm trucks on State roads, except for crossing the road to go from one part of your farm to another. We have talked with members of our General Assembly in recent years about adopting some of the exemptions that Virginia has, but there does not appear to be enough support to enact such legislation.

I regret that Virginia farmers have been ticketed in North Carolina, but perhaps this will provide an opportunity to let others know that they will need to have registration plates if they operate in North Carolina.

Thanks for contacting us and please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven W. Troxler".

Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner



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Attachment K: September 2010 Memorandum from VDACS and DMV



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September 20, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Virginia Farm Bureau
Virginia Agribusiness Council

From: Matthew J. Lohr, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Richard D. Holcomb, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

Re: Operation of Unregistered Virginia Farm Use Vehicles in the State of North Carolina

Recently, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Motor Vehicles were advised that law enforcement officers in the state of North Carolina have been issuing citations to Virginia farmers traveling into North Carolina in unregistered "farm use" motor vehicles. This news was surprising because, since 1996, we have understood that North Carolina would permit the operation of these vehicles across its border, as long as the drivers were compliant with Virginia law governing the use of unregistered farm vehicles. Now, according to the Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the office of the North Carolina Attorney General has determined that such an extension of reciprocity was not proper or permissible under North Carolina law.

Because North Carolina has no exemptions from registration for operating farm trucks on state roads, except to cross a road to move from one parcel of farmland to another, allowing unregistered Virginia farm vehicles to operate in North Carolina extends a courtesy to Virginia farmers that does not exist for North Carolina farmers. Until the North Carolina General Assembly decides to adopt exemptions for unregistered farm vehicles that are similar in nature to Virginia's, Virginia farmers operating unregistered vehicles in North Carolina risk being ticketed for driving without valid registration. In recent years, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has sought exemptions for North Carolina farmers, but the North Carolina General Assembly has been reluctant to show its support.

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As Commissioners of the Virginia Departments of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Motor Vehicles, we ask for your help in sharing this information with farmers along the North Carolina border. Please understand that our agencies are working hard to protect Virginia farmers in this situation, but the farmers must decide what steps, if any, they will take to protect themselves in the immediate future. We are recommending two options for Virginia's border farmers in this situation.

1) If practical, avoid traveling into North Carolina in unregistered farm vehicles. Even if farmers are traveling within the permitted thirty-mile radius and moving only from one piece of their own property to another, they risk being given a citation. North Carolina has no mileage allowance for vehicles traveling from one piece of a farmer's property to another, therefore its police officers will not recognize ours. While this option is safe, we understand it may not be practical for Virginia farmers who own land in North Carolina.

2) Register all qualifying farm use vehicles with DMV-issued farm use license plates. We have confirmed with North Carolina that the Virginia farm use license plate is recognized in North Carolina; however, this option is only available to farm vehicles with gross weights greater than 7,500 pounds. Any pickup or panel trucks or sport-utility vehicles that are currently legally operated in Virginia as unregistered farm vehicles would need standard-issue license plates to operate legally in North Carolina. While the farm use plate is not free (it is half the cost of a standard registration for the vehicle), it offers advantages over the option of not registering the vehicle. The most important of these advantages are broader usage allowances and the elimination of mileage restrictions. We strongly recommend that farmers choose this option. More information about farm use license plates is available on DMV's website, www.dmvNOW.com.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We will provide updates on this situation as appropriate.

Attachment L: Virginia Code § 46.2-698

§ 46.2-698. Fees for farm vehicles.

A. The fees for registration of farm motor vehicles having gross weights of 7,500 pounds or more, when such vehicles are used exclusively for farm use as defined in this section, shall be one-half of the fee per 1,000 pounds of gross weight for private carriers as calculated under the provisions of § 46.2-697 and one-half of the fee for overload permits under § 46.2-1128, but the annual registration fee to be paid for each farm vehicle shall not be less than \$15.

B. A farm motor vehicle is used exclusively for farm use:

1. When owned by a person who is engaged either as an owner, renter, or operator of a farm of a size reasonably requiring the use of such vehicle or vehicles and when such vehicle is:

a. Used in the transportation of agricultural products of the farm he is working to market, or to other points for sale or processing, or when used to transport materials, tools, equipment, or supplies which are to be used or consumed on the farm he is working, or when used for any other transportation incidental to the regular operation of such farm;

b. Used in transporting forest products, including forest materials originating on a farm or incident to the regular operation of a farm, to the farm he is working or transporting for any purpose forest products which originate on the farm he is working; or

c. Used in the transportation of farm produce, supplies, equipment, or materials to a farm not worked by him, pursuant to a mutual cooperative agreement.

2. When the nonfarm use of such motor vehicle is limited to the personal use of the owner and his immediate family in attending church or school, securing medical treatment or supplies, or securing other household or family necessities.

C. As used in this section, the term "farm" means one or more areas of land used for the production, cultivation, growing, or harvesting of agricultural products, but does not include a tree farm that is not also a nursery or Christmas tree farm, unless it is part of what otherwise is a farm. As used in this section, the term "agricultural products" means any nursery plants; Christmas trees; horticultural, viticultural, and other cultivated plants and crops; aquaculture; dairy; livestock; poultry; bee; or other farm products.

D. The first application for registration of a vehicle under this section shall be made on forms provided by the Department and shall include:

1. The location and acreage of each farm on which the vehicle to be registered is to be used;

2. The type of agricultural commodities, poultry, dairy products or livestock produced on such farms and the approximate amounts produced annually;

3. A statement, signed by the vehicle's owner, that the vehicle to be registered will only be used for one or more of the purposes specified in subsection B of this section; and

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4. Other information required by the Department.

The above information is not required for the renewal of a vehicle's registration under this section.

E. The Department shall issue appropriately designated license plates for those motor vehicles registered under this section. The manner in which such license plates are designated shall be at the discretion of the Commissioner.

F. The owner of a farm vehicle shall inform the Commissioner within 30 days or at the time of his next registration renewal, whichever comes first, when such vehicle is no longer used exclusively for farm use as defined in this section, and shall pay the appropriate registration fee for the vehicle based on its type of operation. It shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor to: (i) operate or to permit the operation of any farm motor vehicle for which the fee for registration and license plates is herein prescribed on any highway in the Commonwealth without first having paid the prescribed registration fee; or (ii) operate or permit the operation of any motor vehicle, registered under this section, for purposes other than as provided under subsection B of this section; or (iii) operate as a for-hire vehicle.

G. Nothing in this section shall affect the exemptions of agricultural and horticultural vehicles under §§ 46.2-664 through 46.2-670.

H. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, vehicles licensed under this section may be used by volunteer rescue squad members and volunteer firefighters in responding to emergency calls, in reporting for regular duty, and in attending squad meetings and drills.

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Attachment M: Virginia Vehicle Registration Application (VSA 14)

 www.dmvNow.com Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Post Office Box 27412 Richmond, Virginia 23269-0012	<h2 style="margin:0;">VEHICLE REGISTRATION APPLICATION</h2>	VSA 14 (10/10/2008)					
<p>Purpose: Use this form to apply for registration of your vehicle. Note: You must obtain a Virginia vehicle safety inspection sticker and pay any required local vehicle registration fees to your city or county. For the City of Virginia Beach only, DMV collects local vehicle registration fees.</p>							
<p>Instructions: Refer to the Registration Information Sheet (VSA 14-I) for general registration information. All owners must sign the Certification/Signatures section. Mail completed form with a check or money order (made payable to DMV) to Titles and Registration at the above address, or present to any DMV Customer Service Center (CSC) or DMV Select. Note: Effective July 1, 2008, a \$5 service fee per vehicle applies to each renewal transaction conducted in a CSC, unless the renewal is conducted with another transaction that cannot be completed by internet, automated telephone, mail or at a DMV Select.</p>							
REGISTRATION INFORMATION							
Registration Period (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> One year <input type="checkbox"/> Two years (\$2 discount applies)							
Registration Type: (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue (Decals Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue (Plates & Decals, see Reissue Plates below under Plate Information) <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> For-Hire (Complete For-Hire Operations page 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____							
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer License Plate Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ridesharing (Vanpool) (Cannot exceed 16 passengers including driver.) Seating Capacity _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Radio Operator Call Letters Specify letters (Vehicle must be equipped according to Virginia law.)							
PLATE INFORMATION							
New Plates (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Great Seal <input type="checkbox"/> Logging vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Standard (Blue and White) <input type="checkbox"/> Antique - Not General Transportation Use (Antique plates require certification, (VSA 10B) and may be purchased for a passenger vehicle, trailer, or motorcycle.) <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer emergency vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage (Dogwood-Cardinal) <input type="checkbox"/> Black & White <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> Vintage <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer fire fighter <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Vintage - General Transportation Use <input type="checkbox"/> Professional fire fighter <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain to Seashore <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Plate (complete Farm Information page 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Patriot <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue squad <input type="checkbox"/> Autumn							
Permanent Plates - may be issued to trailers (except travel trailers), semi-trailers; trucks/tractor trucks with a GVWR or GCWR of more than 26,000 lbs.; taxis; common carrier for-hire vehicles; trucks/tractor trucks with GVWR or GCWR of 7,501 to 26,000 lbs. if used for business only or farming. Trailer Permanent - one-time fee (check one) For Hire Passenger Permanent—(check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Regular size plate <input type="checkbox"/> E Permanent Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain to Seashore Permanent Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Small size plate (trailer gross weight must be 4,000 lbs or less) <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Permanent Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Great Seal Permanent Plate							
Reissue Plates (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Lost <input type="checkbox"/> Mutilated/Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Illegible <input type="checkbox"/> Confiscated <input type="checkbox"/> I want a new plate design/number <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Personalized Plates (Print your personalized character combination as it appears on your current license plates in the spaces provided.) <input type="text"/>							
VEHICLE INFORMATION							
TITLE NUMBER		VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)		CURRENT PLATE NUMBER		EXPIRATION DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	
MAKE		MODEL		YEAR		BODY TYPE	
EMPTY WEIGHT		GROSS WEIGHT		GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING		GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT RATING	
VEHICLE COLOR		PRIMARY _____		SECONDARY _____			
LOCATION WHERE THE VEHICLE IS GARAGED (city/town)				(county)		(state) (zip code)	
				VA			
If this is a new garage jurisdiction, enter date the location changed.				DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)			
OWNER INFORMATION							
OWNER NAME (last) (first) (mi) (suffix)				SOCIAL SECURITY/FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN)			
CO-OWNER NAME (last) (first) (mi) (suffix)				SOCIAL SECURITY/FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN)			
RESIDENCE/HOME ADDRESS (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if this is a new address.							
STREET ADDRESS				CITY		STATE	
				VA		ZIP CODE	
Are any of the vehicle owners on active military duty or service? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							

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FOR-HIRE OPERATIONS			
You must complete this section if you checked For-Hire in the Registration Information section.			
Vehicle Use (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Tow Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Leased to a Motor Carrier <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Commodity Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Intrastate Operation Only (less than 26,001 lbs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate Operation Only (less than 26,001 lbs.)			
If you checked Operating Authority, Tow Truck or Leased to a Motor Carrier, check all the following for which the vehicle will be used:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Carrier of Passengers (Regular Routes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Bus Carrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight-Seeing Carrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee Hauler
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Carrier of Passengers (Irregular Routes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Household Goods Carrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulk Property Carrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxicab
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit/Tax-Exempt Carrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Passenger Carrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Carrier	
FARM INFORMATION			
You must complete this section if you checked Farm Plate under New Plates in the Plate Information section on page 1.			
LOCATION	TYPE OF COMMODITY		
ACREAGE	ANNUAL AMOUNT PRODUCED \$		
Virginia Code § 46.2-698 permits a reduced fee for license plates used on farm vehicles with a gross weight of 7,500 lbs or more when used exclusively for farm use and not operated for hire. The reduced fee is one-half that for private carriers, but not less than \$15. Total fees will be calculated at the time of processing.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm plates may be displayed on farm vehicles owned by the owner, renter, or operator of a farm of a size reasonably requiring use of the vehicle to transport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural products of the farm to market or to other points of sale or processing. • Materials, tools, equipment, or supplies which will be used or consumed on the farm, and any other transportation incidental to regular farm operation. • Forest products, including forest materials originating on the farm or related to the farm operation. • Farm produce, supplies, equipment, or materials to another farm through mutual agreement with the owner of the other farm. • Non-farm use of the vehicle displaying farm plates is limited to the personal use of the owner and his immediate family in attending church or school, securing medical treatment or supplies, or securing other household or family necessities. • It is a Class 2 misdemeanor to operate or permit the operation of any farm vehicle on a Virginia highway for purposes other than as provided above (Virginia Code § 46.2-698). • Farm is defined as one or more areas of land used for the production, cultivation, growing or harvesting of agricultural products, but does not include a tree farm that is not also a nursery or Christmas tree farm, unless it is part of what otherwise is a farm • Agricultural products are defined as any nursery plants; Christmas trees; horticultural, viticultural, and other cultivated plants and crops; aquaculture; dairy; livestock; poultry; bee; or other farm products. 			
INSURANCE CERTIFICATION (Check one box)			
Any person who, with fraudulent intent, makes a false statement on this application will be guilty of a Class 6 felony (Virginia Code § 46.2-605). I/We certify (check only one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is insured with liability coverage by a company licensed to do business in Virginia. Coverage must be in effect at the time of application and must remain in effect as long as the vehicle is registered, even if the vehicle is not being driven or is inoperable.			
<input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle is not insured; therefore, I am sending the uninsured motor vehicle (UMV) fee. (This fee provides no insurance coverage). Failure to comply with Virginia's insurance requirements may result in suspension of your driver's license and vehicle registration.			
PRIVACY NOTICE			
The information, including Social Security Number, is requested in accordance with Virginia Code §§46.2-623 and 46.2-629. Any person who refuses to supply the required information will be denied a certificate of title and or registration. Title and registration records may be disseminated in accordance with §§ 46.2-208 through 46.2-214, to business, law enforcement or authorized government entities.			
CERTIFICATION/SIGNATURES			
I/We certify all information contained herein is true and correct and if the vehicle has a gross weight of 26,001 pounds or more, a signature indicates that I/we are knowledgeable about all applicable state and federal motor carrier safety and hazardous materials laws and regulations.			
If I/we are an amateur radio operator and my/our equipment is not operating and/or removed for 90 days, my/our call letter plates will be returned to DMV for regular plates.			
An authorized representative must sign for a corporation or company.			
APPLICANT/AUTHORIZED CORPORATION/COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER ()	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	
CO-APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER ()	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	
DMV USE ONLY			
CHECK IF NO FEE <input type="checkbox"/>	CSC TRANSACTION FEE (TOTAL RENEWALS X \$5)		
LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	DECAL MONTH	DECAL YEAR	ADDITIONAL FEE
REGISTRATION FEE	REISSUE FEE	UMV FEE	FEE TOTAL
CLERK STAMP			