

# BENEFITS OF FARM PLATES

## What are the Benefits of Farm Plates?

We're often asked, what are the benefits of putting FARM plates on my truck? For farmers, there are 4 benefits to use FARM licence plates on your farm trucks;

1. lower annual plate cost,
2. limited dangerous goods exemptions,
3. option to drive a D truck with a Class G Driver's License, and
4. exemption from the Light Duty DRIVE CLEAN program.

## Lower Annual Plate Cost:

FARM plates are reduced fee commercial plates for farmers with a valid Farm Business Registration (FBR) number. The fee differential between FARM and Commercial increases as vehicle weight rises. Based on **2018** plate fees;

Weight (kg.)	Commercial	Farm	Difference
3001-3500	\$ 265.25	\$ 157.00	\$ 108.25
3501-4000	\$ 265.25	\$ 159.25	\$ 106.00
4001-4500	\$ 265.25	\$ 167.25	\$ 98.00
4501-5000	\$ 265.25	\$ 172.25	\$ 93.00
5001-6000	\$ 361.00	\$ 180.75	\$ 180.25
11001-12000	\$ 798.75	\$ 283.75	\$ 515.00
63001-63500	\$4693.00	\$1245.50	\$3447.50

### Limited Dangerous Goods Exemption:

FARM-plated trucks transporting dangerous goods for farming purposes are exempt from the documentation, placarding and driver-training requirements for amounts totaling less than 1,500 kilograms (3,300 lbs.) and where the distance travelled is less than 100 km (62 mi). Qualifying dangerous goods **do not** include explosives, flammable gases, toxic gases, infectious substances or radioactive materials. Agricultural pesticides are also exempt where the volume in a single container is more than 450 L (99 gal.) but less than 6,000 L (1,320 gal.), and the distance travelled is less than 100 km.

Although gasoline and diesel fuel are dangerous goods, they can be transported in an open vehicle, such as a pickup truck, in a securely mounted, approved container. The total amount of gasoline or diesel fuel in all containers must be less than 2000 litres (440 gallons). Individual containers of gasoline and diesel fuel cannot exceed 454 litres (100 gallons).

### Drive a D Truck:

Farmers or their employees can drive a FARM-plated “D” truck (registered weight over 11,000 kg or 24,250 lbs.) with a G Driver’s License if the truck is owned or leased by a farmer, and is used by the farmer for his or her personal transportation or the unpaid transportation of farm products, supplies or equipment to or from a farm. If the truck has air brakes, the driver **must** have an air brake (Z) endorsement on their license.

A G2 Driver can drive a Class D FARM-plated truck that does not have air brakes. A G1 driver cannot drive a Class D truck.

### Light Duty DRIVE CLEAN Exemption:

The Light Duty DRIVE CLEAN Emissions testing program applies to passenger vehicles (cars, mini vans, SUVs) and light duty trucks more than 7 years old, registered in Southern Ontario, (except Huron, Grey, Bruce, Muskoka, Haliburton and Renfrew). Light duty trucks have a registered gross vehicle weight less than 4,500 kg (9,920 lbs.). Light duty FARM plated trucks are exempt.

### Farm Plate Uses and Restrictions:

**NOTE: Only commercial motor vehicles (i.e.trucks) are eligible for FARM plates. Passenger vehicles, including SUVs and minivans, are not eligible for FARM plates.**

FARM-plated trucks can transport farm products, equipment or supplies, year-round. During September, October or November you can be paid to transport farm products, equipment or supplies for other farmers. There are no distance limits for FARM plates.

FARM-plated trucks can also be used for personal transportation. Personal transportation includes transporting personal and household effects, farm building and maintenance items or recreational vehicles. FARM plated trucks cannot be used to transport logs, pulp wood, sand, gravel or stone.

Farm products **exclude** products preserved by freezing, pickling, cooking, and smoking or curing, other than cured tobacco leaves.

For further information contact your local OFA Member Service Representative or the OFA Guelph office.