

Lamont County Farm Vehicles on Roads



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Farm Vehicles and Equipment on Roads

As per the Traffic Safety Act and associated regulations, a vehicle used for farming operations is considered a commercial vehicle, and must abide by legislation for commercial vehicles.

This means that farm vehicles over a certain height, weight and width may require a permit when transporting cargo, and all cargo must be properly secured. Vehicles with farm plates are still considered to be commercial vehicles, and must abide by legislation for commercial vehicles.

Disclaimer

Lamont County has provided the following information as a resource for our farming community. This information is intended to help the farming community develop an increased understanding of traffic laws in Alberta. It is up to each individual to follow the rules and regulations set out by all current legislation, including the Traffic Safety Act of Alberta, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation of Alberta, and the Commercial Vehicle Dimension & Weight Regulation of Alberta.

For Further information

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Farm/Commercial Vehicles

Classes of Vehicles in Alberta

Alberta recognizes two classes of vehicles:

1. Private Passenger
2. Commercial

Note: a vehicle used for farming operations is a Class 2 Commercial Vehicle.

What is a commercial vehicle?

A commercial vehicle is a vehicle operated on a highway (including county roads) by or on behalf of a person for the purpose of providing transportation. If a vehicle is used for any type of business, it's considered a commercial vehicle. Farming has always been a commercial enterprise; therefore, the commercial legislation for weights and dimensions has always applied. **This means that farm vehicles over a certain height, weight and width may require a permit when transporting cargo.**

Farm Plates

If your vehicle has farm plates, it is still considered to be a commercial vehicle. Farm plates are used for registration purposes and to distinguish farmers from other industries when purchasing/possessing marked fuel. They do not carry with them any other value or exception related to height, width, weights, permits or securing loads.

Properly Secured loads

All commercial vehicles must have properly secured cargo. Even if a vehicle has farm plates, the load must still be secured during transport to ensure it won't leak, spill, blow off, fall from, fall through or otherwise be dislodged from the commercial vehicle or shift upon or within the vehicle to such an extent that the commercial vehicle's stability is adversely affected. If the load is not properly secured, the driver may face a **\$776** fine.

Securing and Hauling Hay/Straw

The National Safety Code rules for commercial vehicle cargo securement do not apply to farm-plated vehicles hauling hay or straw within a 50-kilometre radius of the load's origin.

In order for this exemption to apply, the vehicle must not exceed 80-kilometres per hour. In instances such as these, you will not require a permit, BUT the load must still be properly secured and not overweight.

If the load is not properly secured, you will face a **\$776** fine. If the cargo is not fully contained within the vehicle, it must still be properly secured using a system (i.e. tie straps) that provides a downward force equal to at 20% of the weight of the cargo.



Height, Width, and Length Requirements

Dimensions: If the farm equipment/commercial vehicle and its load exceed any or all of the following dimensions, you will need a permit:

- 2.6 meters in width (8.5 feet)
- 4.15 meters in height (13.6 feet)
- 23 meters in length (75 feet)

Over Dimension Exceptions

CVDWR AR 315/2002 (Width exceptions for farm equipment)

6. The provisions of section 4 with respect to the width of a commercial vehicle do not apply to:

(a) A rubber tired farm tractor equipped with a dozer blade, if conspicuously displayed on each side of the widest part of the farm tractor, or displayed at the extremities of the blade, there are,

(i) When the farm tractor is used during daylight, warning flags and

(ii) When the tractor is used during darkness,

(A) Warning lights, or

(B) Warning flags made of fluorescent material that are adequately illuminated by the farm tractor's working lights;

(b) Farm equipment loaded on a trailer

(i) During daylight, if warning flags are displayed at the widest part of the vehicle or load, or

(ii) During darkness, if warning lights are displayed at the widest part of the vehicle or load;

(c) Any other farm equipment

(i) During daylight, or

(ii) During darkness, if warning lights are displayed at the widest part of the vehicle or load

Legal Weights for Farm Trailers

- Farm trailers fall under quantum axle groups
- 9100 kilograms for a quantum axle group consisting of 2 axles
- 17 000 kilograms for a quantum axle group consisting of 3 or more axles with 12 or more tires
- 15 000 kilograms for a quantum axle group consisting of 3 or more axles with fewer than 12 tires

Weights, Permits, Road Bans

Please note that Alberta Weights, permits, and road bans are only valid on provincial highways and roads.

Additional permits may be required, and weights and road bans must be compiled with each respective municipality and county travelling through.

Implements of Husbandry

OLVC AR320/2002

8(1) A person who is less than 14 years old shall not drive an implement of husbandry on a highway

(2) A person shall not permit another person who is less than 14 years old to drive an implement of husbandry on a highway.

Legal Weights for Commercial Vehicles

- **Steering Axle:** 5500 kgs power unit or 7300 kgs truck
- **Single Axle:** 9100 kgs
- **Tandem Axle:** 17 000 kgs
- **Tridem Axle:** 24000 kgs



Flotation Tires CSVAR AR121/2009

32 (1) in this section and sections 33 to 36

- (h) “self-propelled floater implement of husbandry” means a motor vehicle that is designed, adapted or modified exclusively for the field application of fertilizers.
- (i) 36 Self propelled floater implement of husbandry. No person shall operate a self-propelled floater implement of husbandry on a paved highway at any time during which the implement is carrying a load.

Trip Inspection Reports for Farm Plated Vehicles CSVAR AR121/2009

Written pre-trip inspection reports are NOT required to be produced to a Peace Officer when stopped. However, every vehicle registered over 4500 kgs must complete a trip inspection before operating their vehicle for the day.

Daily Trip Inspection Requirements CSVAR AR121/2009

10 (2) Unless otherwise provided in this Regulation, an owner or carrier shall not permit a driver to drive, and a driver shall not drive, a commercial vehicle unless

- (a) The commercial vehicle has been inspected in accordance with the daily trip inspection requirements set out in this section; and
- (b) No major defect was detected in the vehicle during the daily trip inspection referred to in clause (a)

Log Books For Farm Plated Vehicles

Log Books are NOT required for farm vehicles operated within the Province. However, log books for farm vehicles may be required in other jurisdictions.

CVIP's for Farm Plated Vehicles

CVIP's or annual mechanical inspections are NOT required on farm plated vehicles. However, farm vehicles are legislated to be in the same working order as every other commercial vehicle on the road.



Provincial Road Ban

1-855-ROADBAN

(1-855-762-3226)

Alberta Central Permit Office

1-800-662-7138

Dangerous Goods

1-800-272-9600

Lamont County Public Works

780-895-2547

Toll Free: 1-866-895-2547

All Laws are subject to change. Please refer to the most current laws.

For the full Traffic Safety Act, Visit www.qp.alberta.ca

