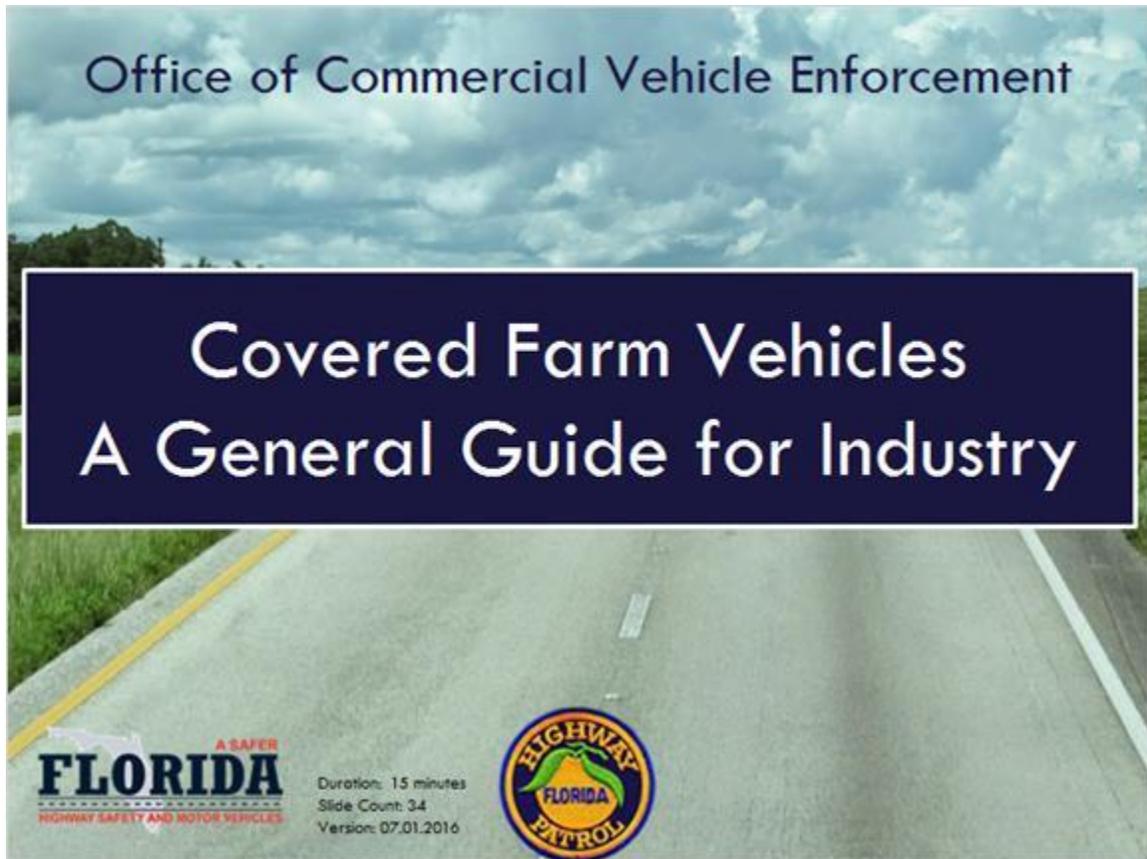


Covered Farm Vehicles: A General Guide for Industry

1. Covered Farm Vehicles: A General Guide for Industry

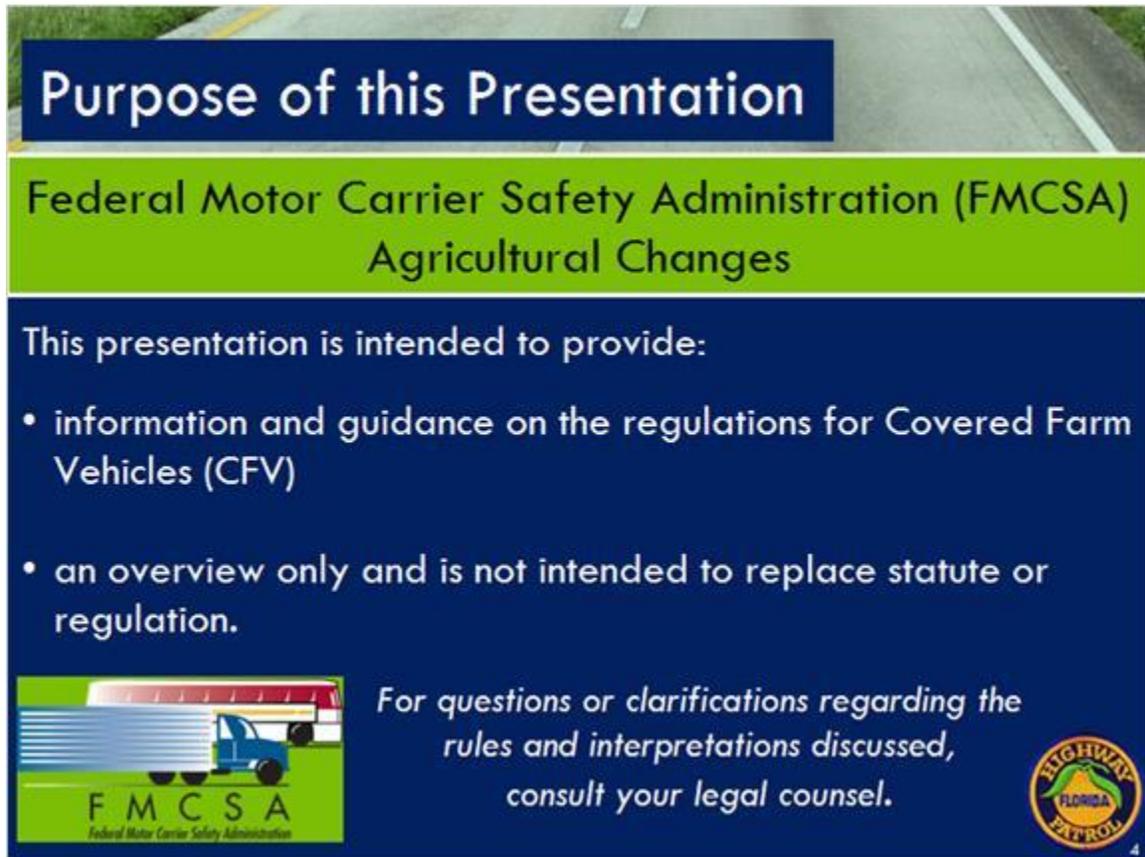
1.1 Title FHP CFV INDUSTRY



Notes:

Welcome to the Office of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement's Covered Farm Vehicle presentation: A general guide for industry.

1.2 PURPOSE



Purpose of this Presentation

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
Agricultural Changes

This presentation is intended to provide:

- information and guidance on the regulations for Covered Farm Vehicles (CFV)
- an overview only and is not intended to replace statute or regulation.

 *For questions or clarifications regarding the rules and interpretations discussed, consult your legal counsel.* 

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Notes:

This presentation is intended to provide discussion on the regulations for Covered Farm Vehicles. It is an overview only and is not intended to replace statute or regulation.

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1.3 OVERVIEW

Overview

This presentation will cover:

- Covered Farm Vehicle (CFV) definition
- CFV regulations and rules
- CFV CDL exemptions
- CFV interstate reciprocity
- CFV self certification process
- CFV certificate of designation



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1.4 OBJECTIVES

Objectives

Following this presentation, you will be able to:

- Understand the qualifications for Covered Farm Vehicle (CFV) exemptions.
- Understand that a CFV cannot be used For-Hire or to transport hazardous materials that require placarding.
- Understand how to create and use a CFV certificate of designation.



1.5 FMCSA CHANGES

FMCSA Agricultural Changes for Covered Farm Vehicle (CFV)

As of July 1, 2016, Florida adopted the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's regulatory exemptions for **Covered Farm Vehicles and their drivers.**

Although prior statutory exemptions involving agriculture are unchanged, some of these exemptions overlap with the new MAP-21 federal provisions.

The applicable Florida Statutes are:

- s. 316.003(14), F.S. Defines CFV*
- s. 316.302(3), F.S. Provides exemptions from certain federal regulations*
- s. 322.53(2), F.S. Provides exemption from commercial driver license requirements*



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1.6 F.S. DEFINITION of a CFV

Definition of Covered Farm Vehicle [s. 316.003(14), F.S.]

A straight truck, or articulated vehicle, which meets the definition of all the examples listed below:

Identifiable to law enforcement as a farm vehicle by State registered license plate or other designation.	Operated by the owner/operator of a farm or ranch, or an employee or family member of an owner or operator of a farm or ranch. 	Used to transport agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery or supplies to and from a farm or ranch.
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Not used in For-Hire motor carrier operations 



Notes:

A covered farm vehicle or CFV must meet the definition of the above listed examples and must not be used in For-Hire motor carrier operations; however, for-hire motor carrier operations do not include the operation of a vehicle meeting the requirements of this definition by a tenant pursuant to a crop share farm lease agreement to transport the landlord's portion of the crops under that agreement.

1.7a F.S. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Adoption of CMV Safety Regulations [s. 316.302(3), F.S.]

A CFV and the operator of the vehicle are exempt from these requirements:

Commercial Driver's Licenses
(49CFR Part 383) or Controlled
Substances and Alcohol Use
Testing (49CFR Part 382)

Physical Qualifications and
Examinations
(49 CFR Part 391, Subpart E)

Hours of Service of Drivers
(49 CFR Part 395)

Inspection, Repair, and
Maintenance
(49 CFR Part 396)

Exception

The Covered Farm Vehicle exemption does not apply to a vehicle operating For-Hire or transporting hazardous materials in quantities that require placards (49 C.F.R. part 172).



1.7b F.S. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Adoption of CMV Safety Regulations [s. 316.302(3), F.S.]

A CFV and the operator of the vehicle are exempt from these requirements when operating:

- Gross vehicle weight/Gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is greater, of 26,001 pounds or less is eligible for exemptions anywhere in the United States.
- Gross vehicle weight/Gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is greater, of more than 26,001 pounds is eligible for exemptions anywhere in Florida or within 150-air miles of the farm, if the farm is not located in Florida.



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1.8 FMCSR EXEMPTIONS

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR)

Learn about the new set of exemptions for Covered Farm Vehicles and their drivers in the next several pages:

- CDL**
- Drug and Alcohol Testing**
- Medical Qualification**
- Hours of Service**
- Note:** Vehicles operating For-Hire or transporting hazardous materials that require placarding are not eligible for these exemptions.
- Vehicle Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance**



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Notes:

Please remember a Covered Farm Vehicle operating For-Hire or transporting hazardous materials that require a placard is not eligible for these exemptions.

1.8a s. 322.53, F.S. Commercial Driver License (CDL) Exemptions

s. 322.53, F.S. Commercial Driver License (CDL) Exemptions

Drivers are exempt from the requirements to obtain a CDL if the vehicle is operated in accordance with s. 316.302(3), F.S.



1.8b Drug and Alcohol Testing (49 CFR, Part 382)

Drug and Alcohol Testing (49 CFR, Part 382)

The driver operating a Covered Farm Vehicle is exempt from any requirement relating to controlled substances and alcohol use and testing.



1.8c Medical Qualifications (49 CFR Part 391, Subpart E)

Medical Qualifications (49 CFR Part 391, Subpart E)

The driver operating a Covered Farm Vehicle is exempt from Physical Qualifications and Examinations.



1.8d Hours of Service (49 CFR Part 395)

Hours of Service (49 CFR Part 395)

The driver operating a Covered Farm Vehicle is exempt from any requirement relating to hours of service.



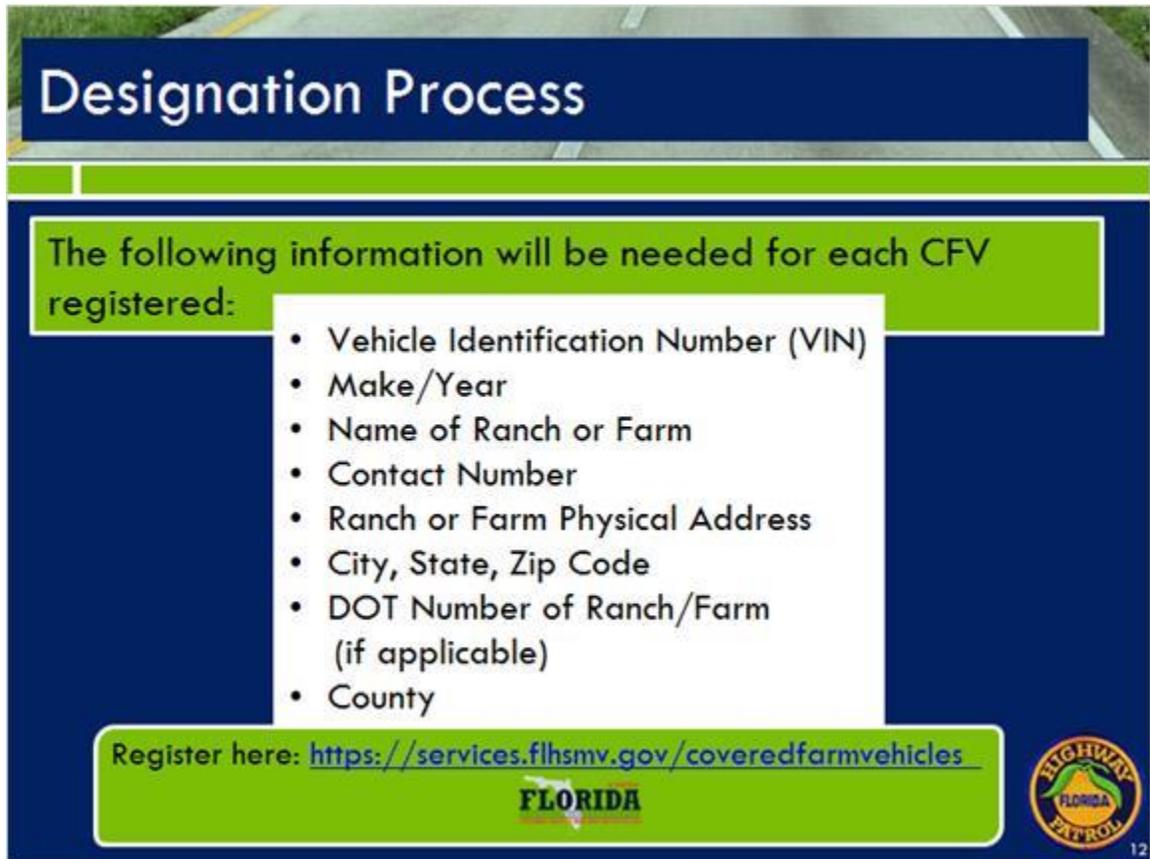
1.8e Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance (49 CFR Part 396)

Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance (49 CFR Part 396)

The driver operating a Covered Farm Vehicle is exempt from any requirement relating to inspection, repair, and maintenance.



1.9 CFV DESIGNATION PROCESS



The slide features a dark blue background with a light blue header bar containing the title "Designation Process". Below the header is a light blue box with the text "The following information will be needed for each CFV registered:". To the right of this text is a white box containing a bulleted list of required information. At the bottom of the slide, there is a light blue box with the registration URL and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles logo, which includes the word "FLORIDA" and a circular emblem with "HIGHWAY PATROL" and "FLORIDA". A small number "12" is visible in the bottom right corner of the slide.

Designation Process

The following information will be needed for each CFV registered:

- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Make/Year
- Name of Ranch or Farm
- Contact Number
- Ranch or Farm Physical Address
- City, State, Zip Code
- DOT Number of Ranch/Farm (if applicable)
- County

Register here: <https://services.flhsmv.gov/coveredfarmvehicles>

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Notes:

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has created a website for commercial motor vehicle owners to provide the necessary information for the Department to designate a vehicle as a Covered Farm Vehicle (CFV) and obtain a certificate indicating the designation.

To register, visit Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles website at <https://services.flhsmv.gov/coveredfarmvehicles>

1.10 CFV DESIGNATION PROCESS WEBPAGE

To create a new certificate, click "Create Certificate."

Florida Covered Farm Vehicles

Motor carriers are strongly encouraged to consult with their legal counsel for guidance on applicability and interpretation. Before operating in states other than Florida, consult with those states to determine whether they will recognize the covered farm vehicle exemptions.

WHAT IS A COVERED FARM VEHICLE IN FLORIDA?

A straight truck or an articulated (combination) commercial motor vehicle is a Covered Farm Vehicle when it is operated in accordance with 49 CFR Section 390.1 and 390.35, for vehicles that operate in interstate commerce and Sections 316.002(14) and 316.002(15), Florida Statutes, for vehicles that operate solely in intrastate commerce, regardless of how the vehicle is otherwise classified for purposes of motor vehicle registration or how it operates at other times. Operating in accordance with the above-mentioned federal and state regulations means the Covered Farm Vehicle meets all conditions, as described below:

- To be eligible for the Covered Farm Vehicle exemption, the vehicle or combination of vehicles must be transporting agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery, or supplies to or from a farm or ranch;
 - if it has a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating (whichever is greater) of 26,001 pounds or less, it may transport such commodities, livestock, machinery, or supplies anywhere in Florida or the United States; or
 - if it has a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle rating (whichever is greater) of more than 26,001 pounds, it may transport such commodities, livestock, machinery, or supplies anywhere in Florida and, if it crosses state lines, only within 100 air miles of the farm or ranch for which the vehicle is operating;
- It is operated by an owner or operator of a farm or ranch, or by an employee or a family member of an owner or operator of said farm or ranch;
- It always carries a Covered Farm Vehicle designation certificate while operating as a farm vehicle, to allow law enforcement officers to identify it as a Covered Farm Vehicle. (Note: Covered Farm Vehicles registered in other states may have different registration and display requirements);
- It is not transporting hazardous materials in amounts that require placarding pursuant to provisions in the Federal Code of Regulations (49 CFR Part 172);
- It is not being used in a for-hire motor carrier operation. (Trucks transporting their load on their own behalf pursuant to a ship-share farm lease agreement are not considered for-hire motor carrier operations.)

WHAT EXEMPTIONS APPLY TO COVERED FARM VEHICLES?

Covered Farm Vehicles and their operators are exempt from certain federal provisions governing motor carriers:

- Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing (49 CFR Part 382)
- Commercial Driver's License Standards, Requirements, and Penalties (49 CFR Part 391)
- Physical Qualifications and Examinations (Subpart E of 49 CFR Part 391)
- Hours of Service of Drivers (49 CFR Part 392) and
- Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance (49 CFR Part 393)

HOW IS A COVERED FARM VEHICLE DESIGNATION OBTAINED?

Operators of Covered Farm Vehicles must self-certify that their vehicle meets all of the criteria for exemption by completing the Designation Form (click "Create Certificate" button, above). A copy of the completed form must be carried in the power unit of the Covered Farm Vehicle during all round-trip Covered operations. See further guidance on regulations for Covered Farm Vehicles [here](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Covered Farm Vehicles are Not Exempt from the following:

- Any other federal or state registration, dimension, or safety provision applicable to farm vehicles,
- International Registration Plan (IRP) registration, if the farm vehicle is IRP-qualified, and
- International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) licensing, if the farm vehicle is IFTA-qualified.

To reprint or review a previously created certificate, click "Reprint Certificate."

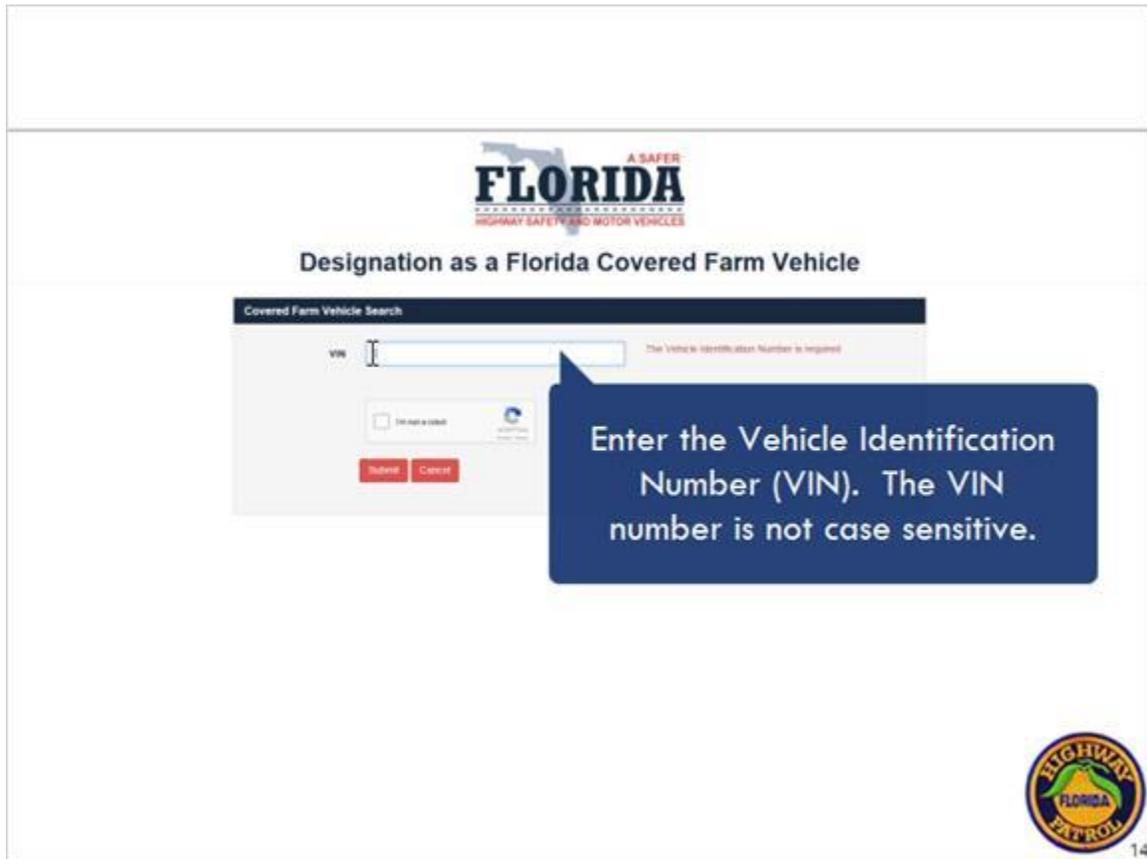
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On the Florida Covered Farm Vehicles webpage, click "Create Certificate" to create a new certificate.

To reprint or review a previously created certificate, click "Reprint Certificate."

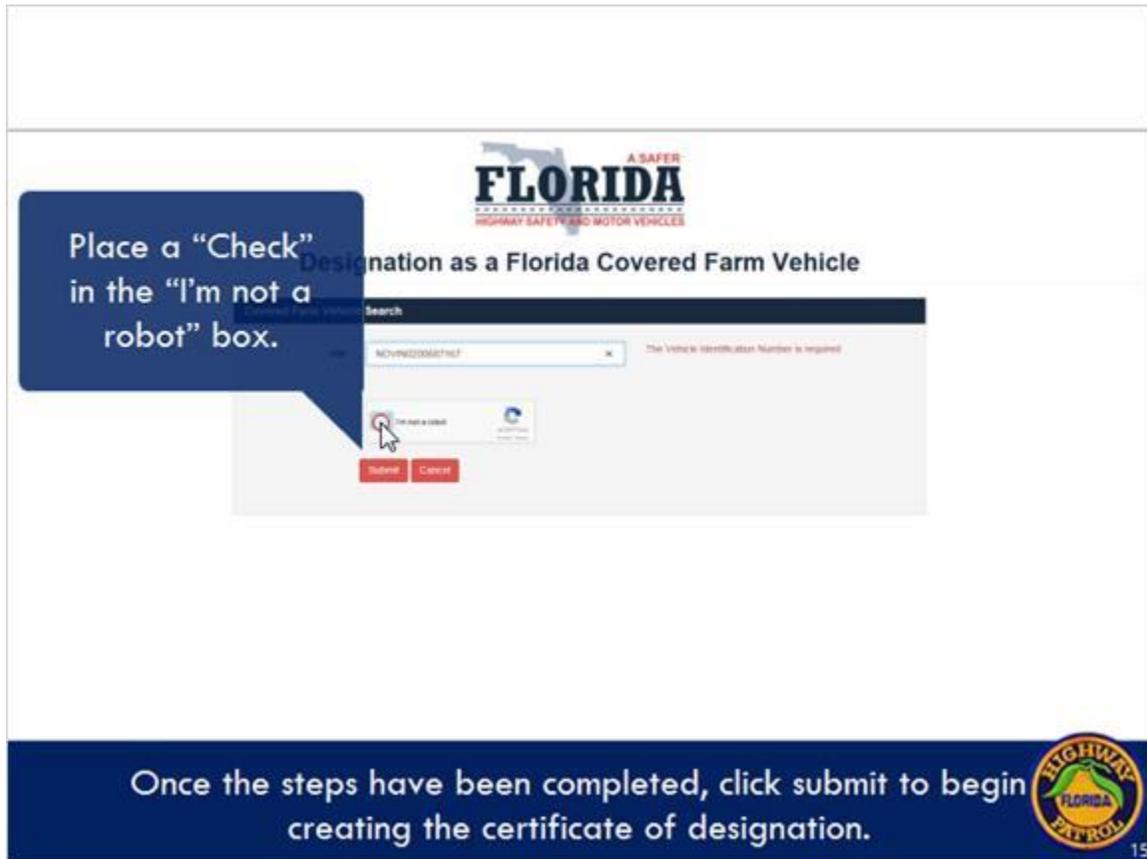
Both buttons are located at the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

1.11 CFV WEBPAGE ENTER VIN



The screenshot shows the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' "Covered Farm Vehicle Search" webpage. At the top, the Florida state logo is displayed with the text "A SAFER FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES". Below the logo, the heading "Designation as a Florida Covered Farm Vehicle" is centered. The main content area features a search form titled "Covered Farm Vehicle Search". The form includes a text input field labeled "VIN" with a cursor, a "The Vehicle Identification Number is required" error message, a "Search" button, a "Cancel" button, and a "Refresh" icon. A blue callout box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the form, stating: "Enter the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). The VIN number is not case sensitive." In the bottom right corner of the page, there is a circular logo for the Florida Highway Patrol and the number "14".

1.12 CFV WEBPAGE CONTINUED



The screenshot shows the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles website for the 'Designation as a Florida Covered Farm Vehicle' process. At the top, the Florida state logo is displayed with the text 'A SAFER FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES'. Below the logo, the title 'Designation as a Florida Covered Farm Vehicle' is centered. A search bar is present with the text 'Search' above it. A dropdown menu is open, showing the vehicle identification number 'NCVW200687967'. A red error message states 'The Vehicle Identification Number is required'. Below the search bar, there are two buttons: 'Submit' and 'Cancel'. A blue callout box on the left side of the page contains the text: 'Place a "Check" in the "I'm not a robot" box.' The bottom of the page features a dark blue banner with white text: 'Once the steps have been completed, click submit to begin creating the certificate of designation.' To the right of this banner is the 'Highway Florida Petrol' logo, which includes a green leaf and the text 'HIGHWAY FLORIDA PETROL'. The number '15' is located in the bottom right corner of the banner.

1.13 CFV REGISTRATION SCREEN

Self Certification Registration Screen

The VIN number is not case sensitive.



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Designation as a Florida Covered Farm Vehicle

The undersigned designates the following vehicles as a "covered farm vehicle," as defined in Section 32024 of Pub. L. 112-141, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

Florida covered farm vehicle Form

Vehicle Identification number (VIN)	Year	Make	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Name of Farm or Ranch for which vehicle is operating	Contact Telephone Number		Ext
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Physical Address of Farm/Ranch	City / Town	State	
<small>Street, Road or Highway</small> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Zip Code	DOT Number of farm (if applicable)	County	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Disclaimer: A copy of Covered Farm Vehicle certificate must be maintained in the Covered Farm Vehicle to be eligible for the "Covered Farm Vehicle" Exemption.

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Notes:

Enter the information for the Covered Farm Vehicle on the form.

Please note the VIN number is not case sensitive and the DOT number can range from 4-7 digits.

When you are finished entering the information, click submit at the bottom of the screen to create your certificate.

1.14 CFV CERTIFICATE

Certificate of Designation

26/09/2016 12:00 AM Certificate #: NOVW0200687167002



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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AS A FLORIDA COVERED FARM VEHICLE

The holder of this certificate self certifies that the vehicle described below is a Covered Farm Vehicle as defined in 49 CFR Section 390.5 and Section 316.003(34), Florida Statutes, and that said vehicle is operating within the scope of 49 CFR Sections 390.5 and 390.39, thereby meeting federal and state requirements for exemption from the following federal regulations:

49 CFR Part 382: Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing
49 CFR Part 383: Commercial Driver's License Standards; Requirements and Penalties
49 CFR Part 391: Subpart E Physical Qualifications and Examinations
49 CFR Part 395: Hours of Service of Drivers
49 CFR Part 396: Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) NOVW0200687167 Make HMC Year 2016

Name of Farm/Ranch for Which Vehicle is Operating NOOLE'S HORSE RANCH Contact Telephone No 9545561212

Physical Address of Farm / Ranch 123 KODA CANE ROAD City DAVIE State FL

DOT Number of Farm / Ranch (if applicable) _____ County of Farm / Ranch BROWARD Zip Code 33326

Note: THIS DESIGNATION IS VEHICLE SPECIFIC, AND IS NOT VALID UNLESS IT IS CARRIED IN THE POWER UNIT OF THE VEHICLE AND THE VEHICLE COMPLIES WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS DURING ALL COVERED OPERATIONS. Before operating a designated vehicle in states outside of Florida, consult with those states to determine whether they recognize and/or have specific provisions for the "covered farm vehicle exceptions" provided in federal regulations. Motor carriers are strongly encouraged to consult their legal counsel for guidance on applicability and interpretations. This form is self-executing and is NOT to be sent to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or any other agency. The proper use of this designation is subject to verification by law enforcement personnel at any time.

**The certificate must be printed and carried in the vehicle
to receive the CFV Exemptions.**

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Notes:

Once the Certificate of Designation is received, it must be printed and carried in the covered farm vehicle in order to meet the definition and get the Covered Farm Vehicle exemptions.

1.15 INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY

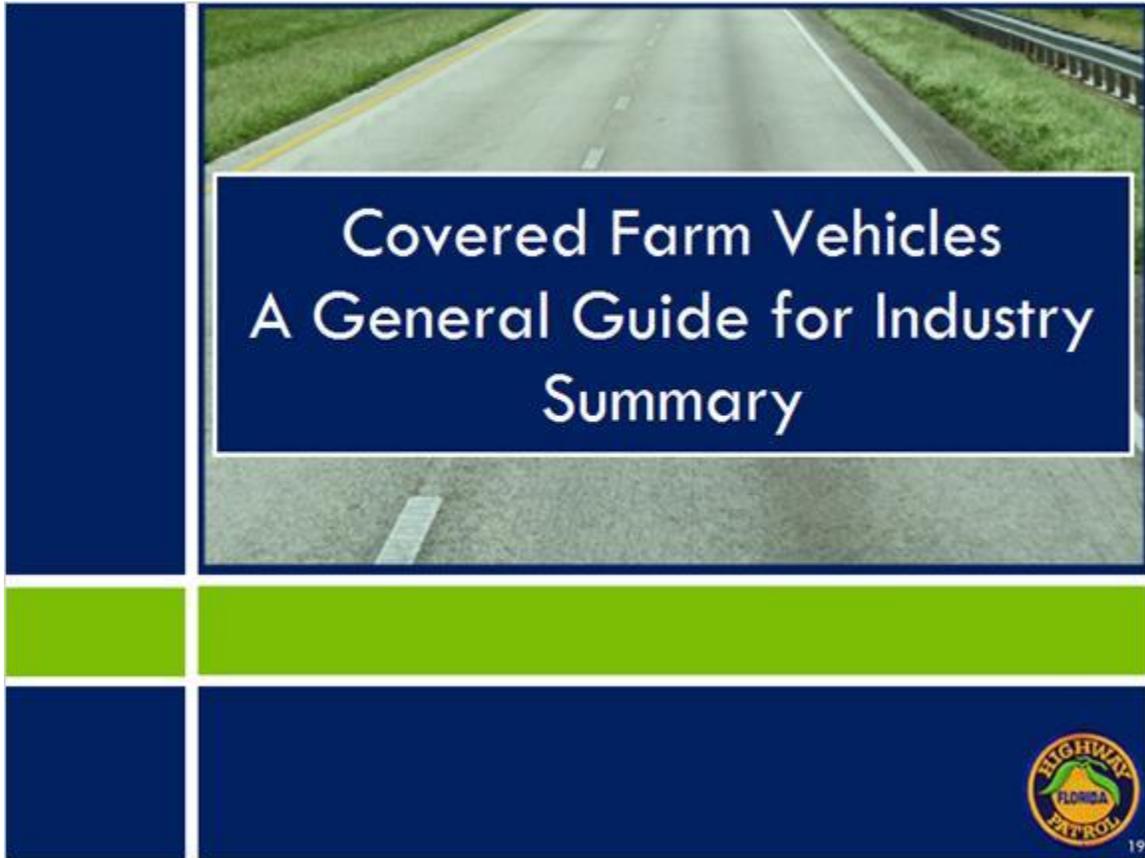
Interstate Reciprocity

- Florida will offer reciprocity with other states if the requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are met.
- Florida expects all states to accept reciprocity with Florida as it relates to CFV, if properly registered in Florida and the requirements of the FMCSR and *Florida Statutes* are met.
- Prior to out of state travel, you should consult with the appropriate state agencies to ensure they reciprocate Florida CFV exemptions.
- You should consult your legal counsel for rules and regulations involving operating CFVs in other states.



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1.16 TITLE: CFV SUMMARY



Notes:

The following pages summarize the key points of this presentation.

1.16a CFV EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS



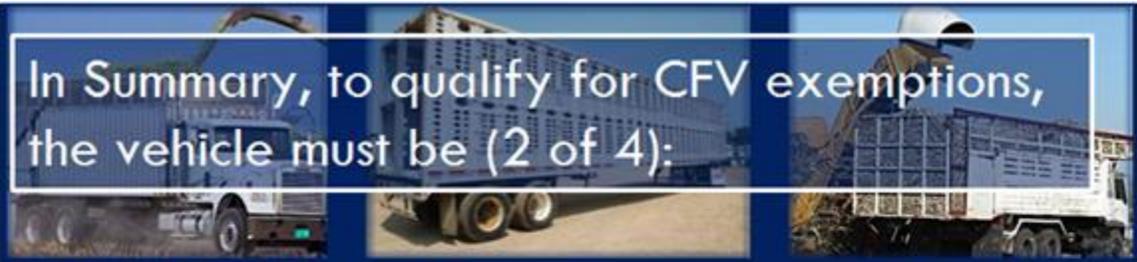
In Summary, to qualify for CFV exemptions, the vehicle must be (1 of 4):

- Controlled and operated by a farmer, rancher, family member or an employee.
- Used to transport animals/livestock, farm products, equipment, or supplies to and from a farm or ranch.
- Designated as a CFV by self certification.



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1.16b CFV EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS



In Summary, to qualify for CFV exemptions, the vehicle must be (2 of 4):

- GVW/GVWR, whichever is greater, of 26,001 pounds or less is eligible for exemptions anywhere in the United States.
- GVW/GVWR, whichever is greater, of more than 26,001 pounds is eligible for exemptions anywhere in Florida or within 150-air miles of the farm, if the farm is not located in Florida.



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1.16c CFV CANNOT



The CFV cannot (3 of 4):

- Be used For-Hire
- Transport hazardous materials that require placarding



1.16d CFV SELF CERTIFICATION



CFV Self-Certification Registration Certificate of Designation Required (4 of 4)

A self-certification registration certificate of designation is required to be carried in the Covered Farm Vehicle.

This certificate must be self-generated and printed through the DHSMV Covered Farm Vehicle Link.

Register here: <https://services.flhsmv.gov/coveredfarmvehicles>

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Finally, a self-certification registration certificate of designation is required to be carried in the Covered Farm Vehicle.

This certificate must be self-generated and printed through the DHSMV Covered Farm Vehicle Link.

Click on the link for more information: <https://services.flhsmv.gov/coveredfarmvehicles>

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1.17 REGISTRATION SCREEN

Self Certification Registration Screen

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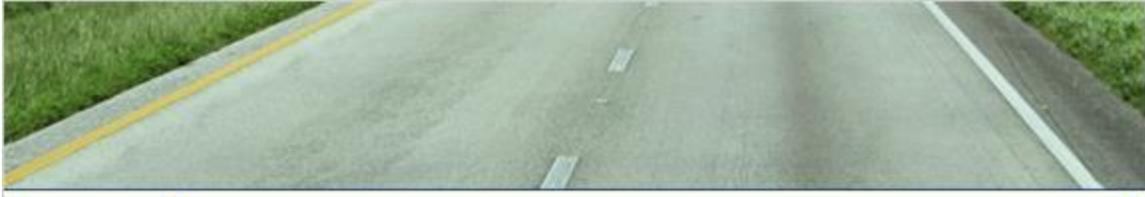
Vehicle Identification number (VIN)	Year	Make
Name of Farm or Ranch for which vehicle is operating	Contact Telephone Number	Ext
Physical Address of Farm/Ranch Street, Road or Highway	City / Town	State
Zip Code 8 digits	DOT Number of farm (if applicable) 7 digits	County Select

Disclaimer - A copy of Covered Farm Vehicle certificate must be maintained in the Covered Farm Vehicle to be eligible for the "Covered Farm Vehicle" Exemption.

Cancel Submit



1.18 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS NAVIGATION



CFV Frequently Asked Questions

- The following slides contain frequently asked questions regarding Covered Farm Vehicle rules and regulations.
- For further questions or clarifications regarding the rules and interpretations discussed, consult your legal counsel.



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Notes:

The following pages contain frequently asked questions regarding Covered Farm Vehicle rules and regulations.

For further questions or clarifications regarding the rules and interpretations discussed, consult your legal counsel.

1.18a CFV FAQ (1 of 7 slides)

CFV Frequently Asked Questions (1 of 7)

What is a Covered Farm Vehicle? 

What sections of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR's) do not apply to a "Covered Farm Vehicle" and its operator? 

Do I need a driver license to drive a "Covered Farm Vehicle"? 

How does the "Covered Farm Vehicle" rule affect provisions related to Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL's)? 


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Notes:

1. What is a Covered Farm Vehicle?

A Covered Farm Vehicle is a straight truck or articulated vehicle registered in a State that is used by the owner or operator of a farm or ranch, or an employee or family member of a farm or ranch, to transport agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery or supplies, provided the truck has a license plate or other designation issued by the State of registration that allows law enforcement personnel to identify it as a farm vehicle.

2. What sections of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR's) do not apply to a "Covered Farm Vehicle" and its operator?

Part 382 - Controlled Substances/Alcohol Use and Testing.

Part 383 - Commercial Driver's License Standards.

Part 391 Subpart E - Physical Qualifications/Examinations.

Part 395 - Hours of Service of Drivers.

Part 396 - Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance.

3. Do I need a driver license to drive a “Covered Farm Vehicle”?

Yes. In accordance with Florida State Statute, a driver license is required to drive a “Covered Farm Vehicle” just like to drive any other vehicle. However, a Commercial Driver License is not required under the “Covered Farm Vehicle” exemption.

4. How does the “Covered Farm Vehicle” rule affect provisions related to Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDL’s)?

In accordance with Florida State Statute s. 322.53, drivers of Covered Farm Vehicles, as defined in s. 316.003, F.S. are exempt from the requirement to obtain a Commercial Driver License if the vehicles are operated in accordance with s. 316.302(3). F.S. In accordance with Florida State Statute

s. 322.53, F.S. drivers of Covered Farm Vehicles, as defined in s. 316.003, F.S. are exempt from the requirement to obtain a Commercial Driver License if the vehicles are operated in accordance with s. 316.302(3), F.S. **Note: If the Covered Farm Vehicle is operating For-Hire or transporting hazardous materials in quantities that require placarding, then the driver is subject to the CDL requirements.**

1.18b CFV FAQ (2 of 7 slides)

CFV Frequently Asked Questions (2 of 7)

If a “Covered Farm Vehicle” registered in Florida is over 26,001 pounds and does not leave Florida, will the vehicle and driver get the covered farm vehicle exemption anywhere in Florida? 

What if a “Covered Farm Vehicle” registered in Florida is over 26,001 pounds and part of the farm or ranch is located in Florida and part of the farm or ranch is located outside of Florida? 

If a “Covered Farm Vehicle” registered in Florida is 26,001 pounds or less, will the vehicle and driver get the covered farm vehicle exemption anywhere in Florida? 

What if a “Covered Farm Vehicle” registered in Florida is 26,001 pounds or less and part of the farm or ranch is located in Florida and part of the farm or ranch is located outside of Florida? 



Notes:

- 5. If a “Covered Farm Vehicle” registered in Florida is over 26,001 pounds and does not leave Florida, will the vehicle and driver get the covered farm vehicle exemption anywhere in Florida?**

Yes. Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is greater, of more than 26,001 pounds may utilize the exemptions anywhere in Florida.

- 6. What if a “Covered Farm Vehicle” registered in Florida is over 26,001 pounds and part of the farm or ranch is located in Florida and part of the farm or ranch is located outside of Florida?**

If the vehicle is registered and designated a “Covered Farm Vehicle” in Florida, the exemptions may be utilized anywhere in Florida and across the State line within 150 air miles of the farm or ranch.

7. If a “Covered Farm Vehicle” registered in Florida is 26,001 pounds or less, will the vehicle and driver get the covered farm vehicle exemption anywhere in Florida?

Yes. Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is greater, of 26,001 pounds or less may utilize the exemptions anywhere in Florida.

8. What if a “Covered Farm Vehicle” registered in Florida is 26,001 pounds or less and part of the farm or ranch is located in Florida and part of the farm or ranch is located outside of Florida?

If the vehicle is registered in Florida, the exemption may be utilized anywhere in Florida. According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, the exemptions may be utilized anywhere in the United States.

1.18c CFV FAQ (3 of 7 slides)

CFV Frequently Asked Questions (3 of 7)

Do covered farm vehicles have to be identified in a special way? i

Are covered farm vehicles exempt from size and weight restrictions? i

Are covered farm vehicles exempt from vehicle registration and fuel tax requirements? i

Are covered farm vehicles exempt from traffic law? i

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9. Do covered farm vehicles have to be identified in a special way?

Yes. To be classified as a “Covered Farm Vehicle,” MAP-21 requires that the vehicle be equipped with a special license plate or other designation, issued by the State of registration. Many States issue a “farm” license plate but Florida has never issued a “farm” license plate. Florida requires a “Covered Farm Vehicle” designation certificate that is completed by self certification to get the exemption. A copy of the certificate must be carried in the vehicle. There is no fee to do this.

10. Are covered farm vehicles exempt from size and weight restrictions?

No. All vehicle weight, width, height and length regulations, not otherwise exempted by Florida law, remain in effect.

11. Are covered farm vehicles exempt from vehicle registration and fuel tax requirements?

No. All vehicle registration and fuel tax requirements not otherwise exempted by Florida law, remain in effect.

12. Are covered farm vehicles exempt from traffic law?

No. All traffic laws remain in effect.

1.18d CFV FAQ (4 of 7 slides)

CFV Frequently Asked Questions (4 of 7)

What does the term 150 air-mile radius mean? 

What does For-Hire mean? 

What does Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) mean? 

What does Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) mean? 

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13. What does the term 150 air-mile radius mean?

The term “air-mile” is internationally defined as a “nautical mile” which is 6,076 feet. Thus, 150 air-miles is 172.6 statute miles or road miles.

14. What does For-Hire mean?

Transportation of property owned by others for compensation.

15. What does Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) mean?

Gross vehicle weight is the actual weight of the vehicle and load.

16. What does Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) mean?

Gross vehicle weight rating is the maximum operating weight as specified by the manufacturer. This is usually found in the door or the CMV.

1.18e CFV FAQ (5 of 7 slides)

CFV Frequently Asked Questions (5 of 7)

What is a share-cropper? 

Is a share-cropper's use of a vehicle to transport the landlord's share of the crops treated as a For-Hire operation? 

The "Covered Farm Vehicle" can be operated by a family member of an owner or operator of a farm or ranch. Who is considered family? 

What is a farm? 



Notes:

17. What is a share-cropper?

Sharecropping is a system of agriculture in which a landowner allows a tenant to use the land in return for a share of the crops produced on their portion of land.

18. Is a share-cropper's use of a vehicle to transport the landlord's share of the crops treated as a for-hire operation?

A share-cropper's use of a vehicle to transport the landlord's share of the crops may not be treated as a for-hire operation.

19. The "Covered Farm Vehicle" can be operated by a family member of an owner or operator of a farm or ranch. Who is considered family?

Members of the immediate family includes spouses, parents, brothers, sisters, sons and/or daughters. Members of the extended family may include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, and/or siblings-in-law.

20. What is a farm?

A farm is an area of land that is devoted primarily to agricultural processes with the primary objective of producing food and other crops to include aquaculture.

1.18f CFV FAQ (6 of 7 slides)

CFV Frequently Asked Questions (6 of 7)

What is a ranch? 

Who is an employee of the farm or ranch? 

What are custom harvesters?
Is a custom harvester an employee of the farm or ranch? 

How do I obtain the "Covered Farm Vehicle" designation for my vehicle? 



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21. What is a ranch?

A ranch is an area of land that is devoted to agricultural processes with the primary objective of raising livestock.

22. Who is an employee of the farm or ranch?

Generally, an employer must withhold income taxes, withhold and pay Social Security and Medicare taxes and pay unemployment tax on wages to be considered an employee. For more info see:

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/independent-contractor-self-employed-or-employee>

23. What are custom harvesters? Is a custom harvester an employee of the farm or ranch?

In agriculture, custom harvesting or custom combining is the business of harvesting of crops for others. Custom harvesters move from one farm to another but are not the owner or operator of a particular farm.

It depends on the relationship that the custom harvester has with the farmer. To be considered an employee, the farmer must withhold income taxes, withhold and pay Social Security and Medicare taxes and pay unemployment tax on wages.

24. How do I obtain the “Covered Farm Vehicle” designation for my vehicle?

Florida has established an online self-certification process at

<https://services.flhsmv.gov/coveredfarmvehicles>

Select “Create” to complete a certificate, which can be printed. You may also save a copy of the completed certificate on your own computer.

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25. What information will I need to create a certificate?

You must enter the valid Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) for your farm vehicle. If your vehicle is registered in Florida, the online system will confirm the VIN and fill in the Make and Year of the vehicle for you.

You will then have to provide the Name, Full Physical Address, County, and Contact Number for the farm or ranch with respect to which your vehicle is being operated.

If the farm or ranch has a USDOT number, you will be asked to provide this also.

Before your certificate can be created, you will be asked to acknowledge that a copy of the certificate should be maintained in the Covered Farm Vehicle.

Should you be stopped by law enforcement, this document will assist officers in their process of verifying that your vehicle is a Covered Farm Vehicle.

26. What if I did not save an electronic copy and I lose my paper copy?

Find the “Covered Farm Vehicles” link under

<https://services.flhsmv.gov/coveredfarmvehicles> to view and print previously created certificates. When you are on the Designation Form page, Select “Re-print” to locate your certificate.

27. Is there someone I can call if I need assistance?

Florida Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (850)617-3010

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