

Comparison – Current Regulatory Applicability to Agricultural Operations and MAP-21

On October 1, 2012, the way certain federal motor carrier safety regulations apply to agricultural operations will change.

One of the biggest changes is the definition of a **covered farm vehicle**. Starting that day, a covered farm vehicle is one that is

- Operated by a farm/ranch owner or operator, employee or family member
- Transporting agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery or supplies to or from the farm/ranch.
- The vehicle must be identified by a special license plate. (In Missouri, this is indicated by the 'F' tab on the plate.)
- The vehicle may not be used in for-hire operation
- The vehicle must not be transporting a quantity of hazardous material requiring placards

The MAP-21 exceptions do not eliminate the current farmer exceptions. The MAP-21 exceptions are an additional layer of exemptions for qualifying agricultural operations.

MAP-21 exceptions are applicable to **interstate** and **Missouri intrastate** transportation. If you intend to conduct **intrastate** transportation in a State other than Missouri, the exceptions may not be available to you. Please check with the State(s) you intend to operate to ensure compliance.

Topic	Current Exceptions	MAP-21 Exceptions
Commercial Driver's Licensing	<p>CDL not required for farmers, employees or family members if the vehicle is owned and operated by the farmer transporting farm supplies, farm machinery or agricultural products to or from the farm. The exception is limited to a 150 air-mile radius of the farm. Vehicle may not be used in for-hire operation.</p> <p>Missouri has agreements with surrounding states, except Kentucky, for interstate operation.</p>	<p>A CDL is not required for drivers of covered farm vehicles after October 1, 2012 under the following conditions.</p> <p>GVWR >26,001 lbs can operate anywhere within the State the vehicle is registered</p> <p>GVWR >26,001 lbs operating in State(s) other than the registered State are limited to 150 air mile radius from the farm or ranch</p> <p>The vehicle cannot be used in for-hire operation.</p> <p>The exception does not apply to vehicles required to be placarded for hazardous material.</p>

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<p>Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing</p>	<p>Controlled substance and alcohol testing is applicable only when the driver is required to have a CDL.</p>	<p>Controlled substance testing is not required for drivers of covered farm vehicles.</p> <p>Controlled substance and alcohol testing is applicable only when the driver is required to have a CDL.</p>
<p>Medical Certification</p>	<p>Interstate Commerce Medical certification is not required for custom harvesters, bee keepers transporting live bees, or to the drivers of farm straight trucks (without trailers) owned and controlled by the farmer operating within a 150 air-mile radius of the farm transporting agricultural products, farm supplies or machinery to or from the farm. Exception does not apply to for-hire operation or to vehicles transporting hazardous material required to be placarded.</p> <p>Intrastate Commerce Missouri has adopted the exceptions noted above for interstate commerce. In addition to those exceptions the following apply:</p> <p>Medical certification is not required if the driver operates solely in intrastate commerce and had a valid chauffeur's license on or before May 13, 1988.</p> <p>Medical certification is not required for the driver of a vehicle operated solely in intrastate commerce and licensed for 42,000 pounds or less legally displaying a farm license plate.</p>	<p>Interstate Commerce Drivers of covered farm vehicles are not required to be medically certified under the following conditions:</p> <p>GVWR or GVW 26,001 lbs or less can operate anywhere in the United States</p> <p>GVWR or GVW >26,001 lbs-can operate anywhere within the State the vehicle is registered</p> <p>GVWR or GVW >26,001 lbs operating in State(s) other than registered State-limited to 150 air mile radius from the farm or ranch</p> <p>The vehicle cannot be used in for-hire operation.</p> <p>The exception does not apply to vehicles required to be placarded for hazardous material.</p>

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Medical Certification (cont)	<p>This exception is not applicable if the vehicle is used to transport hazardous material.</p> <p>Medical certification is not required for drivers of vehicles operated solely in intrastate commerce with a GVWR/GCWR of 26,000 pounds or less. This exception does not apply if the vehicle is used to transport any type or quantity of hazardous material.</p>	<p>Intrastate Commerce Drivers of covered farm vehicles are not required to be medically certified.</p> <p>The driver cannot transport products for-hire or transporting placardable hazardous materials.</p>
Hours of Service	<p>Interstate Commerce The hours of service limits are not applicable to drivers transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies for agricultural purposes in a State within a 100 air-mile radius of the source of the supplies or distribution point of the supplies. The transportation must take place during the planting and harvesting season.</p> <p>The planting and harvesting season in Missouri is January through December.</p> <p>Intrastate Commerce The hours of service are not applicable for the driver of a vehicle operated solely in intrastate commerce and licensed for 42,000 pounds or less legally displaying a farm license plate. This exception is not applicable if the vehicle is used to transport hazardous material.</p> <p>The hours of service limits are not applicable to drivers transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies for agricultural purposes within a 100 air-mile radius of the source of the supplies or distribution point of the supplies.</p>	<p>Interstate Commerce Hours of service is not applicable to drivers of covered farm vehicles under the following conditions:</p> <p>GVWR or GVW 26,001 lbs or less can operate anywhere in the United States</p> <p>GVWR or GVW >26,001 lbs-can operate anywhere within the State it is registered</p> <p>GVWR or GVW >26,001 lbs operating in State(s) other than registered State-limited to 150 air mile radius from the farm or ranch</p> <p>The vehicle cannot be used in for-hire operation.</p> <p>The exception does not apply to vehicles required to be placarded for hazardous material.</p> <p>*See Additional Hours of Service Exception for all agricultural transportation on last page.</p>

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Hours of Service (cont)	<p>The transportation must take place during the planting and harvesting season.</p> <p>The hours of service are not applicable to drivers of vehicles operated solely in intrastate commerce with a GVWR/GCWR of 26,000 pounds or less. This exception does not apply if the vehicle is used to transport any type or quantity of hazardous material.</p>	<p>Intrastate Commerce The hours of service regulations are not applicable to drivers of covered farm vehicles.</p> <p>The driver cannot transport products for-hire or transporting placardable hazardous materials.</p> <p>*See Additional Hours of Service Exception for all agricultural transportation on last page.</p>
Vehicle Maintenance, Repair and Inspection	<p>Interstate Commerce Vehicles with a GVWR/GCWR in excess of 10,000 pounds are required to meet all vehicle inspection, repair and maintenance regulations. All vehicles of this size are treated the same without exception for agricultural operation.</p> <p>Vehicle inspection includes annual DOT inspection.</p> <p>Intrastate Commerce The vehicle maintenance, repair and inspection requirements are not applicable for the driver of a vehicle operated solely in intrastate commerce and licensed for 42,000 pounds or less legally displaying a farm license plate. This exception is not applicable if the vehicle is used to transport hazardous material.</p>	<p>Interstate Commerce The vehicle maintenance, repair and inspection requirements are not applicable to covered farm vehicles.</p> <p>GVWR 26,001 lbs or less-can operate anywhere in the United States</p> <p>GVWR >26,001 lbs-can operate anywhere within the State it is registered</p> <p>GVWR >26,001 lbs operating in State(s) other than registered State-limited to 150 air mile radius from the farm or ranch</p> <p>The vehicle cannot be used in for-hire operation</p> <p>The exception does not apply to vehicles required to be placarded for hazardous material.</p>

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Vehicle Maintenance, Repair and Inspection (cont)	<p>The vehicle inspection, repair and maintenance regulations are not applicable to drivers of vehicles operated solely in intrastate commerce with a GVWR/GCWR of 26,000 pounds or less. This exception does not apply if the vehicle is used to transport any type or quantity of hazardous material.</p> <p>If the annual DOT inspection is not required, the Missouri vehicle inspection and equipment requirements are applicable.</p>	<p>Intrastate Commerce Covered farm vehicles are not required to comply with the vehicle maintenance, repair and inspection requirements.</p> <p>The vehicle cannot transport products for-hire or transport placardable hazardous materials.</p>

***Additional Hours of Service Exception**

In addition to the hours of service exceptions noted above, MAP- 21 also provides relief from the hours of service regulations during the planting and harvesting seasons, as determined by the states in which the carriers operate, under the following conditions:

- Transporting agricultural commodities to a location within a 150 air mile radius
- Transporting farm supplies for agricultural purposes within a 150 air mile radius from:
 - (a) A wholesale or retail distribution point to a location where the supplies will be used.
 - (b) A wholesale distribution point to a retail distribution point.

This exemption applies to all types of carriers transporting agricultural commodities including non-farm plated vehicles, for-hire operations, and vehicles required to be placarded.

In Missouri, the planting and harvesting seasons are in effect from January 1 to December 31.