



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

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**APPLICATION FOR FARM PLATES**

**NOTE: This transaction can only be done at the DMV Headquarters, located in Cranston, RI.**

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FARM/BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER & STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIREMENTS FOR FARM PLATES**

1. Farm tax exempt letter from the Rhode Island Division of Taxation.
2. Bill(s) of Sale.
3. Completed tax exemption form.
4. Photos of vehicle: front, side, rear, and interior.
5. Complete Application for Registration and Title Certificate (TR-1) form.
  - Vehicles may only be registered in accordance with the entity/entities listed on the farm tax exempt certificate.
6. Requirement checklist approval by the DMV's Enforcement Office.

Section § 31-1-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws defines a farm vehicle: "Farm vehicle" means every vehicle which is designed for and used for agricultural purposes and used by the owner of the vehicle or family member(s) or employee(s) or designees of the owner, in the conduct of the owner's agricultural operations, which use shall include the delivery of agricultural products produced by the farmer but shall not include commercial hire for nonagricultural uses, including, but not limited to, hauling of sand and gravel, snow plowing, land clearing for other than agricultural purposes or directly on the vehicle owner's farm, and landscaping. For an owner to qualify as having agricultural purposes, the owner shall provide evidence that he or she meets the requirements of § 44-18-30.

Section § 31-3-31 of the Rhode Island General Laws defines registration of a farm vehicle: (a) Farm vehicles, as defined in § 31-1-8, equipped with rubber tires while being used in farming and operated on highways shall be registered on a form furnished by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles and shall be assigned a special number plate with a suitable symbol or letter indicating the usage of the farm vehicle. The use of the number plates shall be confined to the period of one year.

(b) The director of the department of revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations for the inspection of farm vehicles.

(c) Farm plates may not be utilized on: (1) vehicles eligible for registration as private passenger automobiles; provided, however, that any vehicle eligible for registration as a private passenger and registered with farm plates prior to July 1, 2002, may continue to be registered with farm plates by the owner to whom the farm plates were issued; or (2) on any vehicle that is not a farm vehicle as defined in § 31-1-8.

(d) Farm plates may be displayed on vehicles used in the delivery of agricultural products produced by the farmer; however, farm plates shall not be displayed on vehicles used for deliveries by persons, as defined in § 31-1-17(g), that do not raise agricultural products.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Official Use Only</b>	
Investigator Assigned: _____	Date: _____
# of Plates Approved: _____	Reviewed/Approved by: _____