

Provided by the Department of Transportation:

A Covered Farm Vehicle (49 CFR 390.5, 390.39) is a straight truck or articulated vehicle that has a method for law enforcement to identify it as a farm vehicle. It has to be operated by the owner of a farm/ranch, their family member or their employee. It can only be used to transport agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery or supplies to or from a farm/ranch and not used in "for-hire" motor carrier operations. There is one exception for share croppers.

In Alaska, Covered Farm Vehicles/Drivers would be exempt from CDL requirements, driver physical Qualifications and Examination, Hours of Service (Log Books), the CMV safety inspection program, and record keeping requirements statewide. Currently Intrastate farmers are only allowed 150 mile radius from their farm, Interstate already has these exemptions.

CDL benefits-

- Have to provide identification, meet physical qualifications, pass written test (knowledge), pass the road test (skill), meet minimum requirements for experience and training. Three classes of CDL, A/B/C and these are dependent on Gross Vehicle Weight Rating, Combination Weight Rating, Gross Weight, or type of transportation (HM or Passengers).
- There are Endorsements for HazMat, Tank Vehicles, Passenger Vehicles (16 or more), Double/Triple combinations, and School Bus (16 or more with Dept. Early Education training)
- Each endorsement has specific testing requirements