Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 10.00 Farm Produce Plates – Class 5

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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Definitions:

- **Farm Produce -** Shall include, but not be limited to, fruits, vegetables, livestock, fish, shellfish, bees, and chickens.
- **Farm Use – Class 5** - Vehicles owned by persons engaged in the business of actual farming used primarily, but not exclusively, in carrying farm produce raised on their farms from such farms to market, or returning therefrom carrying goods and merchandise back to their farms, this individually or cooperatively, but not for hire, shall be Class 5. Those vehicles owned by persons engaged exclusively in the business of hauling milk and milk products for dairy cooperatives or any other milk plant also shall be Class 5.
- **Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR)** - The maximum allowable combined mass of a towing road vehicle, passengers, and cargo in the tow vehicle, plus the weight of the trailer and cargo in or on the trailer, which can be determined by adding the GVWR of all units in the combination.
- **Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)** - The net weight of the vehicle, plus the weight of the passengers, fuel, cargo and any additional accessories. The rating is set by the vehicle manufacturer and is shown on the manufacturer certificate of origin (MSO).
- **Gross Weight -** The weight of a vehicle or vehicle combination without load on all axles, including the steering axle plus the weight of any load thereon.
- **Truck –** Every motor propelled single vehicle for the conveyance of property or things for hauling purposes and having one front or steering axle and one rear or load carrying axle.
- **Truck Tractor -** A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load drawn.

Requirements:

- Refer to Policy 5.28.00, Truck and Tractor License Plates, for a list of required documents.
    - A Statement of Farm Use is required:
        - Upon initial issuance of a farm plate
        - Transfer of a vehicle which bears a farm plate, if the new owner wishes to retain the plate
- Trucks used for purposes defined within multiple classes shall be issued a Class 1 plate.

- Vans and sport utility vehicles used primarily, but not exclusively, in carrying farm produce raised on their farms from such farms to market, or returning therefrom, carrying goods and merchandise back to their farms, this individually or cooperatively, but not for hire, will be issued a Class 5 Farm Truck Plate.

Fees:

- Light farm trucks under 10,000 lbs. and trailers will be issued a four-year license plate with a staggered expiration.
- Heavy farm trucks over 10,000 lbs. will be issued a one-year plate that expires June 30th of each calendar year.

GROSS WEIGHT IN POUNDS	FEE	EXPIRATION
Up to 10,000 lbs.	$12.00	4 Years
10,001 to 23,999	$10.00	1 Year (expires June 30th each year)
24,000 – 43,999	$20.00	1 Year (expires June 30th each year)
44,000 – 65,999	$30.00	1 Year (expires June 30th each year)
66,000 – 88,000	$40.00	1 Year (expires June 30th each year)
Semi –Trailer	$12.00	4 Years

- **Lost or Stolen Plate** - Fees for replacement of a lost or stolen plate are assessed as follows:
  - 6,001 to 10,000 lbs.
    - $10.00 lost plate fee
    - $8.00 handling fee
    - Prorated fee for any months issued past the original expiration date
  - 10,001 to 88,000 lbs.
    - $10.00 lost plate fee
    - $8.00 handling fee.
- **Proration of License Plate Fees**
  - Non-staggered license plates may be prorated.
  - The minimum proration amount allowed is $10.00.
- **License Plate Fee Credit**
  - Credit may be allowed for the unused portion of a truck license plate when requesting:
    - A weight increase
    - Class change (gravel hauler to private, etc.)
  - Credit will be applied to the price of the plate that is being purchased.
  - Credit will not be allowed if a higher value plate is being exchanged for a plate of lower value. An even exchange takes place and **no** refund is due.
  - Credit will not be allowed if a weight or plate change is requested as a result of a citation being issued. The proper penalty will be charged if a citation is issued.

Related Policies:
Section 4, Policy 2.00- Basic Requirements for Obtaining a Certificate of Title
Section 5, Policy 2.00 City Use Plates
Section 5, Policy 10.00- Farm Produce Plates
Section 5, Policy 11.00- Forest Product Plate
Section 5, Policy 19.00- Trailer – Classes of License Plates
Section 5, Policy 28.00- Truck and Tractor License Plates
Section 5, Policy 28.05 Private Trucks Over 6000 Pounds
Section 5, Policy 31.00 Vans, Private Buses, and Sport Utility Vehicles