

LICENSING FARM TRUCKS

FOR ILLINOIS FARMERS



There are four general categories for licensing (registering) a truck in Illinois. [See chart below.] Each of these has some benefits and drawbacks. The table below addresses the key aspects of each of the forms of registration.

USE \ TYPE	FLAT WEIGHT	IRP	MILEAGE	FARM
WITHIN ILLINOIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
OUT-OF-STATE	No ¹	Yes	No. Trip permits are not available.	Yes ²
FOR HIRE	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
MILEAGE LIMITATION	None	None	Generally 7,000 per year – fewer for plates of 24,000# or less.	None
RADIUS OF OPERATION	No limit within Illinois.	No limit	No limit within Illinois.	No limit
CARGO TYPE LIMITATION	None	None	None	Use only for farmer's own farming operation – inputs and production.
WEIGHT RANGES	8,000# to 80,000#	26,000# to 80,000#	12,000# to 80,000#	16,000# to 80,000
NUMBER OF PLATES PER OWNER	No limit	No limit	No limit	Maximum of five trucks (not more than two may be over 59,000#.)
LICENSE FEE (RELATIVE TO THE COST OF A FLAT WEIGHT PLATE)	100%	100% (Apportioned by the percent of miles run in each state.)	About 50% on average across all applicable weight classes. Percentage varies by weight.	About 63% on average across all applicable weight classes. Percentage varies by weight

Additional information about truck plates is available from the Secretary of State's Office, Commercial & Farm Truck Division at 309-785-1819 or on the web at <http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/vehicles/cftf/home.html>

1. Trip permit required for out-of-state travel. Trip permits are generally available for periods up to 72 hours. Most states limit the number of trip permits issued each calendar year to not more than three.
2. Under interstate agreements of reciprocity, the farm plate is accepted in every state except Minnesota.

