

PennDOT Provides Interpretations Of Farm Vehicle Laws

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modity on the farm or farms owned or operated by the vehicle registrant.

2. An "agricultural supply" shall include any material that facilitates the operation of a farm or the production, storage or preservation of any agricultural product on a farm, such as feed; seed; plants; fertilizer; manure; pesticides; herbicides; fuel used for heating of any building located on a farm; fuel for operation of equipment or vehicles used by the farm operation; building materials and equipment used in the maintenance, repair or construction of any building or road located on a farm; livestock; bedding; animal pens and enclosures; materials, containers and equipment used in the storage or preservation of an agricultural commodity; farm machinery and farming equipment and parts and tools used in the maintenance or repair of such machinery or equipment; and any waste material or residual material resulting from the maintenance, repair, construction or reconstruction of any farm building, road, machinery or equipment. The term shall also include groceries, household supplies and items for the repair and maintenance of the private dwelling of the farmer that is located on the farm. The term does not include any materials, supplies or equipment to be used in another business that may be operated on the farm premises, such as woodworking, ceramics, crafts, etc.

3. An "agricultural commodity" shall include any of the following raised, grown or produced on the farm or farms owned or operated by the vehicle registrant:

- a. any field crop, including but not limited to corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, hay, potatoes and dry beans;
- b. any fruit, including but not limited to tomatoes, snap beans, cabbage, carrots, beets, onions and mushrooms;
- d. any horticultural specialty, including but not limited to nursery stock, ornamental shrubs, ornamental trees and flowers, ornamental sod and live and cut Christmas trees;
- e. any agricultural seed, vegetable seed, tree and shrub seed and flower seed;
- f. any livestock or livestock product or any poultry or poultry product which is raised or produced for human or animal consumption;

g. any fish or other aquatic animal, plant or byproduct; and

h. any residual material resulting from the production of any commodity identified in subparagraphs (a) through (g) of this paragraph, including animal waste and crop residue

The term does not include animals for their fur or trees raised or produced for timber, firewood or wood products.

4. The following activities shall be considered to be performed "for the purpose of buying or selling agricultural supplies or commodities":

a. The operation of a vehicle from a farm to a place of business in order to conduct at the place of business negotiations, pricing, inspections, marketing inquiries and similar preliminary activities related to the purchase or receipt of an agricultural supply or the sale of an agricultural commodity by the vehicle registrant.

b. The hauling or towing of an agricultural supply from the place of business where the supply is received to the farm in which such supply is intended to be utilized;

c. If applicable, the hauling or towing of an agricultural supply utilized on the farm for the purpose of returning such supply to the place of business providing the supply;

d. The hauling or towing of an agricultural commodity from a farm to a place of business engaged in auctioning or similar centralized bulk marketing of agricultural products generally for the purpose of selling such commodity;

e. The hauling or towing of an agricultural commodity which is unsuccessfully attempted to be marketed at a place of business identified in paragraph (C)(4)(d) from such place to the farm;

f. The hauling or towing of an agricultural commodity from the farm to a place of business after sale of such agricultural commodity to such business;

g. The hauling or towing of an agricultural commodity to a farmer's market operated in whole or part by the vehicle registrant for the purpose of direct retail marketing of such commodity at the market location; and, if applicable, the hauling or towing of any agricultural commodity unsuccessfully attempted to be marketed from such market location to the farm;

h. The hauling or towing of any waste or residual agricultural supply or commodity from the farm to a place of business for disposal;

i. The operation of a vehicle from the farm to the place of business or from the place of business to the farm, whichever applicable, upon completion of the activity described in subparagraphs (a) through (h).

5. Delivery of commodities are not permitted unless:

a. The delivery is made in accordance with subparagraph (B)(4) to the place of delivery designated by the purchaser pursuant to the purchase of such commodities at a place of business engaged in auctioning or similar centralized bulk marketing or agricultural products; or

b. To a place of business, as defined in paragraph (c)(1).

6. The operation of a registered farm vehicle for hauling any material, machinery or equipment intended to

be used on a premises other than a farm owned or operated by the vehicle registrant (such as landscaping on private homes) is specifically prohibited.

7. The operation of a registered farm vehicle for hauling or towing agricultural commodities that have not been produced on farms owned or operated by the vehicle registrant or for hauling or towing supplies that are not intended to be utilized on the farm or farms owned or operated by the vehicle registrant is specifically prohibited.

D. The requirement that a registered farm vehicle be operated "on highways between" a farm owned or operated by the vehicle registrant and another location specified in Section 1344(a) is not intended to be interpreted as requiring the use of the most direct highway route between such authorized points. An operator of such vehicle is authorized to use an alternative route, provided that such alternative route is not such a deviation from the most direct route as to be indicative or a use of such vehicle which is not authorized under Section 1344(a).

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A new state pilot program designed to provide fresh farmers market fruits and vegetables to senior citizens was announced this week by the state Department of Agriculture.

According to a news release by the PDA, the pilot program expands participation in the existing Pennsylvania Farmers Market food coupon program beyond the women, infants and children that it has been serving to now include senior citizens in the city of Chester area.

There are three farmers markets involved in the program and coupons, or "checks," are now to be made available to eligible senior citizens — aged 60 or older — who live in the city of Chester, or within the surrounding communities of Aston, Chester Township, Edystone, Marcus Hook, Parkside, Trainer, Upland, and Lower and Upper Chichester.

Angus Breeders Parade 252 Entries At Atlantic National Show

TIMONIUM, Md. — Judge Mark Richardson, Milton, Ind., selected champions from the 176 females, 56 bulls and 20 cow-calf pairs that were paraded by Angus breeders at the 1998 Atlantic National Super Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show. The event was held May 24 in Timonium, Md.

The title of supreme champion over all entries was presented to Whitestone Queen Elba F176 and her September 1997 heifer calf. The pair, which was shown by Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va., and Mark Duffell, Aldie, Va., was first named the grand champion cow with embryo calf. The cow is an April 1994 daughter of Leachman Right Time, while the calf is sired by RR Regal 1459.

In the bull show, top honors were awarded to WK Online, the junior champion entry. The February 1996 son of Krugerrands Moneyline was show by Whitestone Krebs,

Gordon, Neb., and WK Online Associates, Gordon, Neb.

Whitestone Treasury J187, a March 1997 son of G T S V F Treasury, captured the reserve grand champion bull title. The winning entry was exhibited by Jane Saunders, Richmond, Va. and Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va. He was first named the late spring bull calf champion.

WK Tillie 7277 walked away with the grand champion female title for Kami Krebs, Gordon, Neb., and Express Angus Ranches, Shawnee, Okla. The February 1997 daughter of Krugerrands Moneyline first topped the early spring heifer calf division.

The reserve grand champion female honors were earned by Whitestone Miss Rita J118, the reserve early spring heifer calf champion. Clear View Farm, Louisa, Va., and Jane Saunders, Richmond, Va., exhibited the February 1997 daughter of G A R Precision 1680.

Chester Senior Citizens Eligible For Farmers Market Program

The markets that will accept the Farmers Market Nutrition program checks to purchase the fresh produce include:

- Chester Community Farmers Market — located at the Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot, Ninth and Kerlin streets in Chester, open every Thursday from noon to 4 p.m.

- Linnville Orchards Farm Market — located at 137 W. Knowlton Road in Media, it is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Rockview State Correctional Institution Farm Operation — location and hours to be announced.

According to PDA, the program vouchers, also called "checks," are to be accepted only at these three markets. They are to be available in increments of \$5 exchangeable only for eligible foods, not cash.

For those seniors who are members of the Chester Senior Center, the checks can be picked up at the

Center, located at 721 Hayes Street in Chester.

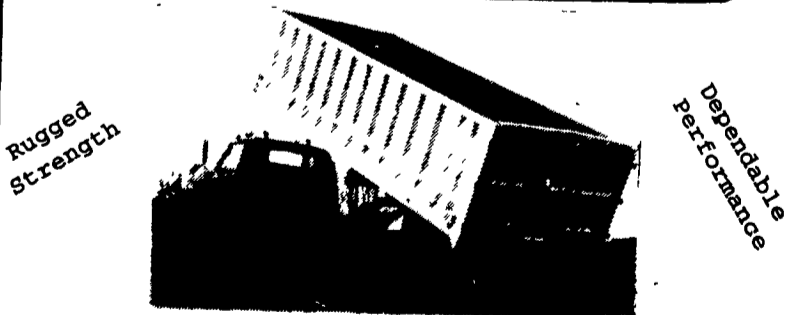
For those seniors who are not members of the Chester Senior Center, and for those who live in the surrounding communities, checks also are to be picked up at the Center, but only on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The announcement of the pilot program was made by state Agriculture Secretary Samuel Hayes Jr., on behalf of state Gov. Tom Ridge.

"In Pennsylvania, we produce an abundant array of nutritious, high-quality fruits and vegetables, and we believe our seniors should have access to a healthy diet," Hayes said. "Health experts recommend five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily for good health."

For more information on the program, call the PDA Bureau of Food Distribution at 1-800-468-2433.

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