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EXEMPTION FORM FOR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

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NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Do you want to be exempt from having to get a seasonal overweight permit for your farm trucks during harvest?

To qualify for the exemption, provide origin and destination information for each of your farm locations on the form below, sign the form and keep the completed form in your truck(s) for your driver(s) to use.

Weight exemptions only apply from field to storage or market. The seasonal overweight permit law allowing farmers to exceed the legal weight limit up to 15 percent still applies. By using this form, you can be exempt from getting the seasonal harvest permit. **This exemption also now applies to single-axle trucks because of legislation signed in to law in 2007.** However, this exemption does not apply to trucks hauling over the federal Interstate system.

See reverse side for more information

Origin

Destination

Examples:

<i>Field or Section is:</i> 2 west, 1 North of St Paul	to	Fullerton Coop
<i>Field or Section is:</i> 5 south, 1 east of Plainview	to	Farm elevator 1 south Randolph

Field or Section is: _____ *to* _____

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Field or Section is: _____ *to* _____

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Owner's Signature: _____

or

Driver's Signature: _____

(if signed by driver, provide name of owner)



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

LAW ALLOWS OVERWEIGHT PERMIT EXEMPTION DURING HARVEST

Many producers will be able to avoid the requirement of getting overweight permits for their farm trucks but still exceed the maximum legal weight limit by 15 percent during the upcoming harvest season because of laws that went into effect in 2001 and 2007.

In order to qualify, the law requires the owner or a representative of the owner of the agricultural product to sign a statement of origin and destination. Nebraska Farm Bureau has developed a generic form, which can be used by farmers to meet the requirement.

Seasonal harvest permits will continue to be issued to carriers needing to travel more than 70 miles from harvest point to storage or market and for farmers wishing to exceed the legal length limits for trucks during harvest. **Because of LB 148 introduced by Senator Lavon Heidemann which approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor earlier in 2007, this exemption also applies to single-axle trucks as well.** However, this exemption does not apply to trucks hauling over the federal Interstate system.

Finally, there may be situations where a county or city may have some special weight restrictions on its jurisdictional roads so farmers still may have to check with their local government entities for weight permit requirements – especially if the city or county required special permits in the past.

***Statutory language**– Any motor vehicle, semitrailer, or trailer carrying grain or other seasonally harvested products may operate from the field where such grain or products are harvested to storage, market, or stockpile in the field or from stockpile to market or factory up to seventy miles with a load that exceeds the maximum load permitted by section 60-6,294 by fifteen percent on any tandem axle, group of axles, and gross weight. Any truck with no more than a single rear axle carrying grain or other seasonally harvested products may operate from the field where such grain or products are harvested to storage, market, or stockpile in the field or from stockpile to market or factory up to seventy miles with a load that exceeds the maximum load permitted by section 60-6,294 by fifteen percent on any single axle and gross weight. The owner or a representative of the owner of the agricultural product shall furnish the driver of the loaded vehicle a signed statement of origin and destination. (The provisions in this paragraph do not apply to the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.)*