

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES  
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
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**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR  
AGRICULTURAL (RESTRICTED), HORTICULTURAL (RESTRICTED)  
OR "GOAT" LICENSE PLATE**

After reading the statutory provisions on the reverse side, complete the following information:

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned is the registered owner or authorized driver of the following described motor vehicle:

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Current License Plate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_ Title Number \_\_\_\_\_

- Agricultural or Horticultural Products** (My signature below certifies that the above described vehicle is not being operated as a "for-hire" vehicle and I am hauling unprocessed agricultural or horticultural products within a 150-mile radius of the above vehicle's home address.)
- Goat** (My signature below certifies that the above described vehicle will be used for the transportation of crops and/or supplies, including required sanitary equipment and towing of farm trailers.)

Will the above vehicle be used to carry loads over public roads?  Yes  No

**Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true and made for the purpose of obtaining a license plate with classification of "restricted" or "Goat" for the above described motor vehicle.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Owner or Authorized Driver of the Motor Vehicle)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

Section 320.08 (3)(d), Florida Statutes, defines a "goat" as a truck or any other vehicle when used in the field by a farmer or in the woods for the purpose of harvesting a crop, including naval stores, during such harvesting operations and which is not principally operated upon the roads of the state, for registration tax of \$7.50 flat. A "goat" is a motor vehicle designed, constructed, and used principally for the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus groves, or for the transportation of crops on farms, and which can also be used for the hauling of associated equipment or supplies, including required sanitary equipment, and the towing of farm trailers.

Section 320.08(4)(n), Florida Statutes, provides for a truck tractor or heavy truck, not operated as a for-hire vehicle, which is engaged exclusively in transporting raw, unprocessed, and non-manufactured agricultural or horticultural products, within a 150 mile radius of the vehicles home address, shall be eligible for a restricted license plate for a fee of \$65 flat, if such vehicle's declared gross vehicle weight is less than 44,000 pounds; or \$240 flat, if such vehicle's declared gross vehicle weight is 44,000 pounds or more and such vehicle only transports:

- A. From point of production to the point of primary manufacture;
- B. From point of production to the point of assembling the same; or
- C. From the point of production to a shipping point by rail, water or motor transportation company.

This section also provides for not-for-hire truck tractors and heavy trucks used exclusively in transporting raw, unprocessed and non-manufactured agricultural or horticultural products to be incidentally used to haul farm implements and fertilizers when delivered direct to the growers. For the purpose of this paragraph, "not-for-hire" means the owner of the motor vehicle must also be the owner of the raw unprocessed, and non-manufactured agricultural or horticultural product, or the user of farm implements and fertilizer being delivered.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

In an opinion filed March 7, 1958, the Supreme Court of Florida stated that the farmer could get the benefit of a "goat" series license plate for use on a truck which was used to transport his harvested crop within the farm and such benefit extended to using the truck to reach the farm or to return to his headquarters over the public highways; but without load.

This was interpreted by the Division of Motor Vehicles to mean that a motor vehicle displaying a "goat" license plate is restricted to operation within the farm, grove or woods in connection with harvesting operations. This vehicle cannot be operated over the public roads carrying a load.