

Truck and Bus Regulation¹ Agricultural Vehicle Extension

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This summary describes the compliance extension for owners of agricultural diesel-powered vehicles.

What extensions apply to agricultural vehicles?

The agricultural vehicle extensions delays compliance for agricultural vehicles that operate less than specified mileage thresholds and for a limited number of specialized trucks. The extension applies to diesel trucks and buses with a manufacturer gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds that are exclusively use for agricultural operations. It includes agricultural vehicles such as trucks and buses owned by log harvest operations or farming businesses and certain trucks that are not farmer-owned but are dedicated to supporting agricultural operations. Pickups are not subject to the regulation.

Can I still report to take advantage of the agricultural vehicle extension?

No, the deadline to report and opt-in for the agricultural vehicle extension was January 31, 2015. However, those who were already approved can continue to claim the agricultural vehicle extension each year by reporting which vehicles will continue to use the extension and reporting the odometer readings for January 1. Reporting in the Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS) is available at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/reportinginfo.htm>

What mileage thresholds apply to eligible agricultural vehicles?

Starting in 2011, all eligible vehicles, must stay below the annual mileage limits to remain eligible for the extension except for trucks approved for the specialty agricultural vehicle exemption. Owners must update their odometer reading for January 1 each year and when a vehicle is removed from the fleet. To remain eligible, vehicles must stay below the limits shown in the table below. The extension expires immediately when a vehicle exceeds the mileage limits in any year or if it is used for non-agricultural purposes.

Engine Year	Annual Mileage Limits		
	2011 to 2016	2017 to 2019	2020 to 2022
2006 or newer	25,000 miles	15,000 miles	10,000 miles
1996 to 2005	20,000 miles	15,000 miles	10,000 miles
1995 and older	15,000 miles	15,000 miles	10,000 miles

I have a farming business. What types of vehicles can qualify for the limited mileage extensions?

A farming business is one that operates or manages a farm for profit but does not include farm support businesses such as farm labor companies, or businesses that provide other agricultural services such as farm management on a contract basis. Farming businesses include horticultural, viticultural, aquacultural, forestry, dairy, livestock or bee products and include the cutting or removing of timber, solid wood products and biomass from forestlands for commercial purposes. Most trucks and buses owned by farming businesses or log harvest operations can qualify if they are used exclusively for growing or harvesting crops for the primary purpose of making a profit or to deliver the harvested crop. Examples include farm trucks used to pick up supplies, mend fences, move cattle, and handle other farming operations, but do not include vehicles that are part of a transportation business or vehicles leased to others for non-agricultural uses.

¹ The regulation does not apply to state and local government vehicles, solid waste collection trucks, drayage trucks that transport marine cargo, and public transit buses because they are already subject to other regulations.

I am not a farmer. Can my trucks qualify for the mileage based extensions?

Vehicles owned by non-farming businesses can qualify if used exclusively in one or more of the following ways:

- Transport harvested agricultural products between the farm and the first point of processing. Examples include trucks transporting crops from the farm to a packing shed, cotton to a cotton gin, or logs from the forest to the saw mill.
- Perform work on a farm or forest and are specially designed for specific tasks. Examples include manure spreaders, feed mixers, silage harvest trucks, and bale processors, but do not include support vehicles used to service equipment or to transport workers, equipment or supplies.
- Serve as water trucks used solely on a farm or forest.
- Deliver fertilizers or pesticides that require the display of a placard, between a distribution center and the farm.

Can I claim the agricultural vehicle extension if my odometer is not functioning?

No, you cannot claim a mileage base extension without a properly functioning odometer. If the odometer does not work you must use a hub-odometer that is non-resettable, has a unique serial number, and has a lock-out feature that permanently prevents tampering. The serial number must be reported if a hub-odometer is used.

What vehicles can opt-in to the specialty agricultural vehicle extension?

Opt-in period for the specialty agricultural vehicle extension is closed. The deadline to opt-in was January 31, 2015. However, those who are already approved can continue to claim the specialty agricultural vehicle extension.

Will I lose the agricultural vehicle extension if I need to replace a vehicle?

No, fleets can retain the same number of qualifying vehicles if the replacement vehicle is placed in service within a year, the engine is at least one model year newer than the one being replaced, and the annual mileage limits continue to be met after the replacement vehicle is placed in service. All replacements must be reported.

What are the labeling requirements for the agricultural vehicle extension?

Qualifying vehicles must be labeled with the letters "AG" on the left and right door. By June 1, 2011, owners must permanently affix or paint the letters "AG" in white block lettering that is three inches high on a five inch by eight inch black background. The label must be located on the left and right door of the vehicle and be in clear view at all times. Seasonal for-hire specialty cattle livestock trucks will need to label both doors with "CS" in white block lettering that is three inches high on a five by eight inch black background. ARB will not issue the label.

How do I determine compliance if I have several vehicles that use extensions?

The Truck and Bus Fleet Calculator is an Excel spreadsheet that you can use on your own computer to help you evaluate various compliance strategies from now until 2023. The calculator allows you to determine compliance with one or more options in the regulation, including credits, extensions, and special provisions.

Where can I get more information?

Fact sheets, compliance tools and regulatory documents about the Truck and Bus Regulation are available at www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck. If you have questions or wish to obtain this document in an alternative format or language, please call ARB's diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735). TTY/TDD/ Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.