

What's new for Oversize Ag Vehicles?

In 2014 the Wisconsin State Legislature passed Act 377. This law changes the rules regarding weight and other operating rules for Implements of Husbandry and Agricultural Motor Vehicles.

On December 16, 2014 the Winnebago County Board adopted a Resolution which authorizes the County to "Abide by Act 377". In accordance with the Resolution the Winnebago County Highway Department is providing the following guidelines:

- ACT 377 changed State Law regarding weight and other operating rules for Implements of Husbandry and Agricultural Motor Vehicles.
- By County Board Resolution, the County requires IoH and Ag CMV's to abide by the new laws while operating on County Highways. **This process does not cover operating on State or Federal Highways.**
- The new law requires IoH and Ag CMV's to apply for a no-fee permit if intending to operate over the new weight requirements or exceed the length requirement. Permits are issued by the maintaining authority.
- Those new weight requirements are a 92,000 gross vehicle weight or 23,000 per axle weight depending on number of axles and spacing. A chart is available on line or from the Highway Department.
- There are exemptions from the weight restrictions depending on classification of equipment or driving distances. The rules should be checked prior to applying for a permit.
- To simplify the process the County will coordinate permitting on behalf of the Towns. Each individual Town will approve or deny permit applications to operate on their Town roads. The Winnebago County Highway Department will receive and forward your Town permit to the appropriate Town Board.
- The County and/or Towns have the right to deny permit applications based on routing or conditions of the roads in question. When either the County or Towns deny a permit application, an alternate route shall be investigated and approved if possible.
- CMV and IoH permit holders are advised to keep a copy of the permit in their vehicle.
- When an IoH or CMV unit is suspected of being overweight with no permit, it's expected that the Town, City, Village or County will contact the individual or firm to obtain a permit.
- The Sheriffs Office may have to be involved for consistent violators or to coordinate checking weights or enforcing other violations.
- The Sheriffs Office may contact the Wisconsin State Patrol for portable scales.
- The County Policy becomes effective January 15, 2015 for the 2015 Calendar year.
- For permits to operate on State highways you can visit the Department of Transportation website by clicking on the following link: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/ag/index.htm>. Questions can be emailed to them at: AgVehicles@dot.wi.gov

It's anticipated that the new law and the administration/enforcement will be on a gradual basis. However, the law does become effective on State and County roadways January 15, 2015.

You may contact the Winnebago County Highway Offices at 920-232-1700 if you have any questions or wish to obtain a permit form. To fill in the permit form online or see additional information click on the following links:

Implements of Husbandry Permit form: [Implement of Husbandry Permit App.doc](#)

Implement of Husbandry (IoH) new size and weight information: [IoH Size & Weight Information.pdf](#)

Agricultural Commercial Motor Vehicle (Ag CMV) new size and weight information: [Ag CMV Size & Weight Info. \(2\).pdf](#)

Implements of Husbandry/Ag CMV Maximum Weight Limitations Chart: [Maximum Weight Limitations Chart.pdf](#)

For additional information regarding your farm and equipment you may contact Winnebago County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent Darrell McCauley at (920) 232-1970 or by email at Darrell.mccauley@ces.uwex.edu.