

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HARVEST PERMIT

Rules and Regulations:

- A. Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2476, the owner and/or operator of a vehicle may apply to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for authorization to receive a Harvest Permit. The permit will entitle the vehicle to haul sand, gravel, fill dirt, agricultural products, or unprocessed forestry products to an authorized maximum gross weight not to exceed 84,000 pounds. The authorization and permit is subject to the following restrictions.
- B. All applications for authorization for a Harvest Permit must be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit Division.
- C. **HARVEST PERMITS ARE NOT VALID ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.** Any weight in excess of the maximum legal gross weight of the vehicle or in excess of the maximum highway weight limit shall be penalized \$0.05 per pound for the first 16,000 pounds of excess weight and \$0.15 per pound for all excess weight exceeding 16,000 pounds.
- D. **HARVEST PERMITS ARE NOT VALID ON LOW-WEIGHT ROADS.**
- E. Vehicles, which due to the number of axles and/or axle spacing, cannot haul maximum load limits, may obtain Harvest Permits to haul covered products at 4,000 pounds above their authorized gross weight limit. Weight in excess of 4,000 pounds above their authorized weight limit will be penalized at \$0.05 per pound and \$0.15 per pound for excess weight exceeding 16,000 pounds.
- F. The axle tolerance for vehicles transporting harvest permitted commodities or prepackaged products unloaded or to be loaded at a state port is allowed a 10% tolerance up to 44,000 lbs. tandem axle weight. Harvest permit holders are allowed the tolerance and the 84,000 lb. gross weight when loading at a point of origin with scales.
- G. For the purpose of these regulations, "agricultural products" (except unprocessed forest products) are defined as those products produced on the farm and being transported from the farm to market or processing points. Cotton seeds, regardless of origin, will be considered an agricultural product.
- H. For the purposes of these regulations "unprocessed forestry products" are defined as those forestry products being hauled directly from the forest. Hauling from a "holding yard" will be considered as being hauled directly from the forest. Sawdust, bark, and chips regardless of origin, will be considered an unprocessed forestry product.
- I. Applications for authorization for a Harvest Permit are subject to approval by MDOT. The cost of the permit is \$25.00 per truck and payment must be submitted with application for authorization. Applications that are not approved for any reason will be returned to the applicant for correction.

- J.** The Harvest Permit will include a letter of authorization with its effective dates shown, as well as, the vehicle identification information. The authorization letter must be in the vehicle at all times or it is considered null and void. Harvest Permits are not transferable between owners and/or vehicles. If a Harvest Permit is found in a vehicle for which it was not issued, the Harvest Permit becomes null and void.