

Question. How do I calculate the weight that I may carry when I drop the floating (tag) axle to the ground?

Answer. The added axle allows the trailer or the truck to carry more weight; the exact amount depends on the bridge law; go to www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov//JPODOCS/BROCHURE//11186.pdf. A copy of the table is on page 43.

The tandem axle becomes a tri-axle that may carry up to 50,000 pounds.

However, some floating axles don't have dual tires; and, in these cases, the tandem axles are allotted 34,000 pounds. The single tag axle is allowed 800 pounds per inch of width or the weight rating of the tire (whichever is less) up to 50,000 pounds.



Question. Why can't I plate my truck tractor based on its empty weight since I use it only to transport bulk seed, backhoes, and water to my fields?

Answer. The law says that you may plate the truck tractor based on its empty weight only if it is used solely to transport your farm-grown commodities to their first point of delivery.

The transport of bulk seed, backhoes, and water to your fields constitutes an additional use; therefore, the truck tractor must bear a plate based on the weight of the cargo (see Appendix).

Question. Is the dyed fuel I buy as a grower exempt from Indiana sales tax?

Answer. Indiana growers are not exempt from paying sales tax. However, you do not have to pay the underground storage tax (currently one cent per gallon) or the state fuel surcharge tax (currently 16 cents per gallon).

Question. Are there any limitations if a grower wants to pull two semitrailers behind his truck tractor?

Answer. Each trailer may be no longer than 28 feet 6 inches, and the gross weight may not exceed 80,000 pounds.