

**Reminder: Grain Cart Weight Restrictions are Now in Effect**  
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Effective July 1, 1999 any person operating farm equipment on a roadway must comply with the posted weight restrictions on embargoed bridges and culverts. If weight restrictions are not posted, there are no limitations. Exceptions to the weight embargo apply to road maintenance equipment and implements being hauled by an implement dealer, as well as fire apparatus.

Tank wagons and grain carts manufactured after **July 1, 2001** must comply with the weight requirements (either posted or 20,000 lbs-single axle/34,000 tandem axle). Those currently in operation and purchased before July 1, 2001 are legal until July 1, 2005. After this date, they must comply with weight restrictions. The year the tank wagon or grain cart is manufactured is to be permanently made a part of the identification plate of the vehicle. Fraudulently altering or defacing the year is punishable as a class "D" felony by imprisonment for up to five years and a fine of at least \$500 but not more \$7,500.