



## Van Buren County Road Commission

325 W. James Street | P.O. Box 156

Lawrence, MI 49064

T: (269) 674-8011 F: (269) 674-3770 E: [vbcrc@vbcrc.org](mailto:vbcrc@vbcrc.org)

### Notice to Milk Haulers

With the upcoming Spring Weight Restriction season, we are notifying all Milk Haulers of the requirement under MCL 257.22 (9) which states,

"257.722 Maximum axle load; normal loading maximum; designating highways as adequate for heavier loading; restrictions as to tandem axle assemblies; exceptions; public utility vehicles; normal size of tires; maximum wheel load; reduction of maximum axle load on concrete pavements during March, April, and May; exemptions; suspension of restrictions; determination of gross vehicle weight and axle weights; designation of highways for operation of certain vehicles; definitions.

(9) The state transportation department for roads under its jurisdiction and a county road commission for roads under its jurisdiction may grant exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions for milk on specified routes when requested in writing. Approval or denial of a request for an exemption shall be given by written notice to the applicant within 30 days after the date of submission of the application. If a request is denied, the written notice shall state the reason for denial and alternate routes for which the permit may be issued. The applicant may appeal to the state transportation commission or the county road commission. These exemptions do not apply on county roads in counties that have negotiated agreements with milk haulers or haulers of other commodities during periods of seasonal load limits before April 14, 1993. This subsection does not limit the ability of these counties to continue to negotiate such agreements."

If you do not have a permit at this time, we strongly suggest that you obtain one as soon as possible so that when the weight restrictions go into effect you are not stopped and issued an overweight citation. Please note that Van Buren County's roads are restricted to "Normal Loading" and "Seasonal Weight Restrictions" we do not have "Designated" or "Special Designated" roads on our system. That means your axle loads will range from 9,000 lbs. to 13,000 lbs. per axle depending on your configuration.

You can obtain information for permits through Oxcart online at [www.oxcartpermits.com](http://www.oxcartpermits.com), our website at [www.VBCRC.org](http://www.VBCRC.org), or from our office in Lawrence at 325 West James Street, (269) 674-8011.

If you are trying to determine your legal weight you must have the following information,

- Tire size and number of tires for each axle
- Axle spacing
- Routes you plan to take

Van Buren County Road Commission  
Permit Department