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To Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State  
Re: Registration of Farm Tractors

Reference is to your memo relative to Chapter 62, P. L. 1943, "An Act Relating to the Registration of Farm Tractors". This act amended Section 50, Chapter 29, R. S. 1930, as amended, by inserting the following paragraph:

"No registration or license shall be required for a farm tractor when the same is used solely for farming purposes, and such farm tractors may be operated, without registration or license, from or to the premises where the same are kept to or from a farm lot, and between farm lots, used for farming purposes by the owner of the farm tractor."

It is my opinion that the owner of a farm tractor may operate such a vehicle without registration between farm lots "used for farm purposes" by him, whether he owns or rents the lots. The measuring stick would see, to be whether the owner of the tractor is using the lot for his own farm purposes. It is believed that this act was intended to allow a farmer to operate his tractor without registration to land being cultivated by him, even though he did not own land adjoining the highway all the way to such land.

Operation of a tractor to a neighbor's land being used for farm purposes by the neighbor would not, in my opinion, come within the meaning of this amendment. The exemption applies only to operation to and from and between farm lots used for farm purposes by the owner of the tractor.

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