

## Truck Driver

### Description

Truck drivers efficiently pick up, transport and safely deliver feed, ingredients, equipment or livestock to processing facilities. They accurately complete delivery forms and forward the documentation for timely processing. Furthermore, they perform a pre-trip inspection that includes tires, fuel, oil, etc. They also monitor the conditions of the livestock on the trip and take appropriate action.

### Education/Training Requirements

- High School Diploma (required)
- Commercial Drivers License-CDL (required)

### Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Mathematics
- Sciences
  - Animal Science
  - Biology

### Common Responsibilities

- Observe all government and company regulations at all times
- Ensure that the tractor and trailer is cleaned and maintained in a safe working manner
- Perform a pre-trip inspection that includes tires, fuel, oil, etc.
- Check, before loading, to ensure that the compartments are free of feed or ingredients
- Ensure that the tarp cover is securely fastened and protects ingredients
- Collect samples of ingredients for quality assurance testing
- Complete delivery forms and forward the documentation for timely processing
- Load and unload trucks when at a destination
- Drive livestock to and from market/slaughter house and the farm
- Monitor the conditions of the livestock on the trip and take appropriate action

### Typical Employers

Truck drivers are typically employed by food production companies, grain merchandising companies, chemical companies, co-ops, seed production companies and can be self-employed.

### Additional Resources

[American Trucking Association](#)

[United Truck Drivers Association](#)

[Women in Trucking Association](#)