

Feed Dept. Manager

The feed department manager is responsible for overseeing the quality, production, costs, and safety of the feed mill, which produces feed for animals. In addition, the feed manager is also responsible for coordinating the nutritionist and central feed order teams to ensure that timely delivery, ordering, and inventory of feed products are in place.

What responsibilities will I have?

- Keep inventory of feed ingredients and order as needed
- Schedule employee shifts and keep track of employee time
- Set quality assurance standards
- Must be knowledgeable of all state and federal regulations related to safe feed manufacturing standards
- Responsible for quality control aspects of raw materials and finished products
- Develop, implement, and maintain the co-ops quality management systems and ensure continuing compliance to relevant quality standards
- Interview, hire, evaluate performance, and administer disciplinary actions for personnel
- Coordinate processing activities with procurement, maintenance, and quality control activities to obtain optimum processing and utilization of human resources, machines, and equipment
- Revise processing schedules and priorities as a result of equipment failure or operating problems
- Ensure production crew is trained on proper use and handling of machinery and product
- Prepare and monitor monthly, quarterly, and yearly budgets
- Train new employees and provide development opportunities
- Ensure all employees are trained on safety and continue to stay up to date
- Handle customer questions and complaints

What education and training is necessary?

A feed department manager will want to obtain a bachelor's degree in animal science, agricultural business, food science, or economics.

What high school courses are recommended?

Agriculture education, animal science, mathematics, business, biology, chemistry, communications, English, and computer courses

Who are typical employers in agriculture?

Cooperatives, small to large scale agricultural companies, pet food companies, feed lots, and animal production settings

Other Titles and Roles:

Elevator manager, merchandiser, commodity procurement, grain buyer, grain marketing specialist