

Feed Mill Operator

Feed mill operators are responsible for daily feed mill production and operations functions. This position follows strict quality feed production practices performed in a clean, safe, efficient manner to benefit the co-op and its customers.

What responsibilities will I have?

- Assist the feed department manager in maximizing the efficiency of the mill
- Load complete feeds on delivery trucks according to orders
- Operate feed mill computer system including batch-mixing, liquid applications, pelleting, scaling ingredients, grinding, bagging, and receiving systems
- Measure physical inventory of bulk feed ingredients and packaging materials including bags, supplies, and tags
- Perform quality control functions, which include monitoring feed and feed ingredients, to ensure quality and safety requirements are met and comply with industry standards
- Load and unload incoming and outgoing ingredients and feed mixes, in both bulk and bagged products
- Comply with and monitor all procedures and regulations that are required by HACCP and other feed industry standards
- Perform basic mechanical and electrical maintenance duties
- Utilize basic problem solving skills and be able to use the rest of the team to keep the mill running smooth
- Develop strong written and oral communication skills
- Respect customer, cooperative, and supplier relations
- Work independently and within a team setting
- Comply with set safety protocol and look out for potential liabilities for the company while working

What education and training is necessary?

Feed mill operators need at least a high school diploma, plus a CDL and boiler certification is preferred. Animal husbandry experience would be helpful.

What high school courses are recommended?

Agriculture education, mathematics, business, physics, chemistry, and computer courses

Who are typical employers in agriculture?

Cooperatives, food production companies, feed production companies, animal production companies who own their own feed mill, farms, and independent feed mills

Other Titles and Roles:

Equipment operator, mechanic, equipment maintenance operator, feed mill manager, feed production specialist