

# Truck Driver

A truck driver is the point of contact for receiving, transporting, and delivering products within the agriculture industry. They ensure that products such as feed mixes, grain, dry and liquid fertilizer, and other commodities and equipment are delivered to their desired locations safely and efficiently.

## *What responsibilities will I have?*

- Observe all government and company regulations at all times
- Ensure that equipment is cleaned and maintained in a safe working manner; make sure equipment is presented to the public in a professional manner
- Identify all needed repairs and concerns that requires attention by the maintenance team or an outside service provider
- Accurately perform a pre-trip inspection that includes tires, fuel, oil, lights, etc.
- Before loading material, ensure that all compartments are free of feed or bulk ingredients
- Collect samples of ingredients for quality assurance testing
- Accurately complete delivery forms and forward the documentation for timely processing; work efficiently at getting documentation to the office staff
- Load and unload truck upon arrival at destinations
- Maintain a clean driving record; maintain certification training and requirements by state and federal law
- Remain aware of environmental changes that affect delivery such as road restrictions and seasonal weather
- Develop strong written and oral communication skills
- Respect customer and supplier relations; become a reliable point of contact between the company or cooperative, the salesman, and the customer

## *What education and training is necessary?*

A high school diploma plus a CDL certification is necessary to drive a truck, although additional regulations exist for particular positions.

## *What high school courses are recommended?*

Agriculture education, science, biology, chemistry, mathematics, communications, and business

## *Who are typical employers in agriculture?*

Employed by cooperatives, grain merchandising companies, chemical companies, seed production companies, food production companies, self-employed, or independent contractors

## *Other Titles and Roles:*

Equipment operator, mechanic, equipment maintenance operator, field operator, facility operator