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MECHANICS

Truck Driver

Truck drivers efficiently pickup, transport and safely deliver feed, ingredients, equipment or livestock to processing facilities.



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career profile

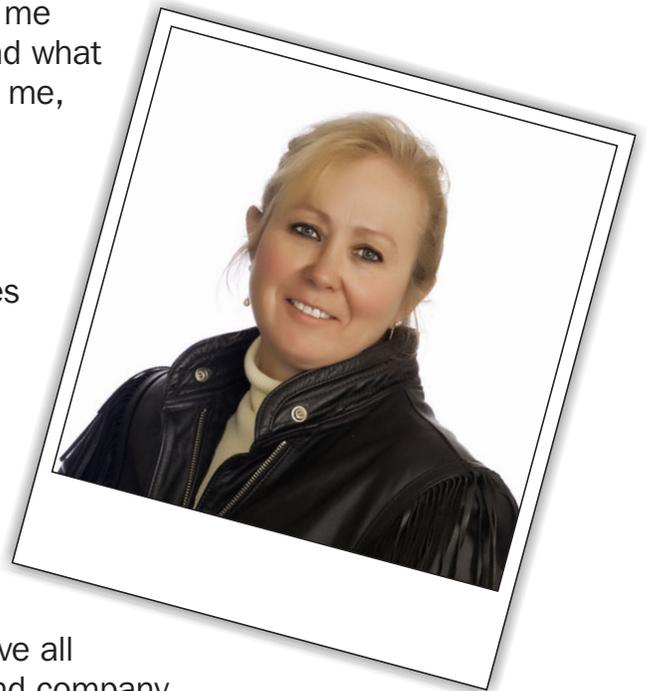
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Job Title: Truck Driver

Employer: Agriland FS

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Des Moines, Iowa

 I kind of stumbled into my job. A friend told me about an opportunity to become a truck driver and what I needed to do to qualify for the job. It interested me, so I got my Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Certification and applied for the job.

 I transport livestock, equipment, and farm supplies from one location to another. Sometimes the loads are extremely heavy, and the trips can be long. In addition to the driving, I have a number of other duties. It is my responsibility to see that the tractor and trailer are cleaned and maintained in a safe working manner. This includes identifying maintenance needs on the tractor or trailer that require attention. I perform pre-trip inspections on the tires, fuel, oil, etc. I observe all government and company regulations.



 I transport livestock from farms to processing plants and from markets to farms. While in transit, I monitor the conditions of the livestock and take appropriate actions as needed to protect their health. I complete delivery forms and forward the documentation for timely processing. I am also responsible for loading and unloading.

 I would say that working as a truck driver is a lifestyle choice. It is a good choice for me, but it is not for everyone because of the time away from home and the time on the road alone.

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overview



A **truck driver** is responsible for picking up and safely transporting farm supplies, equipment, and livestock.

suggested high school courses



[agriculture science](#), biology, and mathematics

experience needed



Gain experience on the job. Plan and implement a related Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

degree(s) required



A high school diploma and a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Certification is required.

potential employers



chemical companies, co-ops, farm supply companies, food production companies, grain merchandising companies, seed production companies, self-employment

salary range



\$29,394 to \$48,967

employment outlook and trends



The employment outlook for truck drivers is **good to excellent**.

professional organizations



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