

CDL Driver



What They Do

CDL Drivers or truck drivers efficiently pick up, transport and safely deliver feed, ingredients, equipment, materials 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.

Job Duties

- 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.
- Before loading, checks to ensure that the compartments are free of feed or ingredients
- Ensure that the tarp cover is securely fastened and protecting ingredients from contamination
- Collect samples of ingredients for quality assurance testing
- Complete delivery forms and forward the documentation for timely processing
- Load and unload trucks when at destination
- Drive livestock to and from market/slaughterhouse and the farm
- Monitor the conditions of the livestock on the trip and take appropriate action

Job Earnings

***U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
(2019 Median Annual Salary)*

Average Annual Salary: \$33,745

Education/Training

A high school diploma and a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) certification is required. Additional certifications may be required depending on the product you are transporting.

Job Outlook

The future outlook for truck drivers is projected to be good to excellent as the demand for farm goods increases.

CDL Driver - Career Pathway

Ways to Start Preparing for Your Future Career TODAY!

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Middle/High School Classes to Take:

- Agriculture Classes
- Diesel Mechanics
- Mathematics

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Clubs/Extracurricular Activities:

- Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club (www.FFA.org)
- 4-H (www.4-H.org)

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Local BOCES/Career & Technical Education Programs:

- Genesee Valley BOCES (www.GVBOCES.org)
 - Conservation (Batavia & Mt. Morris Campuses)
 - Diesel Mechanic Program (Batavia & Mt. Morris Campuses)
- Monroe2-Orleans BOCES (www.Monroe2BOCES.org)
 - Heavy Equipment Operation & Maintenance
- Orleans-Niagara BOCES (www.ONBOCES.org)
 - Diesel Technology/Heavy Equipment

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Local Colleges/Training:

- Colleges:
 - SUNY Alfred (www.alfredstate.edu)
 - SUNY Cobleskill (www.Cobleskill.edu)
 - SUNY Morrisville (www.Morrisville.edu)
- Adult Education Training Programs:
 - Genesee Valley BOCES Adult Ed CDL Training (www.GVBOCES.org)
 - Monroe2-Orleans BOCES CDL Commercial License Class B (www.Monroe2BOCES.org)