

Livestock Transport Driver

JOB SUMMARY:

To operate tractor trailer to deliver livestock to customers.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Loads or assists in loading trailer with livestock. Unloads or assists in unloading trailer by using rattle paddles and a prod.
2. Operates trucks with one trailer, according to state and federal laws. Transports load over required route to proper destination, observing all traffic laws and safety regulations.
3. Chocks rear wheels of truck or trailer before any unloading takes place. Removes chocks before driving away from loading dock.
4. Obtain load-out paperwork and necessary signatures and returns completed paper work to trucking office. Maintains any related records required, keeps accurate and up to date driver log books as well as have needed paperwork for payroll purposes in by Monday Noon Central to trucking office.
5. Understands bio-security concerns and the importance of cleanliness of clothing and equipment.
6. Performs miscellaneous service duties as required by DOT for pre-trip inspections, such as checking, on a daily basis, oil, water, gasoline, and air in tires. Reports any maintenance needed and malfunctions to Trucking Supervisor.
7. Evaluate and maintain equipment for fuel economy with everyday keep up. Checking tire pressure and wear, not having the vehicle running while not in motion.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Keep good timeliness of arriving at loading point, time to load, arrival time at destination and unload time at destination.
2. May need to clean truck body plus wash out inside/outside of trailer and add shavings on off-shifts
3. May switch empty/full trailers in shipping yard on off-shifts for optimum loading patterns on the following day.
4. Have good communication and listening skills.
5. Attention to detail with an emphasis on safety and timeliness.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Valid state CDL license.
2. Tact and diplomacy required in dealing with customer personnel at pick-up & delivery points.
3. Requires high degree of attention and considerable dexterity in the control of tractor trailer and in preventing damage to livestock and trailer equipment.
4. Frequently sitting in trailer cab for long periods of time.
5. Ability to move livestock in a timely manner.
6. Must meet Department of Transportation physical and medical requirements and pass substance abuse screening pre-employment; as a safety sensitive employee subject to random substance abuse screening as required under DOT compliance.
7. Must pass and receive Animal Handling Certificate, Trucker Quality Assurance expectations, and certification, truck/trailer wash protocols.
8. Have at least 1 year of experience with livestock handling.
9. Your Motor Vehicle Report must be clean and in good standing.
10. Use of cell phones to report progress while on the road.