

Animal Care Specialist



Animal care specialists provide a variety of care to animals. They routinely feed, monitor and move animals. In the turkey industry they check barns daily for sick and injured birds. They also feed the animals and monitor their food and water intake. These specialists might also monitor barn temperatures for any changes. Animal Care Specialists can work with all species of animals.

Hatchery Worker



A hatchery worker's job includes monitoring temperatures in incubators and caring for newly hatched chicks. Once chicks have hatched, the workers will separate them by gender and prepare them to be sent to another barn. Hatchery workers also assist with tasks like beak conditioning and monitoring for sickness. Hatchery workers also work with other egg laying species like turkeys, chickens, fish, and turtles.

Truck Driver



Truck drivers transport goods from place to place. They can drive short distances multiple times per day or long distances that take multiple days. The goods that truck drivers transport vary from live animals to food products and everything in between. If the products need to travel, there is a good chance it was on a truck at one point.

Farm Owner



Farm owners oversee the day-to-day operations of their farm. They oversee the hiring and management of employees, scheduling, ordering feed, and buying and selling animals. Farm owners also act as accountants and keep track of financial records for their farm. This list only includes a small portion of what farm owners do.

Veterinarian



Just like your dog or cat at home, turkeys also have to see a veterinarian. There are veterinarians that specialize in different species of animals. Livestock veterinarians usually focus on the overall herd or flock health rather than individual animals. Turkey vets visit farms to make sure the flock is healthy and being well taken care of. They also work with farmers to develop plans for the best way to take care of the birds.

Food Safety Inspector



Food safety inspectors ensure that all proper protocols are being followed to keep consumers safe. They often visit processing plants and distribution centers to see that they are meeting regulations. Some of these regulations include storage temperature, sanitation, and more!

Meat Cutter



Meat cutters work in processing plants, meat lockers, butcher shops, or at grocery stores. At the processing plant meat cutters will break down and separate different cuts of meat. At a grocery store a meat cutter may separate and package meat by weight or trim different cuts of meat to a customer's specifications.

Processing Plant Manager



Processing plant managers oversee the daily operations of the plants. They make sure all policies and procedures are being followed, oversee workers and maximize productivity. They also oversee the shipments of products in and out of the plant and ensure that equipment is up to date and working properly.

Genetic Researcher



A genetic researcher in the turkey industry focuses on the breeding of birds to develop the most successful and productive offspring. They are constantly exploring different options for breeding and working in a lab setting to develop new combinations of traits. Some of the traits they explore are growth rate, fertility, and joint health.

Distribution and Supply Chain Manager



A distribution and supply chain manager will work at different points throughout the supply chain. They find ways to make moving products efficient and low cost while maintaining quality. They also work with managers at processing plants and grocery stores to coordinate and time shipments of different goods.

Sales Associate



A sales associate works at a grocery store, farm supply store, or feed store to name a few places. They are responsible for selling a product to a customer and making sure that the customer receives the best possible product to fit their needs. At a grocery store they work at a meat counter and direct customers to what cuts of turkey will work best for them.

Building Inspector



Building inspectors travel to different buildings like processing plants, turkey farms, and grocery stores to make sure that they are safe to be in and are up to local codes. They will let the owners or managers know of any changes that need to be made in order to keep the building safe. Some of the things they look for are safe electrical wiring and fire escapes.

Turkey Nutritionist



A turkey nutritionist works with farmer's and veterinarians to develop diets for turkeys. Turkeys need different amounts of vitamins, minerals, and proteins during their life. A nutritionist makes sure turkeys are being fed the correct type of food to keep the flock productive and healthy. A productive flock uses food efficiently to gain muscle and grow quickly.

Marketer



A marketer creates advertisements and branding for turkey products. They study consumers to see what they are looking for in products and implement that into their branding. Marketers help design tv commercials, social media ads, product packaging and grocery store signage.