


# Transportation



## DID YOU KNOW?

 **Transportation:** The process of moving goods from one place to another.

 **Livestock trailer:** Hauls animals safely from the farm to next destination.

 **Poultry:** Domesticated birds (turkey, chicken, geese and ducks.

 **Semi truck:** Transports animals, goods or products.

 **Processing plant:** An operation that processes food.

 **Truck driver:** A persons who transports goods by truck.

## LOADING DAY

Flat Aggie gives us a tour of what loading day looks like on the farm. It takes 19-20 weeks (5 months) to grow a turkey to market weight. The birds weigh between 40-45 pounds.

The turkeys grow quickly due to an excellent feed ration of corn, soybeans, vitamins and minerals. Farmers are not allowed to use hormones or steroids to increase turkey weight in the raising of poultry in the United States.

The farmer and the truck driver load up the adult turkeys with the help of a conveyor belt early in the morning to keep them cool and minimize stress.





## TRANSPORTATION

Truck drivers make sure the turkeys are transported from the farm to the processing plant safely. Truck drivers are also responsible for sanitizing the trailer before hauling a new group of animals to prevent the spread of germs and diseases.

Flat Aggie shows us how the turkeys are loaded onto a livestock trailer.

There are different styles of livestock trailers depending on if they are hauling cattle, pigs, or poultry. The holes help to keep air flow moving in the trailer.



## PROCESSING PLANT

There are about 800 turkeys on each livestock trailer. The turkeys are taken to a processing plant. There are many processing plants all over the United States; such as local plants including Tyson Foods and West Liberty Foods.

The processing plant makes the turkeys into meat. Some of Flat Aggie's favorite turkey meats include turkey breast and turkey lunch meat!



*To learn more visit Iowa Turkey Federation.*

## CAREER SPOTLIGHT

A meat processor is a person who prepares meat or poultry products for packaging and selling of the product. A high school diploma is required. Helpful job skills include physical fitness, being able to work independently and in a team, good communication skills, attention to detail, knowledge of equipment, and good time management skills.

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## JOKE OF THE DAY

What did the turkey say to the computer?  
Google, Google, Google!