

Rachel Simmons

PLANT OPERATOR

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Summary

Plant operator with 5 years in corn processing and food manufacturing, running starch, drying and packaging lines on rotating shifts. Uses mechanical aptitude and electrical troubleshooting to keep equipment running, and keeps production records in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word. Works safely with minimal supervision and holds forklift and lockout/tagout training.

Skills

• Plant Operations • Mechanical Aptitude • Electrical Troubleshooting • Preventive Maintenance • Forklift • Lockout/Tagout
• Microsoft Excel • Microsoft Word • Read and Interpret Documents • Communication Skills

Experience

Plant Operator

02/2023 - Present

Prairie Grain Processing

Cedar Rapids, IA

Corn wet-milling plant producing starch and sweeteners for food customers.

- Operate starch drying and milling equipment processing **2,400** tons of corn a day on rotating 12-hour shifts.
- Monitor dryers, centrifuges and conveyors from the control room and adjust rates to hold moisture within spec.
- Diagnose motor, sensor and conveyor faults with maintenance, cutting average downtime per stop from 50 to 30 minutes.
- Record hourly production and quality data in Microsoft Excel and write shift turnover notes in Microsoft Word.

Production Operator

05/2021 - 01/2023

Hawkeye Snack Foods

Marion, IA

Snack food plant with 6 packaging lines.

- Ran 2 fryer and seasoning lines producing 18,000 pounds of product per shift.
- Completed preventive maintenance on fillers and sealers each week, raising line efficiency from 78% to 86%.
- Read and interpreted SOPs and work instructions to change over lines in under 45 minutes.
- Moved finished pallets and raw materials with a forklift, keeping the line supplied with no stockouts.

Material Handler

07/2020 - 04/2021

Linn County Distribution

Cedar Rapids, IA

Regional distribution center for grocery and farm supplies.

- Loaded 25+ trailers a shift with a forklift and checked each order against the bill of lading.
- Scanned inbound freight into the warehouse system with 99% accuracy on cycle counts.
- Trained 4 new hires on dock safety and forklift traffic rules.

Education

Diploma

05/2020

Kirkwood Community College

Cedar Rapids, IA

Industrial Maintenance

Certificates

Forklift Operator Certification

03/2023

Prairie Grain Processing

OSHA 10-Hour General Industry

04/2020

Kirkwood Community College