



EVAP DRYER OPERATOR

Division/Department: Production
Shifts: AM/PM
Job title: Dryer Operator
Reports to: Shift Supervisor

Level/Grade:	Type of Position <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full – time <input type="checkbox"/> Part – Time <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Intern	Hours <u>40</u> /week <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Nonexempt
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Purpose/Scope of Position

The Operator must have knowledge of all milk dryer and evaporator production lines and equipment. Posses the ability to trouble-shoot and resolve issues; Responsible for system efficiencies, operation of drying and evaporator equipment, and cleaning and maintaining the production process equipment.

Responsibilities/Duties (inclusive of but not limited to):

- Completes pre-operational checks on all equipment before starting a process.
- Know proper established start up and shut down procedures.
- Operation Monitoring- Watching gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure machines are working properly.
- Observe temperature, pressure and vacuum gauge readings, adjusts pumps to conform to specifications.
- Completes all work instructions, production log sheets, and sanitation log sheets accurately and in a timely manner.
- Monitor processes, materials or surroundings; continuously monitors all aspects of the



drying production process for leaks and spills.

- Inspecting equipment, structures, or material to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.
- Read and verify work entries to ensure all previous operations were completed and to verify product count and quality.
- Monitor and maintain proper moisture, fat and protein levels at least once per hour and enter in log sheet while operating.
- Maintain a safe, neat and orderly work area.
- Report any food safety, quality issues/problems, improper operation, faulty equipment, defective materials and unusual conditions to supervisors.
- Follow and promote all plant and regulatory policies and procedures.
- Operate and monitor the computer and the Panel View.
- Check inside of dryer for powder build up and react accordingly to findings.
- Inspect sifter screen, magnet and report to supervisor any concerns.
- Properly clean evaporator, condensed storage silos, cream storage silos, balance tanks, lines, valves and pumps.
- Set-up of the connections between the silo and the dryer.
- Service pumps and valves as needed and/or per preventative maintenance.
- Following Dryer Sampling SOP, aseptically pull and correctly label dried samples.
- Document on Dried Sample Log all data required.
- Ensure records and documents are kept up to date in all areas of dryer operations in compliance with High Desert Milk quality regulations.
- Follow company safety rules, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's), Sanitation Operating Procedures (SSOP's), and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP's).
- Monitor and record the following operational readings:
 - Pressure
 - Dryer Temperature
 - Silo Weights and temperatures
 - Moisture samples
 - Scorch particles
- Oversight of non-operational cleaning including:
 - Disassemble dryer equipment
 - Clean dryer equipment and parts
 - Reassemble dryer equipment
- Demonstrates an understanding of tolerances of products and know how to adjust, as necessary, to maintain product conformance.
- Perform all plant documentation, as required.
- All other duties as assigned.

Physical Demands

While performing the essential functions of this job the employee is required to:

- Continuously (76%-100%) Talks, stands, walks, bends, goes up and down stairs.
- Frequently (51%-75%) Uses hands and fingers to handle or feel.



- Occasionally (25%-50%) lifts 26 to 100lbs.
- Rarely (1%-25%) balances, stoops, kneels or crawls.

Work Environment

This job takes place in a plant environment year round. While performing the essential functions of this job exposure to the following elements occurs:

- Frequently (51% to 75%) dry flat plant floors.
- Occasionally (10% to 25%) work in high place on lifts or ladders, work with chemicals.
- Frequently work in extreme heat.

Personal Protective Equipment Needed

The use of PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT as follows:

- Need to wear plant captive clothing, hearing protection, safety glasses and slip resistant work shoes during your regular job in all areas of the plant.
- When working with chemicals you will need to wear, safety goggles, face shield, rubber gloves and a chemical – resistant apron.

Job Hazard Assessment

- The employee may work in a wet, dry, hot, cool, cold, humid, bright areas and/or conditions.
- The employee may be working on lifts and ladders at heights with protection.
- While performing light maintenance the employee may be exposed to sharp objects, hot objects, confined spaces, fumes from paint and supplies.

Education/Training

- High School diploma or equivalent.
- Milk processing experience required.

Skills

- Operate all department equipment per published/ current process specifications.
- Generally, understand process requirements.
- Must be able to perform routine machine adjustments.
- Must be able to operate the dryer and all associated equipment while producing minimal out of specification product.
- Willing to work with others, collaborating and compromising where necessary; promptly share relevant information with others.



- Open to changing situations and is willing to perform all tasks when and where assigned.
- Reliable, responsible, and dependable, and fulfilling obligations.
- Pleasant with others on the job and displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude.
- Careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks.
- Creativity and alternative thinking to develop new ideas for and answers to work-related problems.
- Basic computer skills.
- Ability to meet or exceed the company's attendance and punctuality standards.
- Ability to understand and follow directions as given.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Efficiency and time management.
- Ability to work under pressure.

Salary

- DOE

Benefits

- Excellent benefit package available: 401k, medical, dental, vision, disability, life insurance, vacation, PTO, and holiday pay, subject to applicable eligibility and waiting periods.