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Future Job

There are many things you need to learn in the trucking industry, so I

interviewed Allisen Olson. She does multiple things for Dennis C. Olson Trucking Inc.

for instance, Allisen brokers outs loads, invoicing, and billing. The trucking company

is in Bradley SD, that is about 40 miles west of Watertown SD. They hull seed, cobs, fertilizers, and grains.

Not everyone can broker out loads, they must have a license and must

put a certain amount of money to the side for reason like if they don’t pay the people

who did the loads for them. Then the money that they put to the side would go to

the other trucking companies. Not too long ago anyone could broker loads out, it is

nice that it changed where you need the license to broker loads out to other

companies. That helps the companies make a little more money and then not anyone

like a random farmer can broker loads.

Another thing that was talked about is pet peeves we all know that in the

work place something will bother someone. Some of Allisen’s pet peeves is when workers complain about their work, and what they are being paid to do, or when their leased guys turn down loads because they are not use to that route. Some things that

Allisen does like is when the weeks go smooth and they don’t run out of urea and

map from the cities otherwise they have to quickly put something else together for

their seven drivers and then try and find out when the map and urea will be back in.

Most times, if a place runs out it takes close to a month before they get any again

because they haul it in on a train. Then to make things difficult they must shut

down the plant for a day because it takes that long to unload the cars. So there are

many ups and downs in the trucking world.

Things that they haul are grain and fertilizer they also do some vanloads.

Allisen really seems to enjoy her job and is still learning new information every day.

Their jobs never get boring from something breaking down to having to buy a new truck then on to the next truck because something is always wrong with them. They now have put ELD’s in the trucks so they can track them, but it will also be mandatory. Just like anyone else they must keep up to date with technology to keep up with the changing rules and regulations.

So, like I said before, there are many things to learn in the trucking company. I learned many new things how fertilizer is moved and used on from the plants to the farm. With every job, there is always its ups and downs it is just whether one can manage the stress of the job to make everything run efficient as possible.