Process for Loading and Unloading Flatbeds

Safety First!

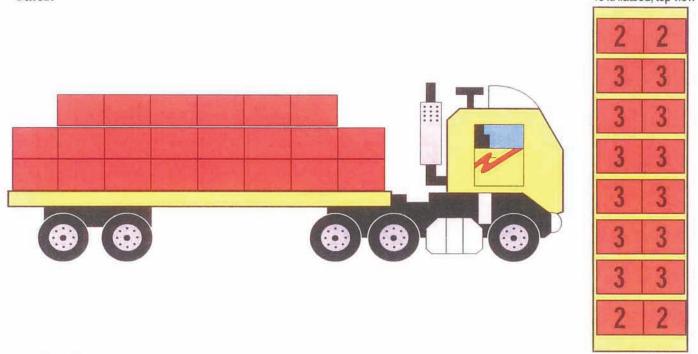
Check to make certain that the tractor or jack stands are underneath the trailer. Make sure trailer is chocked and dock plate is set.

Keep drivers clear at all times while loading or unloading!

Loading procedures

48' flatbeds – Stack bales side by side for eight stacks on each side, the first and last row two bales high, the balance three bales high. Load only four stacks per side while loading to avoid causing stress on the kingpin of the trailer and the fifth wheel of the tractor. Do not stagger the top row of bales.

48 ft. flatbed, top view



Unloading procedures

Make sure drivers and employees are clear of the unloading area.

Flatbeds – Use reverse order from loading. Take off only three stacks from each side to keep weight down. Don't pull some bales from the back and then some from the front of the trailer.

Keep load as stable as possible while unloading!