

RANCH MANAGER

A ranch manager oversees and maintains cattle or sheep on a large land area.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Daily monitor herd by riding horseback, in a truck or tractor
- Ensure animals have access to water and food at all times
- Identify sick animals and determine proper treatment or contact veterinarian
- Transport animals to market
- Assist in branding or tagging of animals
- Oversee and administer vaccination programs
- Corral animals for vaccinations or branding
- Maintain and build fences as well as any shelter buildings
- Maintain ranch and herd equipment
- Hire, train and supervise ranch hands or herdsman
- Monitor grazing land to ensure livestock is properly fed; may need to setup and monitor irrigation systems during droughts
- May plant and harvest hay or forage to save for winter feed supply
- Maintain financial, operational, production and employee records
- Remain up to date regarding markets and industry trends
- Maintain high standards of animal welfare



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

High school diploma; an Associate's degree in animal science or animal husbandry would be beneficial

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, biology, business courses, personal finance, mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Ranch owners, large cattle feeding companies, or you may be self-employed and own your own ranch

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- United Cattlemen's Association
- National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- State Cattle or Beef Associations

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$40,000