

RANCHING

AgCareers.com has identified high demand jobs in the agricultural industry. These career profiles are a helpful resource for students and job seekers to explore new roles in the industry, as well as for career educators.

Herdsman

JOB OVERVIEW

Manage the day-to-day farm operations of a ranch/farm

Identify sick animals & administer proper care and/or call the veterinarian

Manage breeding program including conducting artificial insemination; assist with birthing

Maintain wells, pipelines, fences & equipment

Transport animals to market



JOB OUTLOOK



POOR FAIR GOOD GREAT EXCELLENT

EDUCATION NEEDED

An Associate's or Bachelor's in an Animal Science field is recommended

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, animal science, mathematics, anatomy, biology, chemistry

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Large-scale ranches and farms; some may be independent producers & some may be corporate animal production

Penrider

JOB OVERVIEW

Monitor & move cattle around a feeding operation

Utilize a horse to ride through assigned pens daily and identify sick & in-distress animals; move accordingly to hospital pens

Assist in shipment of cattle as well as moving & weighing

Exercise safety & humane treatment of all animals at all times

Report pen problems & pen maintenance issues to supervisor



JOB OUTLOOK



POOR FAIR GOOD GREAT EXCELLENT

EDUCATION NEEDED

High school diploma & experience with horses & cattle; solid mathematics skills are also necessary

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, animal science, biology, anatomy, mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Large livestock production companies and feedlots; some ranches may hire

Ranch Manager

JOB OVERVIEW

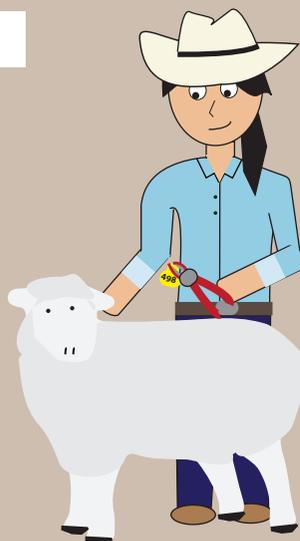
Oversee & maintain large herds of cattle or sheep on large land parcel

Ensure animals have access to water & food at all times

Identify sick animals & determine proper treatment or call vet

Assist in branding & tagging of animals; also oversee & administer vaccinations

Monitor & maintain grazing land, fencing, equipment, employees & records



JOB OUTLOOK



POOR FAIR GOOD GREAT EXCELLENT

EDUCATION NEEDED

High school diploma required; Associate's degree in animal science recommended

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, animal science, biology, anatomy, business courses, personal finance, mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Most are either self-employed, by ranch owners, or by large cattle feeding companies

PROFESSIONALS IN RANCHING CAN EXPECT TO EARN AN AVERAGE OF \$33,600 PER YEAR