

# Job Description – Ranch Hand

## **Calving** – March, April

- Daily feeding
  - Make sure all cows and calves eat and drink every day
- Check cattle
  - every 2 hours from daylight until dark
  - once during the night – more if storming
- Be sure that every calf is fed and dry as soon as practicable
- Tag and vaccinate calves daily
- Graft calves onto available cows as appropriate
- Sort in heavies and out pairs as necessary
- Repairs and maintenance as needed to equipment, fences, and buildings
- snow-plowing as necessary
- Firewood as necessary

## **Spring Work** – Mid-April, May – as weather dictates

- Daily feeding until green grass – possibly June 1
- Farming
  - disc, level, pack, seed
  - Check oil daily, grease weekly, change oil as needed
- Spraying
  - larkspur in pastures
  - grass in ditches and along gated pipe
- Fencing
- Repairs and maintenance as needed to equipment, fences, and buildings

- Branding – likely 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May
- Pasture moves as necessary
- Spray any noxious weeds encountered

**Irrigation** – beginning anytime from late April as weather dictates; ending in August

- Repair and Maintenance on ditches, headgates, and pipe
- Regular sets from first light until last light, seven days a week
- Repairs and maintenance as needed to equipment, fences, and buildings
- Pasture moves as necessary – frequent during early summer
- Spray any noxious weeds encountered

**Haying** – First cutting the end of June to the middle of July; Second cutting the first two weeks of August

- Prepare haying equipment
- Daily service; repairs as necessary
- Long days as the weather dictates
- Repairs and maintenance as needed to equipment, fences, and buildings
- Pasture moves as necessary – pasture checks as time allows
- Spray any noxious weeds encountered

**Fall Work** –

- Clean, service, and store haying equipment
- Repairs and maintenance to equipment, fences, buildings, roads, water system
- New construction
- Background calves, sort, ship

- Wean replacement heifers – feed daily through the winter and spring
- Preg test cows, vaccinate, pour, sort
- Firewood

#### **Winter –**

- Feed cows beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup> as weather and feed dictate
- Make sure all cows and calves eat and drink every day
- Repairs and maintenance as needed to equipment, fences, and buildings
- Firewood

#### **Hours**

- Calving and irrigating: regular checks/sets from first light until last light, seven days a week
- Haying: long hours as weather dictates; time off when weather allows
- Fall: Monday through Saturday noon
- Winter: 8:00 – 4:00 weekdays; 8:00 – noon weekends

#### **Days off - by arrangement**

- Every other weekend
- Five days in June
- Seven days in the Fall
- Weekdays, special events by arrangement

#### **Work quality –**

- All work is to be neat, clean, professional
- Clean up after yourself – put everything back where it belongs

