



POSITION DESCRIPTION TEXAS BEEF PRODUCERS FEED YARD

COWBOY/PEN RIDER

Description: Monitor health of cattle, deciding on pulling and need for treatment on daily basis. Movement and handling of cattle from arrival, throughout feeding period, and shipment for slaughter

Supervisor Chain: 1) Head Cowboy 2) Cattle Manager 3) Asst Manager 4) Manager

Qualifications:

- Pass basic pre-employment physical exam and drug screen.
- Ability to read simple information and assignments in English with pen and lot numbers.
- Ability to monitor health of individual cattle in large groups, recognizing those needing treatment.
- Competent horsemanship for cattle handling in confined area. Must pass horsemanship test.
- Ability to move and handle livestock safely and competently from horseback.
- Coordination of cattle handling with other horsemen.
- Ability to provide tack (saddle, pad, bridle) in good condition for daily use.

Outline of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Safely move and manipulate cattle in and out of pens and alleyways for relocation, processing, and shipment.
- Ride pens as assigned daily, identifying and separating cattle requiring treatment or special care.
- Monitor identification of cattle in pens, correcting strays and placing cattle in correct location.
- Move individual cattle to and from treatment areas daily as needed.
- Care for personal and/or assigned horses daily. Feed, shoeing, and vaccinations will be provided.
- Clean and maintain tack storage area and horse pens as assigned.
- Other duties may be assigned by supervisors.

Work Environment:

- May be exposed to weather of all kinds. Employee must provide appropriate clothing and outer wear.
- Exposure to dust from pens, roads, and mill area.
- Riding of horses in areas of metal fencing and densely populated cattle pens.
- Handling/movement of cattle from horseback in confined and high traffic areas (scales, holding areas)
- Working near and in contact with livestock (cattle/horses).
- Some contact with cattle and horse pharmaceuticals as directed by veterinarian and protocol.
- Working in direct contact with metal and concrete fences, gates, and barriers.
- Riding and walking in areas wet and slick from manure and mud.

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