




GARRETT LEVI WICHMAN

RANCH MANAGER

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

I know I am a Hard worker with proven knowledge of agriculture, farm maintenance, and animal care. Aiming to leverage my abilities to successfully fill the **Ranch Manager** role on your team.

I am an Adaptable professional with 20 years of work experience and proven knowledge of leadership, problem-solving, and prioritization. Aiming to leverage my abilities to successfully fill the role at your company.

I am an Ambitious individual with strong organizational and multitasking skills, as well as an aptitude for technology. Ready to apply knowledge and skills to any challenge.

EXPERIENCE

September 2021 - Present

Ranch Manager

S Hanging 7, Ryegate , Montana

- Born and raised in the cow calf operation
- 20 plus years experience
- Passionate about livestock
- Horsemanship and heardsmanship
- Mechanically inclined
- Self motivated
- Knowledgeable within the AG industry
- Local resources, family, and friends of the community
- Developed and implemented animal husbandry protocols to ensure safety of the animals and staff.
- Conducted regular inspections of facilities to identify any potential hazards or repairs that need attention.
- Managed payroll records for all ranch personnel.
- Scheduled routine maintenance of machinery used in daily operations.
- Managed breeding programs according to client specifications for show quality animals.
- Managed daily operations of a ranch, including livestock health and nutrition, pasture management and maintenance of fences, barns, and other structures.
- Researched best practices in sustainable agriculture techniques to maximize efficiency of resources used on the ranch.
- Implemented pest control measures to protect crops from damage by insects or wildlife.
- Maintained accurate records of stock movements between pastures and sale yards.
- Responded quickly to emergencies involving livestock injury or illness.
- Created budget plans for ranch supplies, staff wages, and equipment purchases.
- Trained new employees in proper care of livestock and handling procedures.
- Enforced safety regulations with all employees working on the ranch property.
- Provided customer service support when needed at events held on the ranch property.
- Monitored pastures for overgrazing or underutilization to ensure optimal land usage.

- Performed minor repairs around the property such as fixing gates or broken fence posts.
- Negotiated contracts with vendors for feed, hay, fencing materials, veterinary services.

March 2019 - August 2020

Ranch Manager

Clint Branger, Roscoe , Montana

- Fencing
- Calving
- Pasture rotation
- Irrigation
- Haying
- Grounds keeping
- Monitored pastures for overgrazing or underutilization to ensure optimal land usage.
- Implemented pest control measures to protect crops from damage by insects or wildlife.
- Managed breeding programs according to client specifications for show quality animals.
- Developed and implemented animal husbandry protocols to ensure safety of the animals and staff.
- Responded quickly to emergencies involving livestock injury or illness.
- Scheduled routine maintenance of machinery used in daily operations.
- Maintained accurate records of stock movements between pastures and sale yards.

May 2018 - January 2020

Ranch Foreman

Boyce Ranch , Lewistown , Montana

- Calving
- Fencing
- Haying
- Heard health
- Maintenance on equipment and facilities
- Daily General ranch work
- Proficient in using a variety of agricultural equipment including tractors, mowers, balers and combines.
- Maintained detailed records of herd health and production levels to ensure optimal performance.
- Implemented best practices for breeding, calving and weaning programs to maximize cattle production.

- Monitored weather conditions on a daily basis in order to adjust operational plans accordingly.
- Responded quickly to emergency situations involving animals or personnel on the ranch.
- Conducted regular inspections of fences, pastures and corrals to identify maintenance needs.
- Inspected facilities regularly for structural soundness and compliance with building codes.
- Ensured compliance with local laws governing land use, grazing rights and other regulations related to ranching operations.
- Provided guidance on proper care techniques for horses including grooming, feeding, shoeing and training methods.
- Performed routine vaccinations and administered medications as needed according to veterinary instructions.
- Developed expertise in animal husbandry, pasture management, feed rations and water distribution systems.
- Supervised staff during branding sessions to ensure humane handling of animals.
- Created strategies for controlling predators such as coyotes or mountain lions that threatened livestock.
- Demonstrated strong leadership and organizational skills while managing a team of 8 ranch hands, overseeing daily operations and ensuring the safety of livestock.

September 2016 - May 2018

Ranch Foreman

Grindheim cattle co, Roy, Montana

- General ranch work
- Feeding
- Cattle rotation
- Haying
- Hauling cattle and hay
- Equipment maintenance
- Fencing
- Calving
- Conducted regular inspections of fences, pastures and corrals to identify maintenance needs.
- Monitored weather conditions on a daily basis in order to adjust operational plans accordingly.
- Implemented best practices for breeding, calving and weaning programs to maximize cattle production.
- Researched new methods of improving efficiency within existing processes at the ranch.
- Proficient in using a variety of agricultural equipment including tractors, mowers, balers and combines.

- Coordinated transportation logistics for moving livestock between properties or locations.
- Developed expertise in animal husbandry, pasture management, feed rations and water distribution systems.
- Performed routine vaccinations and administered medications as needed according to veterinary instructions.
- Created strategies for controlling predators such as coyotes or mountain lions that threatened livestock.
- Ensured compliance with local laws governing land use, grazing rights and other regulations related to ranching operations.

September 2004 - May 2008

Ranch Hand

Wichman Ranch , Moore, Montana

- General ranch work
- Fencing
- Haying calving
- Equipment maintenance
- Heard health
- Pasture rotation
- Operated and maintained farm equipment such as tractors and balers.
- Controlled weeds and pests using appropriate methods.
- Helped ranch staff maintain gates, fences, and drainage systems.
- Implemented best practices related to soil conservation efforts such as crop rotation and cover cropping.
- Assisted in the preparation of hay bales for storage during winter months.
- Monitored grazing areas regularly to assess plant health status and adjust accordingly.
- Demonstrated expertise in feeding, vaccinating, branding, castrating, dehorning, calving and weaning of cattle.
- Managed and maintained a herd of over 250 head of cattle, utilizing excellent animal husbandry skills.
- Fixed animal shelters, pens and enclosures to keep animals safe.
- Collaborated with veterinarians to diagnose illnesses or injuries among livestock population.
- Performed variety of tasks to maintain ranch workshop and tools in clean and safe condition.
- Maintained water system by monitoring and sampling in accordance with state and federal regulations.
- Conducted daily inspections to ensure the safety of livestock and staff while maintaining compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Monitored and managed the water supply for livestock.

- Identified opportunities for cost savings through improved efficiencies or process modifications.
- Monitored livestock health and administered treatments as needed.
- Administered medication, vaccinations and wormers to livestock.
- Developed and implemented effective strategies for livestock health management and pasture rotation.
- Performed general ranch maintenance duties including fencing repair, installation, irrigation systems maintenance, equipment operation, repair and facility upkeep.
- Researched new technologies related to ranching operations that could potentially increase efficiency or reduce costs.
- Proficiently operated tractors, ATVs, forklifts and other heavy machinery for various ranch operations.
- Liaised with team to maintain fire safety systems.
- Maintained detailed records regarding inventory levels, feed usage and other operational data.

EDUCATION

October 2004

High School Diploma

Fergus High School , Lewistown , Montana

SKILLS

- Service Records
- Inventory Control
- Safety Practices
- Crop Harvesting
- Technique Practice
- Facility Maintenance
- Reading Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Special Events
- Animal Breeding
- Livestock Care
- Ranch Marketing
- Pesticide Application
- Farm Machinery
- Maintenance Requirements

- Annual Budgets
- Business Management
- Physical Dexterity
- Community Building
- Project Management
- Basic Mechanical Skills
- Stock Evaluation
- Crop Inspection
- Direct Planting
- Oversee Irrigation
- Identify Crop Problems
- Crop Monitoring
- Manage Business Operations
- Pen Construction
- Hire Farm Workers
- Breeding

CERTIFICATIONS

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REFERENCES

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