

LES BROCKELMAN

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Summary

Passionate Ranch Manager with 25 years of experience in farming, hunting guide, livestock management. Skilled at supervising multiple ranch workers and maintaining functioning workspace. Successful in hiring and training new workers and delegation.

Skills

- Safety practices
- Livestock management
- Crop harvesting
- Recordkeeping and reporting

Experience

Ranch Manager **08/2017 to 10/2019**
Texana Ranch **Cotulla, TX**

Plan, directed, or coordinate the operation of a 3000 acre hunting ranch and a 200 acre olive orchard. I managed a small cattle and horse operation that I implemented with extra funds from a scrap account. Got new land ready for the expansion of the orchard which included but not limited to Irrigation installation and repair, land leveled and rows made.

- Planned harvest and planting schedules.
- Monitored weather conditions and adjusted strategies accordingly to avoid losses.
- Protected operational interests by inspecting crops every day to determine maturity, detect diseases and isolate insect infestations.
- Planted seeds, bulbs, ground covers and trees.
- Oversaw more than 10 personnel and delivered mentorship and training to promote increased productivity.
- Acted as liaison between oil field workers, hunters and contractors .
- Mixed and sprayed fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides onto grass, shrubs and trees.
- Managed ranch schedules for livestock, special events and crops.

Assistant Manager **01/2016 to 07/2017**
Wilkins Ranch **Freonia , Texas**

A 2000 acre farm and ranch owned and leased in which I help with cattle vaccinations, Dehorning, castration, implanting and branding. The ranch backgrounded and weaned its calves along with others bought from sale barn and was put into a relieving program. The Ranch also farmed sorghum, wheat any grew and custom cut hay.

- Monitored weather conditions and adjusted strategies accordingly to avoid losses.
- Worked with the owner to determine ranch needs.
- Directed efficient crop production to maximize resource utilization and consistently meet schedule and financial demands.
- Scheduled harvests based on weather conditions and market demands.
- Managed ranch schedules for livestock, special events and crops.

Ranch Manager **04/2014 to 01/2016**
Knolle Ranch **Sandia, TX**

The ranch was 2700 acres, it was a 500 cross bred herd. I rode the different pastures daily to watch herd health. I hired extra help during round up , we implanted, vaccinated, castrated and branded the calves. I also took care of the irrigation to increase grass production and sprayed chemicals to eliminate unwanted brush. While in a drought I recommended we do a major cull so I palpated and culled 84 broke mouth short teeth old cows. Took care of the horses hooves and rode colts.

- Managed 3 day laborers in completing large landscaping projects.
- Mixed and sprayed fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides onto grass, shrubs and trees.
- Inspected corralland barn structures regularly to identify maintenance needs and coordinate skilled repairs.
- Trained new workers on safety and ranch procedures.
- Worked with the owner to determine ranch needs.

Ranch Hand

03/2011 to 06/2014

Butler Ranch**Woden, TX**

A 200 purebreed charolais operation in which I helped but not limited to, pasture improvements, mowing, administering chemicals for pasture improvements. I also built new and repaired old fence. Helped with round up and keep records on calves births. In addition the ranch also leased its land for deer hunting that I guided hunts.

- Cultivated and supported wide variety of crops such as fruit trees and vegetable plants by implementing irrigation systems and using tractor.
- Updated records with data about animal growth, feeding patterns, costs and behaviors.
- Kept detailed feeding, medication, cleaning and behavior notes to increase lifespans of animals.
- Operated trucks, tractors and other large farm equipment to distribute feed to animals, move supplies and transport stock.
- Examined animals to detect illnesses, injuries or disease, as well as monitor both anticipated and undesirable physical changes.
- Assisted in breeding procedures for various farm animals, including artificial insemination.

Business Owner/Operator**05/2006 to 05/2011****Woden Grocery****Woden, TX**

Leased with an option to buy a convenience store with grill , I started catering and a mobile grill which allowed the store to do very well. I operated everything from the broom to the taxes.

- Planned key business operational mandates and policies, starting with defining customer demographic and target market.
- Drove efforts to gain working capital and angel funding to start and grow business.
- Streamlined operational efficiencies, gathering requirements to facilitate on-time, under-budget corporate transition.
- Collected, tracked and evaluated current business and market trend data.

Ranch Foreman**05/1999 to 12/2004****Spindetop Ranch****Devers, TX**

The ranch was 15000 acres and a new ranch that bought and would resale heifers, they sent me to school for AI and palpation . Ranch bought 2000 calves from sale barns, I started a feeding and doctoring program that allowed me to keep a less than 1 percent death loss. I shod horses and rode colts. Palpated thousands while employeed here. On a horse 6 days a week 10 to 18 hours a day. Pulled calves, I also AI 730 2 and 3 year old heifers with syncro-mate B and had a 78 percent conception rate.

- Oversaw more than 3 personnel and delivered mentorship and training to promote increased productivity.
- Trained new workers on safety and ranch procedures.
- Supervised day-to-day activities of cattle ranch.
- Managed ranch schedules for livestock, special events and crops.
- Worked with the owner to determine ranch needs.

Education and Training

Some College (No Degree): AI And Palpation

Texas A&M Health Science Center

College Station, TX

Some College (No Degree): Farrier

Dr Seybow Farrier School

04/1992

Mineral Wells, TX

Some College (No Degree): Ranch To Rail

Beef Management

01/2001

Liberty, TX