

# HERDSMAN

A herdsman typically manages the day- to-day farm operations for the farm/ ranch owner. Many times a herdsman will live on the property to be close to the animals at all times of the day.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Identify sick animals and administer proper care and/or call the veterinarian
- Manage a breeding program including conducting artificial insemination
- Build and repair new and existing fence and electric fence
- Work independently and as a team
- Operate heavy equipment and semi tractor-trailers
- Assist with birthing
- Maintain wells (electric/gas), pipelines, repair and maintain property and equipment
- Transport animals to market
- Keep thorough records
- Communicate with the farm/ranch owner on a regular basis



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Associate's or Bachelor's degree in animal science or a livestock-related field

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

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

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Large-scale ranches and farms

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- American Sheep Industry Association
- American Dairy Association

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$28,000