

PEN RIDER

A pen rider monitors and moves cattle around a feeding operation. Most of their daily duties are completed on horseback.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Utilize a horse to ride through assigned pens daily and identify sick animals by observing outward signs of distress
- Segregate sick cattle for treatment by driving them to nearest hospital pen
- Assist in shipment of cattle by opening gates, driving cattle to shipping areas for weighing; counting cattle and separating strays; checking withdrawals
- Move/drive cattle from one area of the yard to another by utilizing humane low stress techniques including slow movement of cattle
- Return treated cattle to home pens from hospitals
- Return stray animals to home pens
- Ride horse safely by awareness of surroundings and exercise of caution in dangerous situations.
- Maintain appearance of break room by properly disposing of trash, wiping feet upon entering and sweeping/mopping according to posted schedule
- Maintain cleanliness of horse facilities by sweeping floor and cleaning stalls
- Report observed pen maintenance issues to appropriate yard employee for repair (broken water tanks, bunks, holes, etc.)
- Alert supervisor to possible problem pens through observance of unusual trends (including concerns about feed, conditions of cattle received, etc.)
- Comply with all applicable safety and animal welfare rules and policies



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

A high school diploma and knowledge of cattle and horses with basic math skills

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, biology, mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Large livestock production companies and feedlots

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- State Cattleman or Feeders Organization

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$33,000