

## Beef Farm Manager

### Description

Farm Managers are almost always the owner of a beef cattle farm or ranch. They take care of all aspects of the farm, from working directly with cattle to bookkeeping. Their workday is never the same, since they must work around weather, seasonal changes, and sudden changes in plans if a crucial piece of machinery broke down unexpectedly. Farm and ranch owners and operators may have a cattle herd that ranges from cows and calves, to fattening cattle in a dry lot.

### Education/Training Requirements

- High School Diploma
- Associate's degree in animal science/husbandry (recommended)
- On-farm experience (recommended)

### Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Animal Science
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Mathematics

### Common Responsibilities

- Monitor herd health, including checking regularly for ill or injured animals and keeping up to date on vaccinations and deworming.
- Keep records on herd health management, feeding and feed purchases, sales and cash receipts, farm expenses, and other items.
- Provide feed for livestock when necessary, and free-choice access to salt and mineral source and fresh clean water.
- Have and maintain a grazing management schedule, monitoring pasture quality during grazing season.
- Maintain and repair various types of fences, from board fencing to temporary electric.
- Ensure care and welfare standards are met for herd, keeping with the five freedoms: food and water, absence of pain, social activity, ensure good health, and freedom of movement.

### Typical Employers

Some beef farm managers work for larger companies, but many are also self-employed or work for smaller privately owned farms.

### Additional Resources

[National Cattlemen's Beef Association](#)

[Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association](#)