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# Feedlot Manager

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# career profile

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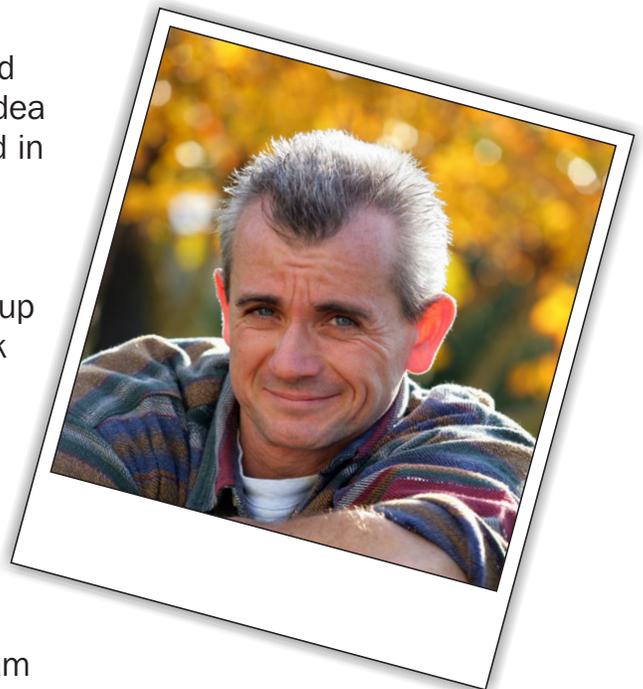
Employer: Rattlesnake Gulch Feedlot

Education: AAS, Central Wyoming College: Riverton

 My favorite class in high school was animal science. I really liked learning about feed and feed rations. After those lessons, I had a pretty good idea that I wanted to work with livestock. So, I enrolled in the animal science program at the community college.

 I was hired at a feedlot and worked my way up to the feedlot manager position. I attend livestock sales and buy and sell livestock. I determine the optimal feed ration for the animals during the different seasons. I'm responsible for herd health programs, monitoring animals for disease, and treating disease problems as they arise. I ensure that health and safety standards are observed and that the feedlot is clean, tidy,

and hygienic. I am responsible for the security of company assets, including land, livestock, and inventories.



 I work with the general manager to prepare short- and long-term operational plans for the feedlot. I prepare budgets, keep financial records, and report on operational and capital expenditures. I manage allocated funds. I hire, supervise, and evaluate workers. I direct the repair and maintenance of equipment and structures, such as livestock watering facilities, yards, buildings, etc.

 Looking back, I think that the decisions I made while still in high school gave me a head start towards the career of my choice. My job is great, and I really like the people I work with.

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## overview



A **feedlot manager** supervises and manages daily operations, such as herd nutrition, environmental conditions, and marketing of feedlot livestock.

## suggested high school courses



[agriculture science](#), animal science, agribusiness, biology, and mathematics

## experience needed



Show livestock and participate in livestock judging events. Plan and implement a related Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

## degree(s) required



An associate's degree with an emphasis on animal science or agriculture business is required.

## potential employers



contract growers with integrated production facilities, food production companies, self-employment

## salary range



\$24,000 to \$81,700

## employment outlook and trends



The future outlook for feedlot managers is projected to be **fair** to **good**.

## professional organizations



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