

# Katie Colin Farm Herdsman - Job Description

**Position:** Black Angus Cattle Herdsman – This is a dynamic position that will evolve over time to meet the needs of a growing company based on the interests and skills of the successful applicant. The full-time herdsman position will be responsible for the daily management and assistance of the Katie Colin Farm black angus herd.

### **Requirements:**

- High School Diploma
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to pass a drug screen and background check
- Previous livestock handling experience
- Ability to do hard physical labor (ie: lift and carry an avg of 75+ regularly)
- A strong understanding and ability to perform animal husbandry practices, including feeding, breeding, and health management.
- Knowledge in basic cattle breeding Pedigrees, EPDs, and performance testing.
- Experience with cattle/farming/hay equipment (ie: tractors, skid loaders, trucks, trailers, ATVs, balers, rakes, tedders, spreaders.
- Ability to safely handle and administer sprays, dips, drenches or any other Ag-Chem products.
- Basic PC computer skills

### **Working Conditions:**

- Most work will be performed outdoors with the exception of office, vehicle, and equipment operation time.
- Hours per week are approx. 50-70 hours per week based on the season. Ability to work weekends, holidays and on-call shifts in rotation with other farm employees will be expected.

#### **Detailed Job Duties:**

- Daily Herd Management
  - o Feeding Routine feeding of grain, forages, supplements
  - o Calving Routine observation and assistance
  - Breeding Heat detection, artificial insemination, donor preparation, recipient preparation
  - Herd Health Vaccinations, deworming, fly control, tagging and tattooing.
    Diagnose and treat routine health problems such as pink eye, foot rot, scours, respiratory problems, minor injuries and lameness. Work with veterinarian on more serious problems and routine herd testing. Keep all related health records.
  - Data collection collect various weights, measurements and samples related to cattle evaluation



## **Detailed Job Duties (continued):**

- Pasture Management
  - o Rotational grazing, pasture clipping, spraying, fertilizing, etc.
- Facility Management
  - o Bedding, hauling, pressure washing, mowing, weed eating, fence repair, building repair, painting, etc.
- Equipment Management
  - o Greasing, blade sharpening, oil changing, routine maintenance etc.
- Cattle Marketing Assistance
  - o Prepare cattle for photographs, sales and exhibitions.
- Hay and Crop Production Assistance
- Communicate clearly and appropriately with current and potential cattle customers.
- Supervise full time, part time, temporary and seasonal employees.
- Any other activities related to farm or beef operations.

## Please reach out to David Knighton for additional information and/or inquiries.

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