



Youth in Ranching



Jake Campbell

Age 9

Arnett, Oklahoma



My name is Jake Campbell. I live on the west camp of Davison and Sons Cattle Co. near Arnett, OK. I can't remember my first day in the branding pen very well, but my mom has a picture of it. My dad and Mr. Cody helped me rope, get my daly, and drag a calf to the fire. Now I get to miss school and stay out on the wagon for a week. I sleep in my bed roll in my own tent next to Dad's teepee. We get up early, early. My job is to give shots to the calves. My hero is my dad, Jeremiah. He is cool and helps me learn to be a good hand and he shows me riding tricks. He is strong and hard for horses to throw. My most favorite thing to do on the ranch is to ride horses. I have two horses, Brownie and Jess. Brownie is a good kid horse. Jess is bay and she is a good, fast horse. My most memorable challenge is hauling square bales out of the field. I drove the pickup and I had to make sure that I was not running over Dad or the hay in front of me. The most difficult thing to do on the ranch is pulling windmills. We usually have to do this to change the leathers so the wind mill can pump water. It's hard when the rods break - this seems to always happen. I come to help. Dad says "DON'T DROP ANYTHING DOWN THE HOLE!"