

Youth in Ranching



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I will preserve the heritage and lifestyle of the working Ranch Cowboy in the future by doing my best to keep our family ranch, its getting harder to keep land and Cattle. My parents and family have instilled in me, from an early age that their will always be more people, but not land. I will do my best to keep our ranch going.

Ranching is hard work there is always something that has to be done whether it is checking watering's building fences or riding young horses. I think the best part is spring when you do all your branding that is when I ride my young prospects and get to drag calves, when I'm not tending down. I have many different things I do everyday, probably the most difficult is breaking colts. It is frustrating when your trying to make them do what your asking and they simply refuse, then possibly blow up with you. A good working ranch horse comes with being

Started at a young age, and started the right way. One good thing about being on a ranch is you can, take your young horses out and ride for miles that is the best thing for them. Usually when you are gathering a pasture it is along drive, they are calm when you get back, and ready to listen.

I don't think I could imagine growing up any other way but on a ranch. I am a fifth generation rancher on both sides of my family, the generations before me worked hard to keep our land and cattle. It is getting harder and harder to do.

My dad competes in WRCA rodeos and my sister and I do the womens Ranch Rodeos, it is part of what we do everyday on a working ranch, and as long as their are ranchers, Cowboys and Cowgirls, our legacy will live forever! and the lifestyle of a working Ranch Cowboy will be preserved for generations to come.

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