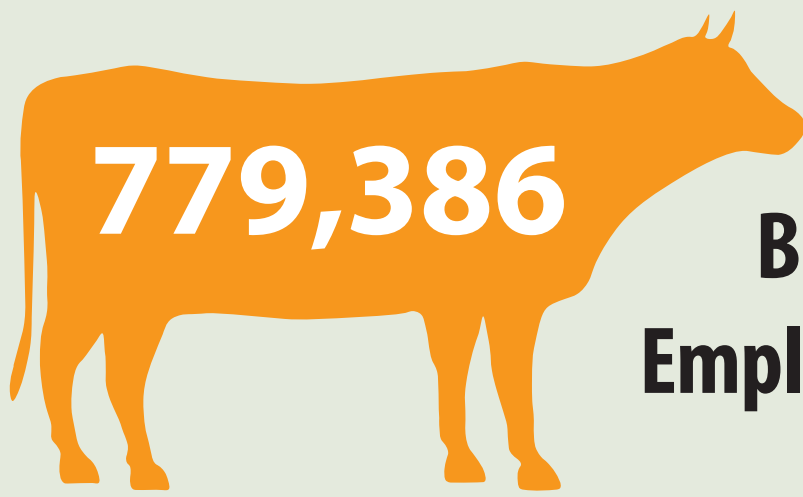


CAREERS IN THE U.S. CATTLE INDUSTRY

Agriculture is one of the largest industries in the United States and is second to none in economic importance.¹



Beef Cattle Production Employees in the U.S. in 2021²

Artificial Insemination Technician

Artificial insemination technicians use their understanding of reproductive anatomy to induce pregnancy and conduct pregnancy checks. They also need to maintain high sanitation and humane practices while keeping records of completed tasks. Customer service is also important as they promote artificial insemination products and services, offer reproductive consultation, and work closely with other agriculture professionals.³

Average Salary:
\$43,450⁴



Average Salary:
\$69,620⁵

Dairy Farm Worker

Dairy farm workers take care of animals, providing food and water and identifying which animals may be ill. These professionals also perform and assist with milking operations, including taking milk samples from tanks to ensure milk quality and safety and cleaning the milking parlors and milk tanks. Other duties include assisting and tracking vaccination programs and maintaining a safe environment for the animals.³

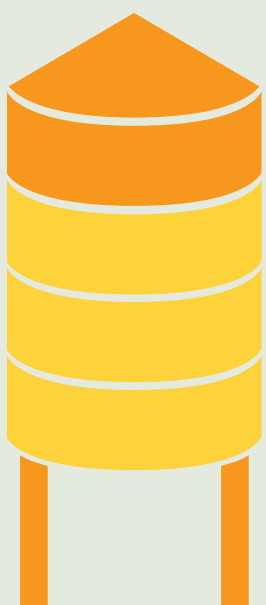
Ranch Manager

Ranch managers run agriculture operations by monitoring herds daily and tracking animals through branding and tagging. They ensure that property, equipment, and land meets high standards. This includes monitoring grazing fields and planting and harvesting feed. Other priorities include hiring, training, and supervising other farm workers, tracking financial information and staying up-to-date on market and industry trends.³

Average Salary:
\$45,730⁶



The beef cattle production industry in the U.S. is the **2nd** ranked Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting industry by employment in the country.²



Average Salary:
\$72,702⁷

Ruminant Nutritionist

Ruminant nutritionists assess the conditions of cattle, including the level of activity they should be getting and physiological health dependent on the season, temperature, and coat thickness. They need to be knowledgeable in dietary regimes and nutritional needs to formulate balanced feed rations. They also need to consider the best low-cost options for their clients. Ruminant nutritionists may also get involved in research to develop new products and teaching activities to educate others.³

Livestock Hauler

Livestock haulers drive animals from farms, markets, and butcher houses. They are responsible for animals' well-being during trips and must maintain excellent safety records. It is also important to take care of all transportation equipment. Customer service also comes in handy as they communicate with clients, complete delivery forms and documentation, and manage time effectively. Staying current on government and company regulations is also a main task of livestock haulers.³

Average Salary:
\$50,760⁸

Job Outlook³

Beef cattle production employment has a predicted growth of **2.7%** in the U.S.²

Great

Livestock Hauler

Good

Artificial Insemination Technician

Dairy Farm Worker

Ruminant Nutritionist

Fair

Ranch Manager



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