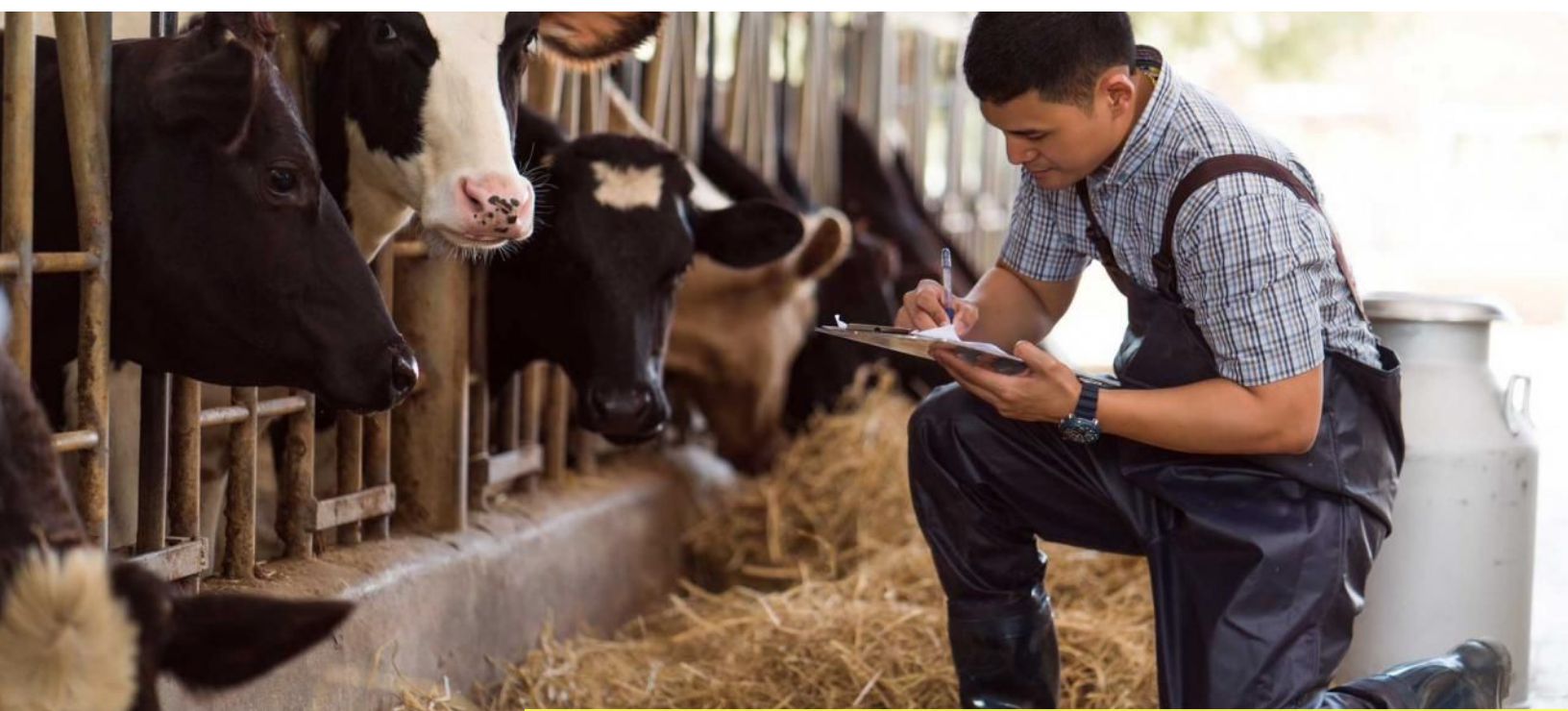


Herd Manager



What They Do

A herdsman typically manages the day-to-day farm operations for the farm/ranch owner. Many times, a herdsman will live on the property to be close to the animals at all times of the day. Their duties include caring for sick animals themselves or calling the veterinarian, managing breeding programs, maintaining fences, transporting animals, and keeping thorough records to better inform the farm/ranch owner.

Job Duties

- Identify and care for sick animals
- Manage a breeding program
- Conduct artificial insemination
- Build and repair new and existing fences
- Work independently and as a team
- Operate heavy equipment and semi tractor trailers
- Assist with birthing
- Maintain wells, pipelines, property and equipment
- Transport animals to market
- Keep thorough records
- Communicate with farm/ranch owner on a regular basis

Job Earnings

****U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
(2019 Median Annual Salary)**

Median Annual Salary: \$67,950

- Bottom 10% Annual Salary: \$35,440
- Top 10% Annual Salary: \$136,940

Education/Training

An associates or bachelor's degree in animal science or a livestock related field is expected. Experience working with livestock is also needed. There are also experiential training programs you may participate in in lieu of college.

Job Outlook

The future outlook for a herdsman will be good over the next five years.

Herd Manager - Career Pathway

Ways to Start Preparing for Your Future Career TODAY!

1

Middle/High School Classes to Take:

- Agriculture Classes
- Animal Science
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics

2

Clubs/Extracurricular Activities:

- Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club (www.FFA.org)
- 4-H (www.4-H.org)
- Animal Science/Vet Camp for Grades 6-9 (www.BEAGenesee.com)

3

Local BOCES/Career & Technical Education Programs:

- Genesee Valley BOCES (www.GVBOCES.org)
 - Animal Science (Batavia & Mt. Morris Campuses)
- Orleans-Niagara BOCES (www.ONBOCES.org)
 - Animal Science

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Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Genesee County:**
 - Genesee County Animal Shelter (www.VOL4Animals.org/volunteering)
- **Livingston County:**
 - Humane Society of Livingston County (www.humanesocietylivco-ny.org)
 - Livingston County Dog Control (www.livingstoncounty.us/196/Dog-Control)
- **Orleans County:**
 - Orleans County Animal Shelter (www.FriendsoftheOCAS.org)
 - PAWS of Orleans County (www.paws14411.com)
- **Wyoming County:**
 - A New Start Kitty Shelter (Phone: #585-493-5206)
 - Wyoming County SPCA (www.wyomingcountyspca.org)

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Local Colleges/Training:

- SUNY Alfred (www.AlfredState.edu)
- SUNY Cobleskill (www.Cobleskill.edu)
- SUNY Morrisville (www.Morrisville.edu)
- Cornell University (www.Cornell.edu)