



Summer Ranch Hand/ AG Tech

Working with Highland Cattle at Raintree Ranch, Goleta, CA @RaintreeRanch805

Spend your summer working hands-on with horned Scottish Highland cattle on a regenerative ranch focused on wildfire fuel reduction and land stewardship. Raintree Ranch uses Highland cattle—selected for their ability to navigate steep terrain and fondness for snacking on brush and weeds in addition to grass — to manage brush as a means of fire mitigation on the Central Coast, CA.

This position is ideal for a student from California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo) looking for real-world experience in livestock handling, grazing systems, and rangeland management.

What You'll Do

- Work cattle through chutes (horned Highland cattle)
- Assist with deworming, fly control, and health checks
- Assist in halter training weanling calves
- Assist in banding bull calves
- Train cattle on virtual/invisible fencing systems
- Move livestock for targeted grazing and fuel reduction
- Assist with fence repair, water checks, and daily ranch work
- Support rangeland monitoring and invasive weed management
- Help market cattle through social media and listings
- Some horse care, manure handling

What You'll Gain

- Hands-on cattle experience
- Exposure to regenerative grazing & fire mitigation
- Exposure to virtual fencing technology
- Insight into ranch operations and livestock marketing

Details

- Housing: Shared on-site housing available. Staying on the property is not a requirement.
- Bonus: Bring your own horse (boarding available)
- Compensation for 32 – 40 hours per week is \$29-32/hourly.
- Tuesdays and Saturdays off (negotiable).

Who Should Apply

Students with livestock experience (preferred), strong work ethic, and interest in rangeland, cattle production, and conservation-focused agriculture.

To Apply

Send resume + brief statement of interest to KPGraintree@gmail.com