



## Summer Ranch Hand — Lead

Working with Highland Cattle at Raintree Ranch,  
Goleta, CA

**Location:** Raintree Ranch

**Position Type:** Seasonal (Summer)

**Housing:** Shared housing available

**Perks:** Bring your own horse (on-site stabling available)

### About Raintree Ranch

Raintree Ranch is a working ranch rooted in regenerative land stewardship, conservation. We raise Highland cattle and manage our land to improve soil health, support biodiversity, and preserve open space.

A key part of our mission is using livestock as a tool for wildfire risk reduction. We are actively researching the use of virtual fencing systems (e.g. Halter) to graze cattle in dense chaparral and hard-to-fence terrain, reducing fuel loads and improving landscape resilience.

### The Opportunity

This is a hands-on, physically demanding, adventure-driven summer role for someone with solid cattle experience who wants to work with horned animals in a meaningful, land-focused system.

You'll be part of a team working cattle across varied terrain, connecting livestock management, conservation, and fire mitigation.

Halter training weanling calves will be a focus of the Summer work as well training the adult animals with the virtual fencing/ fitting them with collars, etc..

### Cattle Work (Core of the Job)

- Work directly with horned Highland cattle
- Move and gather cattle on horseback or on foot

- Run cattle through chutes for processing and training, repetitive work to acclimate the animals to the process.
- Apply fly protection and monitor herd condition
- Take and record measurements
- Assist with halter training of weanlings
- Help acclimate cattle to handling systems
- Support basic procedures such as banding bull calves

## **Virtual Fencing & Fire Mitigation**

- Assist in training cattle to respond to Halter virtual fencing systems
- Deploy cattle into targeted grazing areas in dense chaparral
- Support wildfire fuel reduction efforts through grazing
- Monitor cattle behavior and fencing effectiveness
- Contribute to grazing-based fire prevention strategies

## **Land & Conservation Work**

- Assess rangeland health and grazing impact
- Assist with adaptive grazing practices
- Manage invasive weeds
- Monitor water sources and habitat conditions
- Support biodiversity and ecosystem health

## **Daily Ranch Operations**

- Check and repair fence lines
- Check waters daily
- Feed livestock as needed
- Maintain ranch infrastructure

## **Animal Health & Coordination**

- Observe herd health and behavior
- Assist with vet coordination
- Maintain records

## **Sales and Marketing**

- Record individual animal stats for sales
- Assist with sales listings
- Share ranch content on social media

## **What We're Looking For**

- Prior cattle handling experience REQUIRED
- Comfortable with horned cattle or willing to gain the experience
- Strong work ethic and physical endurance
- Interest in regenerative ranching and conservation

## **What You'll Get**

- Experience with Highland cattle in regenerative systems
- Involvement in wildfire prevention grazing
- Exposure to virtual fencing (advanced agriculture technology) and adaptive grazing
- Outdoor, hands-on summer work
- Opportunity to bring your own horse
- Potential to continue on a part-time basis throughout the year.

## **Bottom Line**

This is a real ranch job with real responsibility—working cattle, managing land, and contributing to wildfire risk reduction through regenerative ranching. Gaining experience in advanced agriculture technology in the field.

## **Details**

- Housing: Shared on-site housing available but not a requirement to live on the ranch.
- Compensation \$33-37/hourly. 32 – 40 hours a week. Tuesdays and Saturdays off (negotiable).
- Send resume and brief statement of interest to [KPGraintree@gmail.com](mailto:KPGraintree@gmail.com)