

## ***JOB*** ***ALONG*** ***THE*** ***TRAIL*** ***DRIVE***

<b>Title(s)</b>	<b>Level of Experience</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Duties</b>	<b>Pay (1890s)</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Trail Boss	Very High	Leadership Competence Cooperative Cool headed Resolute Make decisions quickly Previous experience with trail drives "Generally agreeable but firm in his demands" (Fay:33)	Responsibility for entire operation (cows, cowboys, cattle) while on trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involves finding water, grass, and good trail for cattle</li> <li>• Can track different animals that move across the range and knows the range well</li> <li>• Keeps peace between cowboys</li> <li>• Keeps horses and cowboys fed</li> <li>• Handles money involved with placing orders for supplies paying appropriate tolls</li> <li>• Communicates with possible irate farmers and others about cattle inspection statutes</li> </ul>	\$90/ month	
Point man	High Most honored post on the drive Would determine the direction of the drive	Reliable Ability to work in group with others toward a common goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rides at the head of and slightly to the side of the herd of cattle as it is heading down the trail</li> <li>• Works in groups of two and points the lead steers in the right direction</li> <li>• Sets the pace for the drive</li> </ul>	\$30–40/ month	
Swing	Some experience required	Must know how to ride a horse Must have had previous experience on a trail drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rides a third of the way back of the herd as it is moving down the trail</li> </ul>	\$30–40/ month	
Flank	Some experience required	Must know how to ride a horse Must have had previous experience on a trail drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Cuts in" cattle that have gotten out of the herd</li> <li>• Rides about 2/3 of the way back of the herd on the trail</li> <li>• Rides in pair—one flanker on each side of the herd</li> <li>• Makes sure that cattle do not wander too far away from the main herd</li> </ul>	\$30–40/ month	

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Drag Rider	Usually an entry-level position	Willing to work hard and endure dust and dirt kicked up by the herd and riders ahead of them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rides at the back of the herd on the trail to make sure that beeves, cows, etc. stay with the herd</li> <li>Must be able to “push” these slower moving cattle forward</li> </ul>	\$30–40/month	
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## ***ON THE TRAIL***

<b>Title(s)</b>	<b>Level of Experience</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Duties</b>	<b>Pay (1890s)</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Horse Wrangler	Minimal Entry-level position Generally a young boy who wants to be a cowboy	Willing to learn and work hard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drives the remuda before the wagon and ahead of the cattle</li> <li>Rounds the extra horses up and gets them into a rope corral several times during the day</li> <li>Keeps the horses together and eating grass until it is time for cowboys to change mounts</li> <li>Makes sure that those ridden hard are given proper food (corn and grass)</li> <li>Keeps saddle horses from straying too far</li> <li>Also helps cook gather wood and harness the teams of horses</li> </ul>	\$25/month	
Chuck Wagon Cook	High  Former cowboy who is either too old for the more difficult work or has been hurt	Must know how to drive a wagon Must be able to prepare meals with limited resources and serve them on time Some experience and knowledge of medical techniques also necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepares three meals a day out of the back of a wagon</li> <li>Not expected to assist with any cattle or other trail jobs</li> <li>Cooks for the men on the trail</li> <li>Moves wagon about two times a day, 10-15 miles each time</li> <li>Awakens at 3 a.m. and has breakfast ready when the others are awakened</li> <li>Wakens other cowboys</li> </ul> <p>1880’s trip: “Breakfast: sourdough biscuits, white gravy, sowbelly (salt pork), and black coffee; dinner: sowbelly, black coffee, sourdough biscuits, and white gravy; pickles, supper: black coffee, sowbelly, white gravy, and sourdough biscuits”</p>	\$60/month	

## **AT THE ROUNDUP**

<b>Title(s)</b>	<b>Level of Experience</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Duties</b>	<b>Pay (1890s)</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Wagon Boss Foreman	High	Respected by men Good tracker - can understand the cow			
Circle Riders Cowhand			Be in the saddle about 18 hours/day (Fay)  Ride out into the country and locate all cattle within a specific topographical area. All riders will then compress cattle into a close group and hold them (Adams)  Brand? Flanker?		
Rough-string rider		Bronc riding ability	Ride the "mean" horses that are owned by the outfit (Fay)		
Reps Stray men	Actually employed by another outfit than the one running the roundup	Honest Knows how to cut cattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looks after the interest of employers</li> <li>• Separates out his employer's cows or calves and when the day's work is complete</li> <li>• Drives the cattle and string of horses back to that owner</li> </ul>		
Tally Man			Divides or tallies the cattle according to their brand and then holds them for each ranch		
Wagon Cook	High	Particular and industrious Must be on time with meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drives a team of horses two different times during the day</li> <li>• Tears down and sets up cooking outfit</li> </ul>		

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Horse Wrangler Jingler	Minimal	Entry level position for green hands wanting to learn the ropes of being a cowboy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathers water and wood or cow chips for the cook</li> <li>• Helps hook up and unhook the chuck wagon</li> <li>• Assists with peeling potatoes or chopping wood for the cook</li> <li>• Cares for and watches the outfits remuda of 100 to 300 horses</li> <li>• Makes sure that the remuda has plenty of grass and water</li> <li>• Corrals horses with rope corral when riders are ready to change mounts</li> <li>• Drives the remuda behind the chuck wagon</li> </ul>		
Night hawk			Night herd the remuda and then brings them in and has them ready to go in the morning		

### ***WINTER WORK AT THE LINE CAMP***

<b>Title(s)</b>	<b>Level of Experience</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Duties</b>	<b>Pay (1890s)</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Line rider		Honest, reliable, has pride in brand, and loyalty to employer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes regular patrol rounds around the territory</li> <li>• Keeps an eye on the boss's land and belongings</li> <li>• Checks to make sure the cattle do not get bogged down in water holes or in the mud</li> <li>• Protects cattle from thieves, wolves, Indians, and screw worms</li> <li>• Rides the fence every day or two to make sure that animals have not broken through</li> </ul>		