

**J. Bret Franks**  
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## **EDUCATION**

1993	B.S. Animal Science B.S. Agriculture Business	Oklahoma Panhandle State University Oklahoma Panhandle State University
1988-89	Attended NEO A&M on a Livestock Judging Scholarship later transferring to OPSU on a Rodeo Scholarship	

Grew up in an agricultural family and participated in ag programs for young people such as the National FFA Organization and 4-H youth educational programs

## **EMPLOYMENT**

<b>2013-present</b>	<b>Livestock and Equine Center Director/Ranch Horse Coach Clarendon College, Clarendon Texas</b>	
2009-2013	Assistant Manager at Cattlemen's II Feedlot, Hedley, TX	

- supervise 30+ employees in the daily function of feedlot
- inspect and ensure quality of feed daily
- inspect cattle to ensure health is maintained
- manage all operation of yard maintenance crew; purchase parts and needed equipment
- manage feed mill operation and ensure efficiency in making feed
- make purchase orders for all feedyard purchases
- inventory commodities, hay and medicine bi-monthly

2005-2009	Livestock Supervisor & Rodeo Coordinator for Carr Pro Rodeo	
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- responsible for managing livestock on ranch headquarters and at events
- breed and raise livestock such as bucking horses, bulls, riding horses, roping calves and steers
- clean and maintain buildings, sheds, pens, equipment maintaining a high standard
- select and rotate pasture range and croplands to graze animals
- feed, water, graze, and distribute salt and minerals to animals
- observe animals to detect signs of illness or injury, treat minor injuries or ailments and engage veterinarian services when necessary
- attend animals during and after birth; castrate, tip, deworm and vaccinate animals
- organize and maintain health papers for all livestock
- observe and record quality of livestock body condition, adjusting management or feeding programs when necessary

- operate farm machinery to plant and harvest feed crops
- maintain and minor repair of equipment, buildings, pens, fences
- arrange for the purchase and sale of livestock
- manage transportation to and from events including the operation of semi-trucks and livestock trailers
- coordinate all events of professional rodeo and supervise all laborers pertaining to production (hire sub-contractors, timers, entertainers, bullfighters, announcers, etc.)

1993-2003 Self Employed; Professional Saddle Bronc Rider, PRCA

- NIRA Central Plains Region Champion
- 1997 National Finals Rodeo Qualifier
- 1998 National Finals Rodeo Qualifier
- 2000 National Finals Rodeo Qualifier
- 2002 Dodge National Finals Circuit Finals Champion
- 3 time Tour Finale Qualifier
- 2 time Prairie Circuit Champion
- numerous Prairie Circuit Finals Qualifications
- numerous Saddle Bronc Riding Championships

1995-1999 Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Men's & Women's Rodeo Coach

- Men's National Championship Team 1997
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- organize and manage men's and women's team practices
- raise money to fund Rodeo Club by contacting sponsors, alumni; coordinate charity events
- recruit potential talent
- produce annual NIRA Doc Gardner Memorial Rodeo
- produce and teach annual Deke Latham Memorial Bronc Riding School; I continue to teach at this event annually
- feed and care for practice stock
- maintain facilities and arena for university

1994-2004 Cattle and equine partnership

- cared for partnership cattle on wheat pasture and grassland
- shared in the care for several other client's cattle in Guymon, Goodwell and Texhoma, OK areas

1990-1993 Hitch Feeders, part time labor as pen rider during college

- worked in all parts of the processing crew and re-implant program
- maintained processing barn and pen

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

A highly talented agricultural professional with experience spanning more than 25 years in rodeo, ranch, and feedlot labor. Proven ability and expertise in ranch and rodeo management. Excellent negotiating skills with a growing knowledge and application of computers and technology for increased productivity. Great planning skills with extraordinary goal achieving ability as well as excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Expert in livestock handling and horsemanship skills. Extremely self-motivated with a strong work ethic.

## **REFERENCES**

Roy Heitschmidt	Cattlemen's I Feedlot Manager Cell: 806-638-3451 Office: 806-285-2616
DeAnna Funderburg	Cattlemen's II Office Manager Cell: 806-930-2569 Office: 806-856-5984
Chip Newell	Former feedlot manager and business owner Cell: 806-463-7193 Home: 806-683-1607
Gary Woods	Cattle Manager for Beachner Bros. Livestock Cell: 620-423-0672 Home: 620-763-2475
Barry Vratil	Neosho Valley Feeders Operations Manager Cell: 620-778-4338
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