

Location: Alice Springs

Has family Hosted Before Yes, several

Accommodation

Room in house, meals with other staff catered for by housekeeper. Limited mobile reception.

Station Operations

Smoking is tolerated although not during work hours or in any buildings or machinery. Alcohol in moderation. High level of responsibility for a male trainee.

7,168 square kilometre station (716,800 hectares) of open rangeland grazing country also operating in conjunction with several smaller properties near Snowtown (150 km from Adelaide). Property subdivided into 30 paddocks, 20 dams, 22 bores and extensive pipelines. 5,000 – 8,000 Hereford beef cattle (seasonal) with around 4,000 breeders turning over an average of 4,000 cattle annually mainly to Adelaide markets and feedlots in the mid-North of SA. Numerous cattle yards provide cattle loading facilities, overhead drafting equipment and calf cradles. Most mustering done by aeroplane and motorbikes.

Trainee Duties

Agri

Mustering, drafting and marking cattle. Checking stock, water-points and fences.

Agri-Mix

Trainees would spend 4 days around the homestead and duties would include assistance with meal preparation, kitchen and household laundry (other staff do their own), household cleaning, garden watering, maintenance and Child minding. There will also be 2 days of work outside on farm which would include Mustering cattle using motorbikes or a 4 wheel gator, Marking calves, Drafting cattle and loading cattle onto trucks, Cattle data entry, Putting out cattle lick and checking watering points and General station maintenance like fence and waterpoint repairs.

Comments

Weekly mail service from Alice Springs. Satellite television, internet access & phone. Far north of South Australia 130 km East of Marla (population 150), 5 hours South East of Alice Springs (population 23,000) and 1000 km North of Adelaide. A family owned property, with 5 regular staff. One of South Australia's largest owner managed properties producing quality beef cattle over past 36 years. Owner is actively involved in many aspects of rural industry including being a member of the South Australian Pastoral Board. 175 mm of rain annually. Isolated, arid region station. Hot summer, cold winter nights. Some of family live in Adelaide.

Trainee's need to fly into Perth. From Perth a flight to Alice Springs and possible overnight or two in Alice Springs. From there a bus to Marla (approximately 5 hours).