RANCH LIFE WITH HANK THE COWDOG

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Will Hank Eat?

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!

RANCH LIFE WITH HANK THE COWDOG
Loper and Sally May had to make a lot of choices when they decided to become ranchers. Each decision they make has an impact on everyone on the ranch. They can’t feed the most important person on the ranch (their cowdog) unless they are making a profit in the cattle market. So, I have to keep them on top of their wants (Loper’s fancy spurs) and needs (feeding Hank). Help Sally May make sure all of the ranch’s needs are taken care of before they purchase their wants. Help Loper make good choices as you read through the book. Remember, the most important person on the ranch is to keep the Head Of Ranch Security well fed!
After carefully considering their options, they get a loan from a bank and use the money to rent land and run a ranch. They decide ranching is too risky

OPTION 2

They decide ranching is too risky and choose to stay in the city, instead.

OPTION 2

What should they do?

Sally May and Loper are thinking about becoming ranchers. Purchasing land and livestock are thinking about Sally May and Loper

The ranch is successful! Great Job!!

Hank gets to eat! Thanks, food bowl full.
All the horses do not fit into the barn and have to stay outdoors in the corral. Five horses run off during a lightning storm! Seven cowboys leave the ranch because they could make more money working for another rancher.
What should they do?

OPTION 1
Rent 7,500 acres of land.

OPTION 2
Rent 9,000 acres of land.

What many acres should Sally May and Loper lease? Land is $5 per acre, per year. $40,000. Lease for the $40,000. Loan less of the bank.

How many acres should Sally May and Loper lease?

RANCH EXPENSES

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Bank was $1,000,000.00. Money they borrowed from the ranch this year? The total make a profit on their? Yes, their expenses were less than what they borrowed and they have money left over.

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

Yes, their expenses were greater than the loan amount, and now they’re in debt.

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No, expenses were less than what they borrowed and they have money left over.

Did Sally May and Loper make a profit on their ranch this year? The total

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OPTION 2

OPTION 1

OPTION 2
Loper goes to the bank and asks if he can borrow more money.

The bank says NO.

It looks like you have made a choice that will lose money.

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Sally May and Loper head to the spring market to sell their calves. The cattle market is high.

What should they do?

**OPTION 1**
It’s a great time to sell to make a larger profit. Sally May and Loper sell 200 calves for $1,000 each.

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**OPTION 2**
Sally May and Loper decide against selling any calves at this time.

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What should they do?

They need to decide how many of each they will need. Sally May and Loper need to buy both bulls and cows for their ranch.

Option 1

Sally May and Loper buy 150 bulls and 150 cows.

Option 2

Sally May and Loper buy 280 cows and 20 bulls.

They need to decide how many of each they will need.

Sally May and Loper bought too many bulls and not enough cows. They do not have enough calves in the spring to sell and make a profit.

They are not able to pay back their loan from the bank.
Sally May and Loper buy 15 horses and will pay for 15 cowboys’ room and board.

OPTION 1

Sally May and Loper buy a pickup truck and a stock trailer. They also employ two cowboys to work on the ranch.

OPTION 2

What should they do?

Sally May and Loper need to check their cattle, but can’t do it on their own. They will need some help.

Sally May and Loper

Start over and try again?

OH, NO!

GOES HUNGRY!

HANK HAS TO

do not make enough money

Sally May and Loper
Sally May and Loper realize they do not have enough feed for winter.

**OPTION 1**
Sally May and Loper carefully calculate what is needed, and decide to buy $450 worth of feed.

**OPTION 2**
Sally May and Loper take a guess and only buy $100 worth of feed.

**OPTION 3**
Sally May and Loper calculate what is needed, and decide to buy $450 worth of feed.

What should they do?

Feed costs $150 per month. It stretches through the winter months. Sally and May come on their ranch to make the decision on how much feed they are going to buy for the winter.
Sally May and Loper make a profit and have a successful year on the ranch. They are already making plans for next year!

**OPTION 1**
Sally May and Loper would prefer to get a higher price on their cattle, so they decide not to sell until the market changes.

**OPTION 2**
Sally May and Loper believe selling some of the cattle will allow them to better care for the cattle that remain on the ranch.

What should they do?

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The cattle market is low. The value for the cattle has stopped growing and has no nutritional value. The grass has stopped growing and has no nutritional value. Sally May and Loper have to make some decisions.

Fall has come and...