

Livestock Business Management

College of Agricultural Sciences

The **Livestock Business Management** major combines animal science and agricultural economics to prepare students for leadership roles in today's livestock industry. Through hands-on learning with industry partners, students gain practical experience in managing livestock systems, making data-driven business decisions, and developing sustainable, profitable operations.

This interdisciplinary program equips graduates with the skills to pursue careers in ranch and feedlot management, agribusiness, animal health sales, finance, and industry advocacy—making it an ideal choice for those passionate about animals and ready to make a real impact in animal agriculture. A key to career success in this field is building strong relationships throughout your college/career journey (networking) and gaining hands-on experience through experiential learning.

Entry Level Employers

Five Rivers Cattle Feeding, LLC
JBS
Aurora Organic Dairy
National Cattleman's Beef Association
Elanco
Ranches & Dairies
CoBank
Cattlefax
Cargill

Entry Level Job Titles

Feedyard Trainee
Customer service specialist
Marketing associate
Sales representative
Livestock operator
Agriculture Manager
Financial Analyst
Loan Originator

Mid-Level Positions

*May require additional education or experience

Risk and financial analyst
Supply chain manager
Accounts manager
Extension agent
Operations supervisor
Ranch manager
Procurement officer
Commodity analyst and merchandiser

Many more career pathways exist beyond these examples, which include a mix of verified roles held by CSU grads and common career paths.

Earning Potential & Financial Wellbeing

Typical earnings for Bachelor's degree holders are **86% higher** than those with a high school diploma.

87% of Bachelor's degree holders report **financial wellbeing** (20 points higher than groups with any other level of education).

Median lifetime earnings are **\$1.2 million higher** for bachelor's degree holders. *Source: [APLU](#)*



Explore CSU Alum Live Career Data:
<https://col.st/omby6>

Gaining Experience

Learning through direct experiences and active engagement is called **experiential learning**.

These opportunities help you build **CSU Career Competencies** (skills employers highly value across all industries).

Internship Possibilities

Greenwood Wildlife
US Meat Export Federation
Colorado Farm Bureau Federation
Cobalt Cattle
Here & Now Farm
CSU Extension Internships
Five Rivers Cattle Feeding, LLC
Colorado Department of Agriculture
National Cattlemen's Beef Association

On-Campus Employment

On-campus employment helps you build your network and develop career competencies while earning money.

Apply for on-campus employment year-round on [Handshake](#).

More about the LBM Major



<https://col.st/j8ly3>

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Research Opportunities

As part of the curriculum, students complete an engaged research project tackling a real-world problem with an industry partner (can be connected to an internship)

[Campus labs](#), [Colorado research centers](#) & industry partnerships, including through [AgNext](#)

[CAS Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#)

Explore MURALS, CURC, and TILT OURA Lab

[How to find a research experience in science](#)

More experiential learning opportunities in LBM

Join CSU Livestock Leaders, LBM Leaders' Club, CSU Livestock Association, DARE Diplomats, and other [clubs, orgs](#) and [competitive teams](#)

Sites include Ram Country Meats, Rouse Ranch, Maxwell Ranch, ARDEC Livestock Unit, & more. Talk with staff, peers & professors to learn more!

Current Students – Connect with your Career Education team

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