



RANCH LIFE WITH HANK THE COWDOG

**CHOOSE YOUR  
OWN ADVENTURE!**



*Will Hank Eat?*

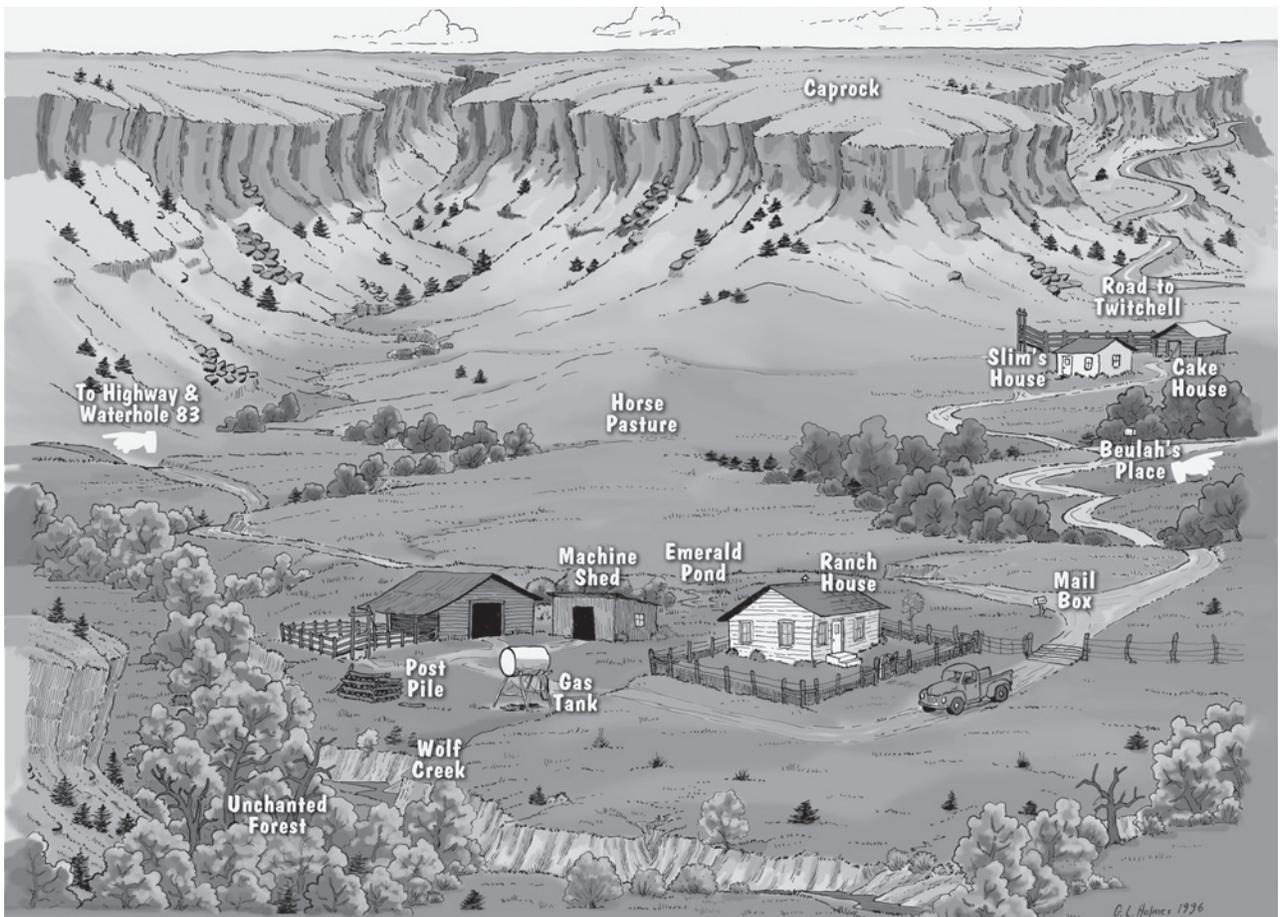


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Loper and Sally May had to make a lot of choices when they decided to become ranchers. Each decision they make has an impact on everyone on the ranch. They can't feed the most important person on the ranch (their cowdog) unless they are making a profit in the cattle market. So, I have to keep on top of them to make sure Loper is not using our money for shiny new spurs instead of cow feed.

Sally May and Loper have to make sure all of the ranch's needs (feeding Hank) are taken care of, before they purchase their wants (Loper's fancy spurs). Help Sally May and Loper make good choices as you read through the book. Remember, the most important need of the ranch is to keep the Head Of Ranch Security well fed!

— Hank the Cowdog —





Sally May  
and Loper fill  
Hank's food bowl  
to overflowing.

**HANK GETS  
TO EAT!**

**GREAT JOB!**  
The ranch is successful!

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

**What should they do?**

**OPTION 1**

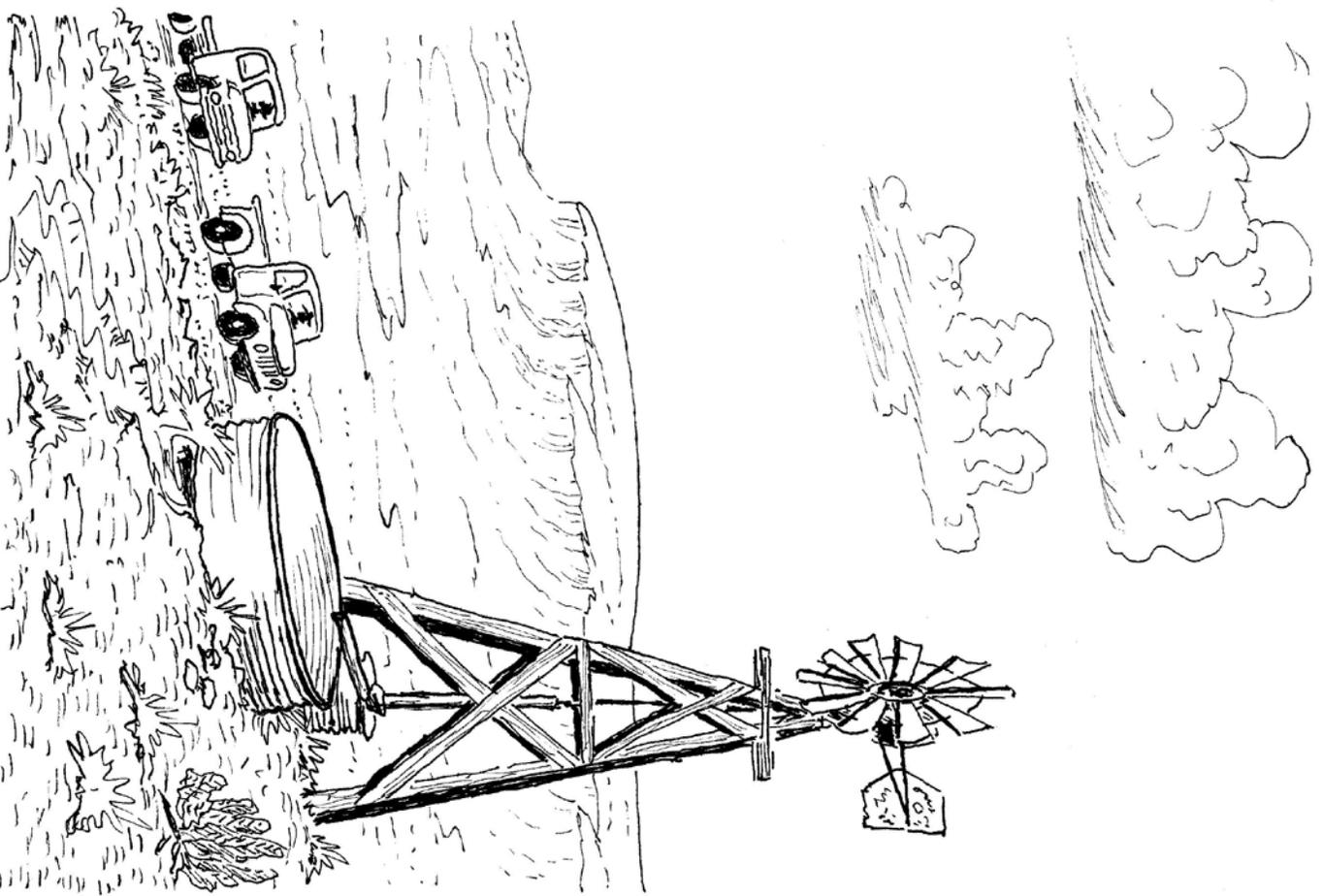
**After carefully considering their options,  
they get a loan from a bank and use the  
money to rent land and run a ranch.**

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**OPTION 2**

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

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All of 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.

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Did Sally May and Loper make a profit on their ranch this year? The total money they borrowed from the bank was \$1,000,000.00.

RANCH EXPENSES

Land	\$40,000
Cattle	\$600,000
Feed	\$450
Pickup	\$25,000
Stock Trailer	\$50,000
Cowboys	\$100,000

OPTION 1

**Yes, their expenses were less than what they borrowed and they have money left over.**

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OPTION 2

**No, expenses were greater than the loan amount, and now they're in debt.**

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How many acres should Sally May and Loper lease? They have a land budget of \$40,000. Lease for the land is \$5 per acre, per year.

**What should they do?**

OPTION 1

**Rent 7,500 acres of land.**

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OPTION 2

**Rent 9,000 acres of land.**

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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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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.

Sally May and Loper  
are not able to pay back  
their loan from the bank.

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

**What should they do?**

**OPTION 1**

**Sally May and Loper buy  
150 bulls and 150 cows.**

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**OPTION 2**

**Sally May and Loper buy  
280 cows and 20 bulls.**

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

## What should they do?

### OPTION 1

Sally May and Loper buy 15 horses and  
will pay for 15 cowboys room and board.

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### OPTION 2

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

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Sally May and Loper  
do not make enough money  
to feed their cowdog.

HANK HAS TO  
GOES HUNGRY!

**OH, NO!**

Start over and try again?

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Sally May and Loper have to decide on how much feed they are going to buy for the cows on their ranch to make it through the winter months. Feed costs \$150 per month.

## What should they do?

### OPTION 1

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

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### OPTION 2

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

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

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Sally May and Loper  
make a profit and  
have a successful year  
on the ranch.

They are already making  
plans for next year!

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

## What should they do?

### 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.

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### 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.

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