

# Branding Iron



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Summer's here again and, from my travels around the state, haying season is going in force for most everyone. It was a pretty good spring and start of summer for most places around the state, so hopefully everyone gets to put up some feed this year.

Growing up, like any other kid, I always looked forward to summer. For me, summer meant that I got to spend most of my days with my grandpa on the ranch — from falling asleep in the

swather with him when I was little to running that same swather when I was older. My favorite part, though, was the weekly trips to the summer pasture to check cows. Even now, I still enjoy getting horseback in the mountains. It's easy to forget about whatever else is going on at home when you are easing through cattle in secluded places like that.

Over the years, Grandpa leased three different places for summer pasture. All three were in the mountains, within 30 miles of home. We trailed the cattle to summer pasture and then trailed the cows home sometime in the late fall.

When I was young, those days trailing to and from summer pasture were the best days. As a kid, I could imagine it was just like those old cowboys who drove cattle from Texas to Montana. It always took us two days to go to pasture and then again coming home in the fall. Of course, when we overnighted the cattle, they were in a pasture or set of pens, and we drove home to sleep in our beds, not riding herd all night.

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