Why I Ranch…

I think the following may sum-up what lots of men/women and farmers/ranchers feel about the land and their joy of working with nature.

It is most pleasant to work around and in agriculture- farming/ranching and observe nature in action.

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Why I ranch?  There ought to be a simple answer to give you.
I can't pick just one reason, so I'll tell you about a few.

There are many facets of this life I've chosen and adore,
Indeed, it's dirty, hard work, but for me, it's never a chore.

I admit it's true, it takes a strange, unique kind of passion,
To choose to spend your spare time mixin' up a new ration.

There's nothing like the sunrise as I load up the truck with corn,
Even the oldest of cows come runnin' when they hear me honk my horn.

The one sight that always makes me smile and always makes me laugh,
Is the first couple wobbly steps of a newborn baby calf.

If I'm honest, it's not always beautiful and fun,
No time for sittin' around. There's a job to be done!

I've pulled calves in the dead of winter when the snow is knee high,
And stretched fence by myself with a hot summer sun in the sky.

It's silly to think that I still cry when I have to put one down.
Even shed a tear last spring when I sent that ol' red bull to town.

Yes, I invest in Mother Nature, my time and my labor,
In hopes that she's kind enough to, one day, return the favor.

I ranch because I love it, through all often struggle and strife,
Let me tell you, this isn't just a business, This is my life.

Each and every day, I wake up and thank the Good Lord above,
He's blessed me with the resources to keep doing what I love.

Truth is, I'm just waitin' on the land of milk and honey,
Cause you dang sure know that I ain't in it for the money!
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