

## A Ranching Tradition



The Jim brothers, Steven (20), Daxton (18), and Dalton (16) are tribal members and live on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. They grew up with cattle ranching in their blood.

All 3 brothers received Youth Loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to finance their ranching projects. All 3 brothers have been financially successful in their cow/calf operations while increasing their herd size. Each brother has learned practical business and financial skills from managing their projects.

All three brothers participated in FFA and Ag classes at the Owyhee High School on the Duck Valley Reservation. Steven received an Associates degree from the Great Basin College in one year.

Daxton graduated from high school in 2009 and will attend Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Oregon on a full scholarship. He will major in Agriculture Production.

Dalton will remain at home until he graduates from high school in 2011.

With assistance from the Farm Service Agency's youth loan program at 2.5% interest rate, boys like the Jims have paid for their college from their youth loan projects.

Since the age limit of the FSA Youth Loan Program is 10-20 years old, the youth have had several years of project possibilities to build up enough savings to cover their college expenses.

Three generations of the Jim family work together in the spring branding and moving the cattle out on to the range. The three brothers help with haying and ranching chores between participating in rodeo events and school.



The Jim Brothers' Grandfather, Delbert Jim, was once a successful participant in FSA's loan programs and will be inducted into the Idaho Cowboy Hall of Fame in August 2009.

