



## Unseen Hands

Unseen Hands is a photojournalism story about the role of women in ranching, specifically those who came to it without generational ties. This story highlights the grit, resilience, and complexity of modern ranch life, as seen through the eyes of women who chose it. At the heart of the project is the story of Faith Hamlin and the transformation of the Little Jennie Ranch in Bondurant, Wyoming.



Faith Hamlin stands at the hot iron pot during a branding on her family's ranch in Bondurant Wyoming on June 4, 2025. With more than 200 calves to be processed, maintaining the irons requires constant attention amid the fast pace and physical demands of the day.



Faith Hamlin sorts and boxes beef inside a converted conex box used as a meat cooler at Little Jennie Ranch on Aug. 1, 2025. Preparing for farmers markets in Jackson Hole, Hamlin organizes each cut into designated coolers to streamline purchasing for customers.



Faith Hamlin brands a calf with her family's brand while ranch hands Alex Samuels and Brycen Martin restrain the animal during a branding at Little Jennie Ranch in Wyoming on June 15, 2025. Smoke rises from the heated branding iron as the crew works through the cattle, a process used to permanently identify ownership.



Faith Hamlin speaks with guests during a collaborative dinner event between Little Jennie Ranch and the Jackson Hole Farmers Market held inside the calving barn at Little Jennie Ranch on July 31, 2025. As attendees eat beef raised on her family's ranch, Hamlin continues engaging with consumers and answering questions throughout the evening.



Faith Hamlin waits on horseback in the corral at Little Jennie Ranch on the morning of June 4, 2025, preparing to sort calves. She pauses as the day begins, awaiting instructions from the ranch's lead cow boss before starting the work of moving and managing the herd.



A detail of Faith Hamlin's desk at Little Jennie Ranch on July 30, 2025, shows the workspace where she manages ranch operations. The desk is covered with calendars, papers, postcards, and supplies, reflecting the many hours Hamlin spends organizing and planning.



Faith Hamlin stands atop a mountain on Oct. 20, 2025, after spending more than six hours trailing cattle across the summer range at Little Jennie Ranch. The crew is gathering the final group of cattle before the onset of fall weather, ensuring all livestock are accounted for and secured for the season.



Faith Hamlin hands a packaged steak to a customer while selling beef at the Jackson Hole Farmers Market in Jackson, Wyoming, on July 30, 2025. Direct-to-consumer sales allow ranchers to connect with buyers while sharing how and where their food is raised.



Faith Hamlin dances with her boyfriend, Marshal Creech, on a dance floor set up in the cattle pens at Little Jennie Ranch on July 31, 2025, following a collaborative dinner with the Jackson Hole Farmers Market. The moment captures a rare pause during a busy day on the ranch.



Faith Hamlin drives a hay sled pulled by a team of horses, Mark and Mindy, while feeding the older cow herd at Little Jennie Ranch in  $-7^{\circ}\text{F}$  weather on Jan. 11, 2025. Hired hand Zane picks up square bale twine from the ground as they work through the feeding process. Team-drawn sleds remain a traditional feeding method in winter conditions, allowing ranchers to move feed across snow-covered ground while maintaining a slower, controlled pace around livestock.



Faith Hamlin lifts and positions a saddle on her horse at Little Jennie Ranch on Oct. 21, 2025. The process is a daily physical task that reflects the working relationship between horse and rider and the preparation required before ranch work begins.



Faith Hamlin feeds her chickens in deep snow at Little Jennie Ranch on Jan. 11, 2025. With water frozen and the hens ready to eat, Hamlin ensures the flock is cared for, while a cat watches from the background.



Faith Hamlin loads meat coolers at Little Jennie Ranch before sunrise on Aug. 1, 2025, preparing for the Jackson Hole Farmers Market. Early preparation is essential for selling cuts of beef, burgers, and sandwiches, and Hamlin ensures all products are organized and ready for the busy day.



Faith Hamlin feeds her half-draft horses grain at Little Jennie Ranch on Jan. 13, 2025. As the ranch settles into winter, the unseen hands that sustain it remain at work, carrying the weight of each day forward.