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Ranchers: Guardians of the Great Outdoors

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary but could include steps like isolating affected cattle, consulting a veterinarian, implementing quarantine measures, and administering appropriate treatments.
2. Ranchers can adapt to extreme weather conditions by providing shelter, supplemental feed, and water during droughts, and by ensuring cattle have proper protection during blizzards or storms.
3. Ranchers play a vital role in the food supply chain by raising and providing meat products, ensuring that communities have a steady supply of beef and other cattle-related products.
4. Personal qualities such as patience, dedication, a love for the outdoors, and strong work ethic can help ranchers excel in their profession, apart from their technical skills.

