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Women in Ranching - Savery, Wyoming



Ladder Ranch – owned and operated by the O'Toole family – stretches from north of Steamboat Springs, Colorado to Wyoming's Red Desert.

The University of Wyoming College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources recently produced [a short video](#) focusing on the three generations of women who currently reside on the ranch.

The stars of the show are Sharon O'Toole and her daughter, Megan Lally, who discuss the unique blend of ranching and conservation that define Ladder Ranch, and the importance of passing on the ranch to the next generation, along with the knowledge to run the operation.

“Feeding people – and feeding kids especially – is the most important thing we’re doing,” says Megan. “And we need to advocate to make sure that continues to happen.”

Sharon said the opportunities for women to help run the ranch began with her father, who divvied up responsibilities between Sharon, her sister and her brother.



“My sister and I had just as much opportunity,” Sharon says. “I think we did the same thing with Megan and Bridget and Ea'mon. You have to respect the women before us who gave Megan and I the opportunities to become who we are.”

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honor the memory of the late Pat O'Toole, who passed away on February 25. Pat served as President of the Family Farm Alliance for 19 years. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the [memorial service](#) and the [Patrick O'Toole Young Conservationist Scholarship](#) established by the Alliance.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the "Women in Ranching" video, which has been posted on YouTube.

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