



## Ranching in Bonners Ferry Vocabulary and Comprehension Questions

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**Vocabulary:** Dike, subirrigated, maliciously, seepage

1. Who is the rancher in the video?
2. Why is the Kootenai River Valley a great place to raise crops?
3. How much moisture do they get a year?
4. What is their biggest problem? How do they stop this problem?
5. What crops are grown in Northern Idaho compared to Southern Idaho (Filer area)? List 1 example from both Northern & Southern Idaho)
6. How many cuttings of hay do they get?
7. How many bushels of wheat do they get?
8. What animal is a common visitor to Olsen's Ranch?

9. Because of this visitor Olsen uses stock- tanks to water his cattle, why?

10. Name or draw one of their two brands?

11. What were the 2 crimes?

12. Write 4 sentences using the vocabulary from the movie. These sentences should show that you understand the 4 words.

## Answer Key

1. Who is the rancher in the video?  
**Merle Olsen**
2. Why is the Kootnei River Valley a great place to raise crops?  
**It's cool & moist**
3. How much moisture do they get a year?  
**22 inches**
4. What is their biggest problem? How do they stop this problem?  
**Flooding is the biggest problem. It is diked OR they pump the water out**
5. What crops are grown in Northern Idaho compared to Southern Idaho (Filer area)?  
**Northern- dry land crops- wheat, grain, oil,  
Southern-irrigated crops- sugar beets, corn, beans**
6. How many cuttings of hay do they get?  
**3**
7. How many bushels of wheat do they get?  
**100-110**
8. What animal is a common visitor to Olsen's Ranch?  
**Canada Geese**
9. Because of this visitor Olsen uses stock- tanks to water his cattle, why?  
**So the cattle don't go into the river.**
10. Name one of their 2 brands?  
**T hanging heart or 3 bar M**
11. What were the 2 cattle crimes from the clip?  
**Cattle rustling from a diary in Owyhee County & Random shooting of cattle**

### Vocabulary Definitions:

**Dike-** an embankment of earth & rock to help prevent floods; alleviates flooding by draining- i.e: We channeled the water through dikes.

**Subirrigated:** to irrigate from beneath (underground pipes)- i.e.: The Kootenai Valley is subirrigated with moisture coming up from below.

**Maliciously:** deliberately harming- i.e: The cattle were killed maliciously.

**Seepage:** to slowly enter or depart from- i.e.: The seepage from the river subirrigates the crops.