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**NEW MEXICO RANGE TECHNICAL NOTE NO.100**

**SUBJECT: ECS – STEVE COTE BOOK TITLED “STOCKMANSHIP”**

**Purpose:** To distribute information to the field.

**Effective Date:** When received.

**Filing Instructions:** File in office reference library also maintained on NRCS web page.

The below link will take the user to an on-line copy of the Steve Cote book titled "Stockmanship"  
"A powerful tool for grazing lands management"

<http://www.grandin.com/behaviour/principles/SteveCote.book.html>

All portions of the book can be found at this web address for free download.

Steve Cote from the National Resources Conservation Service in Arco, Idaho has written an easy to understand book on cattle herding on extensive rangeland. This book contains many diagrams that show you how to turn, move, and sort large and small herds of cattle. The cattle herd will stay together, drive easily, and stay where you put them without fences. Low stress handling methods will also reduce sickness and facilitate grazing management.

Learning these methods will enable ranchers to quietly move cattle in pasture rotation systems and keep them out of fragile riparian areas along streams. In grazing rotation systems, a common mistake is to allow mother cows to run wildly into the next pasture. This results in stressed calves that get separated from their mothers. These cattle herding methods will make it possible to move the cows in a slow controlled manner, so they will remain with their calves.

This book is separated into individual PDF files for the cover, introduction, and each chapter. This will make it easier to download and print.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Chavez", written over a horizontal line.

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