

Wettstone Guest Ranch is a family-run guest ranch and hunting outfitter in the South Cariboo district of British Columbia. Both the guest ranch and the hunting businesses rely predominantly on overseas guests and hunters. The guest ranch operation fortunately was able to welcome BC resident travelers in place of the cancelled bookings from overseas during the 2020 pandemic. We had to operate at reduced capacity though because of Covid restrictions which resulted in no salaries for the family member and an overall loss to be financed out of personal reserves. None of the booked hunters from overseas were allowed to come which, after a significant pay-out to the previous license holder and heavy expenses in attending European trade shows in early 2020, left us with zero income in the pre- and post-tourism season. On top of this, as we were just granted the hunting territory license in the spring of 2020 we could not show prior year income for this activity which would have qualified us for the BC's recovery subsidies. Luckily, our two daughters were able to accelerate their horse and dog training businesses during the off-season and they are young enough to wait for better times.