



RUAN DE VILLIERS

FEEDLOT MANAGER | CATTLE SPECIALIST

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EDUCATION

2015 - 2018

UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

- B.Sc. Agriculture
- Majoring in Livestock pasture management and wildlife production

2010 - 2014

MIDDLEBURG HIGH SCHOOL

- Grade 12 with distinctions in Life Science, Agricultural management and Life Orientation.

KEY SKILLS

- Leadership skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Code 14 South African heavy vehicle driver's licence
- First Aid Level 1 certified
- Simmentaler and Simbra judging A symbol
- Certified in pregnancy testing and artificial insemination of cattle
- Proficient in operating various types of machinery & equipment

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Afrikaans (Fluent)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a highly motivated and results-driven agricultural professional with a deep rooted passion for farming. Having spent a lot of time on my grandfather's farm growing up, I developed extensive practical skills early on. Which I have since built upon with a B.Sc. in Agriculture and certifications in cattle handling, judging, and artificial insemination. My three years as a section manager at SIS Feedlot have honed my leadership abilities and operational expertise, and I am eager to apply my knowledge and work ethic to further contribute to the agricultural industry. I am currently self-employed as a web designer and developer.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Dairy herd manager, Southland NZ** JAN 2025-PRESENT
Herd manager
 - Milking, feeding, setting up grazing breaks, cow movement etc.
 - Road maintenance, irrigation, maintaining shed cleanliness, greasing implements.
- **D&S Feedlot, Kansas, United States** AUG 2022 - MAY 2023
Stock Worker
 - Managed cattle processing, feed truck operations, pen maintenance, and manure hauling
 - Provided animal care and handled equipment maintenance
 - Worked with the Allflex animal management system
- **SIS Feedlot, South Africa** JULY 2019 - JULY 2022
Section/Unit Manager
 - Managed cattle breeding, feeding, and maintenance operations
 - Responsible for 2000 to 3000 backgrounding calves, 6000 to 8000 feedlot calves, 300 custom feeding cows, 500 breeding cows.
 - Produced weekly and monthly reports on feed intake, ADG, morbidity, and mortality
 - Conducted stocktaking of feed, vaccines, and medicines
 - Supervised a team of 20+ employees, including 5 supervisors
 - During prolonged absence of the Managing director I was in charge of managing the entire feedlot of 20 000+ calves
 - Worked with the Gigalot animal management system

REFERENCES

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