



RUAN DE VILLIERS

FEEDLOT MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL

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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 and team supervision
- Proficient 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 accreditation
- Certified in pregnancy testing and artificial insemination of cattle
- Skilled in operating a wide range of farm machinery and equipment
- Skilled in using AI and data tools to streamline record-keeping and inform management decisions

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Results-driven agricultural professional with a B.Sc. in Agriculture and extensive livestock experience spanning farm operations and feedlot management across South Africa, the United States, and New Zealand. Former Section Manager at SIS Feedlot, now Feed Depot Manager at Sparta Taaiboschbult, managing feed operations for a 32,000-head operation. Proven leadership, operational planning, and livestock management skills, with a track record of improving efficiency through data-driven decision-making. Open to Feedlot Manager opportunities where I can apply this experience at greater scale.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sparta Taaiboschbult

MAR 2026– PRESENT

Feed Depot Manager

- Manage feed operations for 32,000 head – 25,000 in the feedlot, remainder on backgrounding
- Oversee feed mixing, feeding schedules, and raw material ordering
- Conduct bunk scoring and plan feed delivery
- Maintain usage and cost records for all raw materials
- Implement new technologies and strategies to improve feeding efficiency
- Plan and coordinate feed depot upgrade
- Manage equipment and facility maintenance

Dairy herd manager, Southland NZ

JAN 2025– SEP 2025

Herd manager

- Managed milking, feeding, grazing breaks, and cow movement
- Maintained shed cleanliness, irrigation, roads, and machinery greasing

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 equipment maintenance
- Operated the Allflex animal management system

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Afrikaans (Fluent)

SIS Feedlot, South Africa

JULY 2019 – JULY 2022

Section/Unit Manager

- Managed cattle breeding, feeding, and maintenance operations across 2,000–3,000 backgrounding calves, 6,000 – 8,000 feedlot calves, 300 custom feeding cows, and 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
- Managed the entire 20,000+ head feedlot during extended absences of the Managing Director
- Operated the Gigalot animal management system

REFERENCES

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