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PROFILE

An adaptable, dependable, self-motivated, honest and well-organized individual who likes being kept busy and is eager to learn new skills which is shown in the diversity of internship, voluntary and work experience obtained thus far. I am a hardworking, well-articulated individual who prides herself in the ability to apply my strong work ethic to both academic work and field work. I am seeking an opportunity that will allow me to utilize my knowledge and work experience to make a positive difference in agricultural production.

EDUCATION

2016 - 2019

Bachelor of Science Honor's Degree in Animal Science. University of Namibia, Namibia.

Key Modules:

Final year dissertation focused on a method of genetic evaluation of dairy cattle that makes use of farm records and BLUP to make breeding decisions in dairy cattle.

Computer literacy	English for communication
English for Academic purposes	Contemporary social issues
Project management	Agronomy
Animal nutrition	Agricultural extension
Farm management	Poultry production
Beef production	Dairy production.
Small ruminant production	Pig production

2012-2014

Advanced level, Solusi Adventist High School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Key Subjects:

Geography	Agriculture	Biology
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2008-2012

Ordinary level, Solusi Adventist High School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Key Subjects:

Agriculture	Biology	Mathematics
Physical Science	English	Geography
History	Bible Knowledge	Ndebele

2001-2007

Newmansford primary school, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Key Subjects:

Mathematics	English	Ndebele	General Knowledge
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ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Computer literate:

Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences).

BLUP (BEST Linear Unbiased Prediction)

SAS (Statistical Analysis System)

Good time management
Good problem-solving skills
Professionalism
Goal orientation
Sensitivity
Organization
Good communication skills
Excellent presentation skills
Ability to teach
Honesty
Great team leader
Business forecasting
Ability to drive motorcycle

Good analytical skills
Persistence
Enthusiasm
Patience
Creativity
Observant
Good report writing skills
Great conflict resolving skills
Willingness to learn.
Investment analysis
Great team player
Customer service
Ability to drive class 4 vehicles

WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2024 – March 2025

Farm manager, Tweetstroom Farm, Gweru, Zimbabwe

I was overall farm manager on a 30-sow herd that grew into 100 sows. The farm also practiced cattle ranching, 250 cows and horticulture production for subsistence purposes. I supervised 24 workers daily to achieve the farms objectives. During this time, I managed to lower the incidence of January disease cases on the farm by enforcing high standards in dipping operations, early identification of sick animals and prompt treatment of sick beasts. I managed to lower the farms piglet and weaner mortalities which helped the farm in growing replacement gilts as opposed to buying in new stock. I managed to kick start recordkeeping as the farm had no prior records. Staff training was also conducted regularly which resulted in smoother as the workers understood what they needed to do and why they had to do it. I also managed to liaise with some marketers for pigs and horticultural produce which produced working capital for the farm. Farm structures were erected for both the cattle section (kraals, fences, feedlot pens etc.) and new pigsties were built to accommodate the growing of the project.

Duties

- Manage all aspects of pig and cattle farming operations, including breeding, farrowing/calving, feeding and herd health management.
- Uphold and maintain vaccination schedules and biosecurity protocols in all farm sections.
- Routine practices in cattle and pigs (tail docking, iron injections, coccidiosis vaccinations, dipping, dosing, castration, dehorning, branding etc.)
- Oversee procurement and selection of breeding stock.
- Maintain accurate records of farm activities, inventory, breeding records and section production data.
- Supervise and train farm workers in proper animal handling, care and farm protocols.
- Ensure compliance with all relevant regulations, guidelines and industry standards.
- Manage the maintenance and cleanliness of animal facilities including housing, paddocks, feeding systems, waste management and fences.
- Procurement of farm section's needs.
- Compiling of weekly, monthly and quarterly reports.

March – December 2023

Farm manager, Suxcell Investment Farm, Murewa, Zimbabwe

I was farm manager on a 200 sow herd that also kept 30 cattle, 100 chickens, 30 goats, 30 sheep and 1000 fish. During this time, I managed to solve a production problem the farm was facing of high piglet and weaner mortalities. I also helped in culling of old breeding stock and procurement

of superior genetics to boost farm production which had lowered due to old breeding stock. I managed calving season of the sheep and goats with close to zero mortality which led to doubling in the number of animals in the section. I successfully managed the starting of fish production from digging of ponds to harvesting of fish. I managed to attain high standards of feeding and health in the pig section that resulted in my farms porkers being preferred over other farmers pigs at abattoirs.

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- Procurement of raw materials, drugs, PPE and stationery.
- Compile weekly, monthly and quarterly reports.

March 2022- February 2023

Supervisor, Triple C pigs, Norton, Zimbabwe

I was section supervisor at Colom's largest out grower, CCC pigs which had 2000 sows and 50 section workers. I gained a reputation for excellent farrowing house management that resulted in a consistent lowering of mortality in the farrowing house, improved health status of piglets and overall productivity in the section. My site was the main site which housed pigs from farrowing stage, weaners, growing gilts all through to the boars and sows, hence I got a chance to do artificial insemination of sows, rearing of the subsequent piglets into gilts all through to management of the sows for maximum productivity. I was interested in not only my sections productivity, but the farm as a whole so I took every opportunity I got to learn from my fellow employees in other sections.

- Supervise farrowing attendants and housemen.
- Internal requisitions of feed, drugs, PPE and stationery for department.
- Feed adjustment settings for sows'
- Calibration of automatic feeders.
- Supervision of maintenance, clean down and disinfection of pig Stys.

- Grading and improving the breeding herd.
- Monitoring animal health and welfare of sows and piglets.
- Measuring back fat content
- Selection of replacement gilts
- Ear notching of replacement gilts
- Routine practices (tail docking, iron injections, coccidiosis vaccinations)
- Diagnosis and treatment of sick piglets and sows
- Supervision of colostrum administration by farrowing attendants
- Record keeping of productive data for sows.
- Data entry of relevant information in farms online servers
- Weekly report of production.

2020

Private tutor, Windhoek, Namibia

- Lesson preparation
- Conducting lessons and making notes for students (Agriculture, biology, chemistry, mathematics and development studies).
- Setting up tests for student to assess understanding
- Marking and grading test scripts.
- Identifying students' weak spots and helping students in these weak areas.
- Revision of past exam papers.

2019

Sports convener, UNAM Student parliament, Namibia

- Promote the students' interest in the basketball team.
- Ensure training sessions happen among players.
- Represent the basketball player's grievances at the Unam sports committee.
- Attend parliament sessions and help student leaders make decisions that favour student's views.

2017-2019

Student volunteer Neudamm campus.

- Volunteered to be an extra pair of hands on many students' research projects over the years.

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- Feeding and vaccination of Animal science department indigenous chickens.
- Breeding and egg incubation for the departmental chickens.
Administration of both ethno medicines and pharmaceutical medication of poultry.
- Offered helping hand to students in bush to feed RUFORUM research projects.
- Feeding and health checks of goats used in the RUFORUM bush to feed research trials.
- Making silage from different feedstuffs as part of the RUFORUM voluntary experience.
- Milking of dairy cows.
- Student Assistant at Agriculture conference held at Neudamm Unam Campus in 2018.

2018

Intern, Chiccos Chicken Farm, Okahandja, Namibia

- Feeding chickens manually.
- Egg collection.
- Vaccination.
- Treating sick chickens.
- Record keeping
- Setting up new biosecurity measures for chickens (New farm).
- Helped build structure for sick chickens with wood and reeds (New farm had no sick room).
- Helped manager with social media marketing. (Setting up of company website, flyers, Facebook etc.)

2017

Intern, Mariental Pig farm, Mariental, Namibia

- Pig feeding (manual and automated depending on class of pigs.)
- Assisting sows and gilts during farrowing.
- Administering after care to piglets and sows following parturition.

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- Semen collection from boars.
- Semen evaluation and dilution.
- Artificial insemination of sows and gilts.
- Heat detection.
- Routine operations(vaccinations,iron,tattooing,tail docking etc)
- Scouting and treatment of sick pigs
- Record keeping

2015

Nurse aid Intern, Ekuphumuleni Nursing Home, Zimbabwe

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