



# STOCKMAN SCHOOL

Theme: Being a Resilient Stockman

## PROGRAM

### 9 OCTOBER 2024 WEDNESDAY

07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast (Aldam Restaurant)

#### Session 1:

08:00 - 08:15 Opening (Main hall)  
**Johan Styger: LRF Chairman**

08:15 - 09:00 The red meat industry's road to achieve the goals set in the 2030 Strategy  
**RMS representative**

09:00 - 09:50 SA agriculture's resilience to ensure growth within the livestock sector  
**Prof. Theo Venter: Professor of Practice at the College of Business and Economics at University of Johannesburg**

09:50 - 09:55 Sponsor Promotional Video

09:55 - 10:30 TEA & Visit to Sponsor exhibition

#### Session 2:

10:30 - 11:30 Panel discussion: Industry related topics  
**Industry representatives**

11:30 - 12:15 Global livestock challenges and opportunities  
**PJ Budler: International Cattle Judge**

12:15 - 13:00 Weather patterns and their impact on farming enterprises  
**Johan van den Berg: Independent Agricultural Meteorologist**

13:00 - 13:05 Sponsor Promotional Video

13:05 - 14:05 LUNCH (Aldam Restaurant)

### 9 October 2024 Wednesday Afternoon Sessions

#### Session 3:

14:05 - 14:50 Future-proofing extensive livestock production in subtropical grasslands and savannas  
**Prof. Kevin Kirkman: Professor of Grassland Science at the University of KwaZulu-Natal**

14:50 - 15:35 Advances in genomic technologies - what does the future hold?  
**Dr Gary Evans: Business Development Director Genomics at Neogen & Sharon Watkinson: Business Development & Sales Beef at Neogen**

15:35 - 15:40 Sponsor Promotional Video

15:40 - 16:10 TEA & Visit to Sponsor exhibition

#### Session 4: Session Sponsored by

16:10 - 16:55 Profitability of livestock production through managing soil health  
**Simon Hodgson: General Manager Cover Crops at AGT Foods Africa**

16:55 - 17:40 Is there an association between soil and cattle health?  
**Prof. Jan Myburgh: Professor in Toxicology, Department of Paraclinical Sciences at University of Pretoria**

17:40 - 17:45 Sponsor Promotional Video

19:00 DINNER (Aldam Restaurant)

### 10 OCTOBER 2024 THURSDAY

07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast (Aldam Restaurant)

#### Session 5: Session Sponsored by

08:00 - 08:15 Opening (Main hall)  
**Thys Meyer: LRF Vice-Chairman**

08:15 - 09:05 Conception and re-conception: The crux of livestock farming  
**Dr Doug Bruce: Veterinarian in Zimbabwean**

09:05 - 09:55 Using genomics in the genetic improvement of beef cattle: sifting practical realities from empty promises  
**Dr Brad Crook: Manager of Genetics Research and Development team at ABRI**

09:55 - 10:40 Strategic feeding during droughts

**Erin Graham: Technical Manager at Molatek**

10:40 - 10:45 Sponsor Promotional Video

10:45 - 11:20 TEA & Visit to Sponsor Exhibition  
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#### Session 6: Session Sponsored by

11:20 - 12:10 A resilient animal starts with a healthy rumen

**Prof. Tony Shakespeare: Associate Professor: Bovine Medicine, University of Pretoria**

12:10 - 12:55 Setting up your breed objective for future resilience

**Dr Brad Walmsley: Research scientist at the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit (AGBU)**

12:55 - 13:00 Sponsor Promotional Video

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH (Aldam Restaurant)

### 10 October 2024 Thursday Afternoon Lecture Sessions

#### Session 7: Practical sessions

14:00- 17:00

1 Breeding a Resilient Herd Faster with hormone free IVF - **Vytelle**

2 Functional efficiency in cattle – practical demonstration - **PJ Budler: International Cattle Judge**

3 Designing a resilient herd vaccination program - **Dr Schabert Froneman: Technical Manager: Ruminants at Zoetis**

4 Key considerations in financing a livestock enterprise - **Dr Langa Simela: Business Development Manager at AgriBusiness ABSA**

19:00 Evening Function: Prize-giving & Dinner (Main Hall)

Kobus Bester: Master of Ceremonies

Keynote speaker

**Prof. Frikkie Maré: CEO at the Red Meat Producers Organization**

### 11 OCTOBER 2024 FRIDAY

07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast (Aldam Restaurant)

#### Session 8:

08:00 - 08:10 Opening (Main hall)  
**Mecki Schneider: LRF Director**

08:10 - 09:00 BREEDPLAN: does the science really deliver?

**Dr Brad Crook: Manager of Genetics Research and Development team at ABRI**

09:00 - 09:45 Meat Quality: Farm to Fork

**Prof. Arno Hugo: Professor in Meat Science, University of the Free State**

09:45 - 09:50 Sponsor Promotional Video

09:50 - 10:15 TEA & Visit to Sponsor exhibition

#### Session 9:

10:15 - 11:00 Profit Driven Livestock Production

**PJ Budler: International Cattle Judge**

11:00 - 11:45 Personal resilience: the key to success in livestock production/agriculture

**Bles de Klerk: Beef Cattle Stud Breeder**

11:45 - 12:30 TBC

**Prof. Frikkie Nesor: Head of the Department Animal Wildlife and Grassland Sciences at the University of the Free State**

12:30 - 12:45 Lucky Draw

**Kobus Bester: Master of Ceremonies**

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