

# LRF STOCKMAN SCHOOL

Theme: Being a Resilient Stockman

## PROGRAM

### 9 OCTOBER 2024 WEDNESDAY

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

#### Session 1: Session Sponsored by MOLATEK

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

08:15 - 09:00 Opening speech by the Minister of Agriculture

**John Steenhuisen: Minister of Agriculture**

09:00 - 09:45 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**

09:45 - 09:50 Sponsor Promotional Video - MOLATEK

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

10:15 - 11:15 Panel discussion: Topics covering resilient stockmanship

**Chairman: Prof. Norman Maiwashe (General Manager: ARC - Animal Production), Panellists: Dewald Olivier (RMIS), Dr Frikkie Mare (RPO), Prof. Frikkie Nesor (University of the Free State), Gerhard van der Burgh (BFAP), Dr Johnny van der Merwe (Managing Director of AMT)**

#### Session 2: Session Sponsored by ABSA

11:15 - 11:55 Global livestock challenges and opportunities

**PJ Budler: International Cattle Judge**

11:55 - 12:35 A resilient animal starts with a healthy rumen

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

12:35 - 13:15 Weather patterns and their impact on farming enterprises

**Johan van den Berg: Independent Agricultural Meteorologist**

13:15 - 13:20 Sponsor Promotional Video - ABSA

13:20 - 14:15 LUNCH (Aldam Restaurant)

### 9 October 2024 Wednesday Afternoon Sessions

#### Session 3: Session Sponsored by VYTELLE

14:15 - 15:00 Future-proofing extensive livestock production in subtropical grasslands and savannas

**Prof. Kevin Kirkman: Professor of Grassland Science at the University of KwaZulu-Natal**

15:00 - 15:40 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**

15:40 - 15:45 Sponsor Promotional Video - VYTELLE

15:45 - 16:10 TEA & Visit to Sponsor exhibition

#### Session 4: Session Sponsored by ZOETIS

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 - ZOETIS

19:00 DINNER (Aldam Restaurant) - Steaks sponsored by SPARTA

### 10 OCTOBER 2024 THURSDAY

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

#### Session 5: Session Sponsored by SPARTA

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 - 09:45 Using genomics in the genetic improvement of beef cattle: sifting practical realities from empty promises

**Catriona Millen: Extension & Technical Consultant at ABRI**

09:45 - 10:30 Strategic feeding during droughts

**Erin Graham: Technical Manager at Molatek**

10:30 - 10:35 Sponsor Promotional Video - UNISTEL

10:35 - 11:10 TEA & Visit to Sponsor Exhibition

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#### Session 6: Session Sponsored by VLEISSENTRAAL

11:10 - 11:45 Setting up your breeding objective for future resilience

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

11:45 - 12:05 Structured solutions as an insurance alternative

**Andries Wiese, Hollard**

12:05 - 12:35 Breeding a resilient herd faster with hormone free IVF

**Lisa Rumsfeld: Vice president business development and strategy at Vytelle**

12:35 - 12:40 Sponsor Promotional Video - VLEISSENTRAAL

12:40 - 13:25 LUNCH (Aldam Restaurant)

### 10 October 2024 Thursday Afternoon Practical Sessions

#### Session 7: Practical Sessions Sponsored by LIVETRACK

13:25 - 14:25 Breeding a resilient herd faster with hormone free IVF - Practical demonstration

**Dr Robert Treadwell: Director of Embryo Plus, the proud South African partner lab of the Vytelle group**

14:25 - 17:25 Delegates will be divided in groups and sessions rotated, select 3 topics out of 6

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

2 Sustainability in the livestock Industry - **Gerrit van Zyl: Bonsmara stud breeder**

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

4 Resilient financial planning - **Tito Vorster: Simbra stud breeder & businessman**

5 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**

Your resilience - push back vs bounce back

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

### 11 OCTOBER 2024 FRIDAY

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

#### Session 8: Session Sponsored by RPO

08:00 - 08:10 Opening (Main hall)

**Mecki Schneider: LRF Director**

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

**Catriona Millen: Extension & Technical Consultant 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 - RPO

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

#### Session 9: Session Sponsored by HOLLARD

10:15 - 10:20 Sponsor Promotional Video - Hollard

10:20 - 11:05 Profit driven livestock production

**PJ Budler: International Cattle Judge**

11:05 - 11:50 Personal resilience: the key to success in livestock production/agriculture

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

11:50 - 12:30 Overview of the 2024 LRF Stockman School and what does the future resilient farmer and animal look like?

**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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