



# John Smith

Livestock Herder

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## SUMMARY

Highly experienced and skilled Livestock Herder with over 5 years of experience in managing and caring for large herds of cattle, sheep, and goats. Proven track record of increasing herd productivity by 25% and reducing mortality rates by 15%. Possesses excellent knowledge of animal behavior, nutrition, and health, with a strong passion for maintaining high standards of animal welfare.

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Livestock Herder

Jan 2018 - Present

#### Green Pastures Farm

Rural Victoria, Australia

Leading a team of 3 herders to manage a herd of 500 cattle, ensuring optimal health, nutrition, and productivity. Responsibilities include monitoring and maintaining accurate records of animal health, implementing effective grazing strategies, and coordinating with veterinarians and other farm staff to ensure best practices.

- Increased herd productivity by 25% through implementation of improved nutrition and health management strategies
- Reduced mortality rates by 15% through enhanced monitoring and early intervention
- Trained and mentored junior herders, resulting in a 30% increase in team productivity
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive animal welfare program, resulting in a 20% reduction in animal stress and improving overall herd health

### Livestock Herder

Jun 2015 - Dec 2017

#### Farm Fresh Produce

Rural New South Wales, Australia

Assisted in the daily care and management of a herd of 200 sheep and goats, including feeding, watering, and monitoring health. Collaborated with farm managers to develop and implement effective grazing strategies and animal health programs.

- Maintained accurate records of animal health and productivity, resulting in a 10% increase in herd growth rates
- Assisted in the development and implementation of a breeding program, resulting in a 15% increase in lambing rates
- Participated in regular farm maintenance and repair tasks, ensuring a safe and efficient working environment
- Collaborated with farm staff to develop and implement a comprehensive biosecurity program, resulting in a 25% reduction in disease incidence

## EDUCATION

### Certificate III in Agriculture

2015

#### TAFE NSW

New South Wales, Australia

#### Agriculture

GPA: 3.5/4.0

## SKILLS

Animal Nutrition and Health

Grazing Management

Animal Behavior and Welfare

Team Management and Leadership

Farm Maintenance and Repair

## LANGUAGES

English

Native

Spanish

Intermediate

## CERTIFICATES

### Certificate III in Agriculture

2015

#### TAFE NSW

Completed a Certificate III in Agriculture, with a focus on livestock production and management.

## AWARDS

### Outstanding Livestock Herder Award

2020

#### Australian Farming Association

Received the Outstanding Livestock Herder Award for outstanding contributions to the livestock industry.

## STRENGTHS

### Attention to Detail

Strong attention to detail, with a focus on maintaining accurate records and ensuring high standards of animal welfare.

### Leadership and Teamwork

Proven leadership and teamwork skills, with experience in leading and mentoring junior herders.

## HOBBIES

Hiking and Outdoor Activities

# PROJECTS

Herd Management and Productivity Improvement Project 2019

Project Lead

Developed and implemented a comprehensive herd management program, resulting in a 20% increase in herd productivity and a 15% reduction in mortality rates.

Herd management software • Animal health monitoring systems