



**THE BIG BEEF TRADING COMPANY (PTY) LTD trading as**  
**SPARTA ANGUS**

A collaboration between the Woodview Angus family, well known for their expertise in Angus breeding and Sparta beef, with its 50-year beef heritage, brings you Sparta Angus beef. Farmer, Brian Angus, comes from generations of Angus breeders and has played an integral part in the South African Angus Society ([www.angus.org.za](http://www.angus.org.za)). Brian sources our Angus cattle from farmer breeders using his extensive knowledge of Angus genetics and years of experience to select the most suitable cattle for our Angus beef program.

We receive our calves from breeder farmers at a young age and have full control over their well-being throughout their stay with us. Our expert animal nutritionist has created a feed ration tailored to our cattle ensuring that our cattle grow optimally and stay strong and healthy. Our world class electronic identification system (EID) enables us to track the origin, progress, and health of all our cattle throughout their life as well as in carcass form.

We not only have full control of our process while we host our cattle on our farms but also to finished products. Our beef is expertly trimmed and packed by highly skilled members of our Sparta team ensuring that every cut meets even the highest expectation.

**SPARTA HAND SELECTED ANGUS**

Our Angus beef qualifying as hand selected, has to achieve a marbling score of no less than 3 on the Australian Meat Marbling Chart ([www.ausmeat.co.au](http://www.ausmeat.co.au)).

The Sparta hand selected Angus cuts are matured for 21 days under stringent temperature control.

According to Wikipedia, important terms with regards to marbling are defined as follows:

- **Beef Quality Grades:** A quality grade is a composite evaluation of factors that affect palatability of meat (tenderness, juiciness and flavour). The factors include carcass maturity, firmness, texture, and colour of lean, and the amount and distribution of marbling within the lean. Beef carcass quality grading is based on (1) degree of marbling and (2) degree of maturity.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Our cattle feeding operation is ISO 22000 accredited ensuring that our cattle are treated humanely and mitigating the risk associated with feeding and medicating of animals. Our electronic

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identification system (EID) s at the core of our ISO accreditation as this system puts much emphasis on the traceability of every animal regarding the details of the life cycle of every animal.

Our beef processing facility in Welkom is FSSC 22000 accredited and subjected to stringent health and safety measures. Fully recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative, the FSSC 22000 accreditation demonstrates Sparta's commitment to ensuring world-class health and safety standards. The traceability of our EID system is continuous throughout our vertically integrated operation up to packaged deboned batch. The Sparta beef plant is certified Halaal by SANHA and NIHT.

Our beef processing facility is export approved by the South African Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF). Export plant number ZA 91.

Quality Accreditations at our Cattle Feeding Operations:

- ISO 9001 (Quality)
- ISO 14001 (Environmental)
- ISO 22000 (Food Safety)
- OHSAS 18001 (Non-ISO Operational Health and Safety)

Quality Accreditation at our Abattoir/Beef Processing Facility:

- FSSC 22000 (Quality/Food Safety)

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## OUR CATTLE

At Sparta we care about our animals.  
Not only do they provide us with our nourishment, but also with our livelihoods..

Raising cattle requires time, dedication and a real understanding of the animal and its needs. Hundreds of hours are spent on each animal and our team works diligently to ensure their health and well-being.

We have the capacity to care for approximately 100 000 cattle on our farms and feedlots. In our Marquard cattle feeding operation we are proud to be accredited with the following international standards and specifications: ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environmental), ISO 22000 (Food Safety) and OHSAS 18001 (Operational Health and Safety).

- + Calf backgrounding and preconditioning
- + Precision Feeding
- \* What is Electronic Identification (EID)?

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), also known as Electronic Identification (EID), gives us the ability to quickly, easily and accurately capture animal information (i.e. place of origin, buyer, weight, breed, sex, processed date, medication history etc.) and review or record information into a record-keeping program and database. This is an excellent management tool for individual animal record keeping, traceability and quality assurance.

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