



At Sparta we pride ourselves in the quality beef we produce. We are a family owned and operated business who can trace its agricultural roots back more than a century. We have always lived close to the land, and it is this love for our land and our cattle that inspires us to produce great beef.

### **SPARTA GRAIN FINISHED BEEF**

Our calves are pasture-raised and grain-finished (refer to [www.sparta.co.za](http://www.sparta.co.za)), while our cattle are fed on optimally formulated feed consisting of roughage and high quality grain in the finishing phase before slaughter. Adhering to this strict feeding regime ensures a consistent product and taste experience. Feeds are formulated with recognized standards by a Registered Nutritionist. Our business practices are underpinned by good animal husbandry and strict adherence to food safety regulations, ensuring that our meat is traceable from farm to finished product (Electronic Identification System [EID]).

### **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 identification system (EID) is 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 afforded us by our EID system, 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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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**

Our 'Calf Backgrounding and Preconditioning Programme' is specifically designed to grow young calves to an acceptable size and weight for entry into the feedlot. Our calves are hand-picked from selected breeder farms or through cattle sale yards across South Africa and Namibia (when no restrictions are in place). Upon arrival calves are fed, identified, treated (e.g. vaccinated) and sorted into unique growing groups.

All relevant information about each calf is captured onto Sparta's electronic identification (EID) system, which ensures full product traceability – from arrival at Sparta to the point of selling the carcass into the market place.

**✖ Precision Feeding**

Once our calves have grown adequately, they go into the feedlot to complete their heavier body weight programme. Scientifically formulated feed rations are given, stepping them up in energy levels as days on feed increase and cattle adapt to their new surroundings and feeding regime.

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## OUR CATTLE

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Not only do they provide us with our nourishment, but also with our livelihoods..**

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**✖ 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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