

Livestock Manager – Feedlot

Ravensthorpe Feedlot | Hay, NSW - Full-time, permanent position

Ravensthorpe Agriculture is seeking an experienced and capable Livestock Manager to lead livestock operations across our expanding feedlot and backgrounding program.

This hands-on leadership role would suit someone with strong cattle knowledge who can confidently manage livestock within a large-scale operation while also overseeing cattle across backgrounding properties when required.

About Ravensthorpe

Ravensthorpe Agriculture is an innovative, privately owned agribusiness based west of Hay in the Riverina region of NSW.

Our feedlot is expanding from approximately 50,000 head to 75,000 head, with further growth planned towards its licensed capacity of 100,000 Standard Cattle Units. This growth is supported by continued investment in people, infrastructure, equipment, technology and cattle performance systems.

Our backgrounding program is also an important part of the livestock supply chain, supporting cattle preparation, performance and timely entry into the feedlot.

The Role

Reporting to the Feedlot General Manager, the Livestock Manager will be responsible for the health, welfare, performance and movement of cattle across the feedlot.

The successful applicant will also have the capability and flexibility to oversee Ravensthorpe cattle at backgrounding locations when required. This includes monitoring cattle health and performance, weights, projected feedlot entry dates and communication with backgrounding providers.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead the day-to-day livestock operations of the feedlot.
- Manage, support and develop the livestock and animal health teams.
- Maintain high standards of animal welfare, stockmanship and workplace safety.
- Oversee cattle inductions, drafting, movements, treatments and dispatch.
- Monitor livestock health, performance and compliance with treatment protocols.
- Coordinate cattle movements between backgrounding properties and the feedlot.
- Monitor backgrounding cattle weights, average daily gain and projected feedlot entry dates.
- Conduct inspections of cattle at backgrounding locations when required.
- Work closely with backgrounding providers to maintain agreed performance and animal welfare standards.
- Ensure livestock records, treatment records, inventories and reports are accurate and current.
- Coordinate effectively with the feeding, procurement, maintenance and administration teams.
- Identify opportunities to improve livestock performance, systems and operational efficiency.

About You

You will be a practical and experienced livestock professional who is comfortable working across intensive feedlot operations and extensive backgrounding environments.

Previous feedlot experience is preferred but not essential. We welcome applications from experienced cattle professionals with backgrounds in grazing, backgrounding, livestock production or other large-scale cattle operations who are ready to develop their feedlot knowledge.

The successful candidate will ideally have:

- Strong cattle handling, animal health and stockmanship skills.
- Experience in backgrounding, grazing, feedlot or large-scale cattle operations.
- Demonstrated experience leading and developing livestock teams.
- An understanding of cattle nutrition, health protocols and performance monitoring.
- The ability to assess cattle condition, health, weight gain and readiness for feedlot entry.
- Strong organisational, communication and record-keeping skills.
- Confidence working independently across multiple livestock locations.
- A practical, accountable and solutions-focused approach.
- A current driver's licence.
- Relevant agricultural qualifications, although these are not essential.

Why Join Ravensworth?

This is an opportunity to take on a key leadership role within a progressive and rapidly growing cattle business.

Ravensworth offers:

- A senior livestock leadership position with genuine responsibility.
- Exposure to both large-scale feedlot and backgrounding operations.
- Modern facilities, equipment and livestock management systems.
- The opportunity to help shape livestock systems during a significant period of expansion.
- A supportive and experienced management team.
- An attractive remuneration package reflecting the responsibilities of the position.
- Relocation assistance may be available for the right candidate.

If you are an experienced cattle professional looking for a role that extends beyond the feedlot and provides the opportunity to influence livestock performance across the entire supply chain, we would like to hear from you.

Please submit your resume and cover letter outlining your livestock and leadership experience to:

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