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I have been continuously working in the H2A program going onto 8 Years in USA. I am seeking a role where I can utilize my skills in equipment handling, crop and field management, and safe operational practices to maximize farm efficiency and yield. Committed to delivering high-quality performance in both routine and complex tasks. Aiming to ensure equipment reliability and optimal performance to support farm operations and productivity. Eager to apply knowledge of crop management, livestock care, and sustainable farming practices while contributing to the efficiency and success of farm operations. Looking to leverage physical strength, problem-solving skills, and commitment to quality work.

I am a South African. I am a fast learner and hardworking family man who are driven to provide for my family.

I am an experienced and safety-conscious Skilled Farm Equipment Operator/ Technician with expertise in the operation of tractors, combines, and other heavy machinery. Detail-oriented and technical in the maintenance and repair of agricultural machinery, seeking an opportunity for me to contribute expertise in diagnosing, troubleshooting, and servicing farm equipment. Dedicated and hardworking individual with a passion for agriculture and hands-on farming tasks, with almost 8 years' experience in the USA farming practices and more that 16 years farming, technical skill and operator experience.

I am also skilled as a Welder, Builder, Construction Rigger I have 20 years of hands-on experience in MIG, TIG, STICK welding – including Stainless steel and Aluminum. Knowledge of the latest technology in 3D printing, Laser cutting and CNC. Excellent written and oral communication skills. A passion to learn and to increase my skills.

Seasoned in equipment inspection, maintenance and operation. Responsible team player with strong patience, attention to detail and systematic approach to completing accurate work. Excellent materials management abilities and understanding of safety zones.

Skills

- Highly skilled H2A farm worker
- Fast learner
- Farm Equipment Technician
- Well rounded
- Excellent welder skills, experience and knowledge
- Master Fabricator
- Engineering skills
- Dedicated and loyal
- Master Rigger
- Shutdowns operations
- Driven and motivated
- Hydraulic and mechanical skills
- Equipment testing
- Skid steer operation
- Farm Equipment operations
- Hazardous materials Handeling
- Crane operation

- Cattle Handler and Heard responsibilities
- Following instructions
- Site preparation
- Equipment inspections
- Land clearing
- Vehicle inspection and overhauling
- Bulldozer operation
- Heavy equipment operation, repair and maintenance

Work History

Tractor and Heavy Farming equipment Operator / Farm worker/ Maintenance Specialist / Equipment Technician/Mechanic

Hamilton Farms Inc, Oklahoma, USA

April 2019 - November 2024

- Tractor operator (Articulated, GPS), service and maintenance in Planting, Disc, Till, Bale, Rake, Mow
- Feeding of cattle in Winter with silage, grain cart, feed processor
- Case 9330, Stx 500 Quad Trac, Steiger tiger, R62 / R72 gleaner combines, S77 / S78 gleaner combines, 40ft planter, 50ft flexicoil seed drill with air cart, vertical till, baler, swather, loader, John Deere 8330R, 6140D, 6135
- Pivot repairs and maintenance – highly skilled in all aspects
- Semi truck service and maintenance in haul grain, cargo and livestock
- Pivot irrigation system operator and maintenance
- Daily maintenance of natural gas horses, water well engines (454 and Cat)
- Lifting equipment: servicing, maintenance and operator
- Operator of Loaders, Telehandler, Crane truck, Hub truck crane and Skid steer
- Cattle experience: Feeding, Prep barns for calving (within Winter season), cleaning barns, prep hay equipment and all challenges within Winter calving and water supply, fencing summer pastures, prepping ranch barns and grounds for freeze
- Opening frozen water tanks and water bins, snow removal, moving cattle to calving pins in February
- Operation and repair/servicing of farm machinery including tractors, header, tillage equipment, excavators, strip tillers, quick couplers, telly handler, skid steer, track for grain carts and planters, grain bins, augers, TLB and groundwork machinery
- Understands technology and crop operations/production including cultivating (BCS tilling, planting (removal of debris, broad forking, seeding and applying fertilizer rates for crops), cleaning of land (bale netting, wiring)
- Workshop and maintenance general work, Equipment Technician and repair to all equipment, operating all farm equipment

Farm worker/ Maintenance Specialist / Equipment Technician/Mechanic / Farm Equipment Operator

Gramlow Ltd, Fullerton, North Dakota

March 2018 - December 2018

Manufacturing, erection and maintenance on Grain bins.

General Farm work, operating and repair on all farm equipment, TLB and groundwork machinery, cropping operations.

Prepared equipment and machinery.

The building, Carpentry, welding, laying of cement, building roads.

Workshop and maintenance, carpentry and building.

Including operating a wooden and steel bench turntable.

Truck driving grain cart to bin site.

Stock work including drenching, yard work, mustering, tiling, water system (dams, windmill, pumps, tanks).

Pivot repairs and maintenance. Articulated and GPS tractor operator. Case 9330, Stx 500 Quad trac, 40ft planter, 50ft flexicoil seed drill, vertical till, baler, swather, loader.

Preparation of equipment and machinery for seeding and/or harvesting, header, tillage equipment, excavators, strip tillers, quick couplers, tally handler, skid steer, track for grain carts and planters, grain bins, augers.

Welder, steel fabricator. Repairs and fabrication of catwalks for grain bins.

welding), workshop welding (MIG, TIG and Aluminum welding, fabrication, maintenance and repair. Call-out

for field repairs breakdowns and field welding MMA (Stick bins Steel fabrication, Field welding MMA (stick welding), Alterations and repairs to grain bins, Tiling, Axel building (Please have a look on Gramlowltd.com for work done). Axel building, Liquid fertilizer system design and setup, custom metal fabrication, Planter track kit repair (John Deere), manufacturing corn planter track kit, fabrication of hydraulic hoses. Manufacturing, erection and maintenance on Grain bins. Joining metalparts in flat, vertical, or overhead positions. Calculating dimensions ofmetal parts to be welded. Laying out, positioning, aligning, and securing metal part. General Farm work, operating and repair on all farm equipment, TLB and groundwork machinery, cropping operations. Prepared equipment and machinery. Operating of monitors, automations, guidance systems and operating, repair and maintenance of heavy equipment and facility maintenance/upgrade. Engineering Lathe Milling machines excavator works, Bending brake and Gelatin. Civil works, earthmoving operator, excavator and **workshop welding (TIG, MIG and Stick) Stainless and Aluminum. Call out operator to fix farm equipment for other farmers in fieldbreakdowns, quick couplers repairs, skid steer and Talley handler.**

Construction Manager

Rhino Industries, Vaalbank, South Africa

January 2016 - February 2018

- Monitored subcontractor operations and applied effective time, resource, and money management strategies to delivery under-budget project completion.
- Surveyed sites to determine material needs and accurately manage inventories and budgets.
- Communicated daily with vendors to keep project fully operational.
- Collaborated with contractors, architects, engineers, and public agencies to complete projects within timeline limitations and budget constraints.
- Building , Carpentry, welding, laying of cement, building roads.Studying engineering drawings, blueprints, sketches, and material safety data.Rebuilding of an old train car. Including building of new wooden deck and railings all around, amp of old existing structures and preventative maintenance. wooden flooring installation and wooden furniture for outside areas, all built-in cupboards.Reading and executing of drawings and blueprints. Installation of fullsecurity systems. Construction, Civil, steel and carpentry, deck building, fencing, shed manufacturer, gates, utility pipes, electrical fencing.

Construction Manager / Steel fabricator / Welder / Equipment Operator

Multi Struct, Arusha, Tanzania

January 2009 - January 2016

Management covering the building of entirely new brewery and modifying/upgrading of an existing brewery, reading and executing of drawings (blueprints). Daily on-site project management and support.Erection of equipment, conveyors, steelwork, piping in stainless steel andmild steel, machine maintenance and overhauls. Mwanza, Iringa and Arusha (Tanzania Breweries Limited), S.B.C. (Pepsi) Mbeya Construction Management covering building of entirely new brewery and modifying/upgrading of existing brewery, reading and executing of drawings (blueprints).

Daily on-site project management and support. Erection of equipment,conveyors, steelwork, piping in stainless steel and mild steel, machine maintenance and overhauls.

Managed all mechanical aspects of all electrical work. Welding: TIG welding, MIG welding, MMA welding, Aluminum welding, Stainless steel welding, and Mild steel.

Manufacturing of sheds gates, fences, utility pipes (water, gas, air, products).

Mechanical Fitter, Rigger, welder. Bottling industry utilities, fitting andturning repair of machine parts, trouble shooting and solving – domestic and industrial.

Rigging of heavy machines and structures. Installation, maintenance, commissioning, disassembly and refurbishing of beverage production lines.

Pack lines and machinery for bottling and canning industries, managed all mechanical aspects of all electrical work.

- Surveyed sites to determine material needs and accurately manage inventories and budgets.

Assistant Farm Manager

Hein Myburg Farming, Zambia, Africa

November 1999 - November 2008

- Daily farm operations including assisting in planting and in daily harvesting
- Facilitating and assisting with Farm-to-Table group and individual projects
- Operating tractor-trailer, trucking and TLB equipment
- Assisted management with all operations

- Establishment and maintenance of sheep livestock (maintain health of the flock), farming row crops (grains), crop production
- Execute production plans with Cultivate crops, prepare beds for planting, assist in basic irrigation repairs, automation and repairs, maintenance and servicing of farm equipment and vehicles
- Driving of trucks to and from farm
- Including cultivating (BCS tilling, wheel hoeing, hula hoeing and hand weeding), planting (removal of debris, experience in precision equipment, sprayer application, planting, combine operations
- All steel fabrication and welding duties farming contractors, good maintenance/service and general repair skills of farming equipment
- Maximized operational profits by closely inspecting crops, assessing quality, and identifying problems such as disease or insects.
- Completed structural inspections to determine maintenance requirements and organize repairs.

Education

PretoriaNorthHighSchool at Pretoria, South Africa

National Senior Certificate in High School Deploma January 1997

Accomplishments

- Languages, 2021, English (speak, read, write and understand), Swahili (speak, read, write and understand), Portuguese/Spanish (speak, read, and understand), Arabic (limited vocabulary, read, understand), German (speak, read, write and understand), Afrikaans (speak, read, write and understand).
- Training, 2010, Forklift operations certificate and Rigging Tanzania.
- Course, 2000, Professional Hunter training course.
- Future Goal, 2025, Want to get my Red seal qualification.

Hobbies and Interests

- Strategic planning and reliable, hard worker with various crop farm and livestock interests.
- Laser cutter and CNC machine builds.
- Agricultural Equipment Technician.
- Welding and steel fabrication.
- 3D printer building from scratch.

References

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