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[Landing Page]

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Welcome to the Walt Landgoed Farm

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[Header] What we stand for

[Subheader] Sustainability and conservation are at the top of our priorities.

[Section 5]

[Header] Discover our farm

[Subheader] Sustainable farming is at the heart of everything we do here at Walt Landgoed.

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The Sunflower Fields

The Sorghum Fields

The Cattle Farm

The Piggery

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[Header] Who we are

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[Section 1 - header]

[Header] Who we are

[Subheader] We believe in

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] About us

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It began with a mere 186 hectares of land and an ambitious vision by JP van der Walt Snr (Hannes), who purchased the farm Leeuwkuil - situated in the Settlers district of Limpopo. Crop planting was the initial farming activity, but following extended periods of drought a decision was made to introduce chicken farming to support the family.

In the late 1950's, the South African farming industry saw an exceptional uptake and commercial farms dominated the space - making inroads by small farmers exceedingly difficult. This negatively affected the ability of the small farmer to earn a living based primarily on chicken farming.

This turn of events drove many small farmers - including Hannes - to rethink their approach and business models. Determined to succeed, Hannes opted to pivot to pig farming and made the change starting with a single stud and only three sows.

Thanks to his tenacity, soon Hannes and his family began to see the rewards of their hard work and commitment to the farm. The business continued to grow throughout

the 1960s and 1970s, ultimately resulting in 1 000 hectares being utilised for crop cultivation and the pig farming growing to a staggering 400-pig sow unit. Sons JP van der Walt (Johan) and WG van der Walt (Willem), joined Hannes to work on the farm in 1979 and 1983 respectively.

Johan oversaw the pig farming whilst Willem cared for the cultivation of crops. The rest, according to the family, "is history".

[Section 3 - Vision/mission]

[Header - needs to talk about or vision/mission] What we stand for

[Subheader]

Our Vision

To be the Gold Standard leaders of modern, sustainable, and responsible farming in South Africa.

[Subheader]

Our Mission

We aim to remain a progressive agribusiness that produces high-quality products in harmony with our natural resources.

[Section 4 - banner that links to community]

[Heritage Page]

[Section 1 - header]

[Header] Where we come from

[Subheader] A family farm that has grown with each generation

[Section 3 - the timeline]

[Header] Our Journey

[Subheader] 2020s

- Biesjeskuil was opened - being one of the most technologically advanced piggeries in South Africa.
- The first farm, situated outside of Limpopo, was purchased.
- The Head Office for the crop division was constructed.

[Subheader] 2010s

- The footprint of farms was further increased to grow the crop cultivation, increasing the economies of scale.
- Precision farming practices were implemented.
- Corporate restructuring was conducted.
- Sow housing was rebuilt to ensure compliance with SAPPO Code of Welfare for Pigs.
- Mechanical ventilation was introduced to grower houses.
- Feedmill capacity was increased to 1000 tons per week.

[Subheader] 2000s

- Modern equipment, using auto-steer and GPS, was implemented to aid the implementation of no-till practice.
- First depopulation was performed to ensure a specific pathogen-free (SPF) piggery.
- An IT management tool was implemented for effective monitoring of production data at the piggery.
- The size of the Bonsmara herd was increased.
- Original farmhouse was converted into the Head Office.

[Subheader] 1990s

- First non-family members were employed in management.
- Piggery was expanded and the multi-site production system was implemented.
- Feedmill was automated.
- Implementation of no-till practice in crop farming was implemented.

[Subheader] 1980s

- Crop farming was expanded and bulk handling of grains began.

- The piggery was modernised for effectiveness.
- Transportation of pigs by rail ceased and were instead delivered by road. Supply of pigs to Eskort continued.

[Subheader] 1970s

- First Bonsmara calves were born in 1970.
- A farm, Roodekuil, with an established piggery of 150 sows, was purchased. This provided critical mass at the time.
- Mechanisation of crop farming strengthened and gained positive traction.

[Subheader] 1960s

- An additional farm was purchased and farms were leased.
- Drought forced Hannes van der Walt to work as an extension officer in Agricultural Technical Services, while Rachie van der Walt managed the farm.
- First Bonsmara cows were gifted to the farm.
- Piggery began showing positive growth signs and gained significant momentum.
- Supplied pigs, via rail transportation, to Eskort

[Subheader] 1950s

- Hannes van der Walt purchased the farm Leeukwuil, situated on the Springbok Flats in the Settlers District.
- The first successful harvest was yielded in 1953.

[Section 5 - banner that links to community]

[What we do page]

[Section 1 - header - talk about what we do]

[Header] What we do

[SubHeader] Our farm practises excellence in everything we do.

[Section 2 -paragraph- talk about what we do]

Given the history of our family-owned farm, we practice various types of farming. We have three agricultural branches on the farm - the piggery, crop cultivation, and cattle farming.

We pride ourselves on having a modern, world-class piggery that produces slaughter pigs exclusively for Eskort. Our high-quality pork is produced using superior Topigs genetics to ensure a high quality lean meat.

We cultivate a variety of crops on an annual basis. These include cotton, sorghum, wheat, and sunflowers. Crops are cultivated using modern no-till practices and precision-farming technology. All produce is sold either to intermediaries or directly to the agro-processors.

Our Bonsmara stud produces quality calves that are either sold for use on feedlots or by other farmers for their own stud.

[Section 3 -interactive farm nav]

[Header] Discover our farm

[Location 1]

[Section 1 - header banner]

[Header] Discover our farm

[SubHeader] Main Office

Our main office is perfectly suited to our business, having converted the original farm house into an office. Located at the heart of our farm, surrounded by places of interest,

our staff and family are able to come home and be inspired to deliver the best possible results. It is the core and life force of the farm, and is where the magic begins.

[Section 2 - banner that links to Location 2]

Take a tour of our farm

[Location 2]

[Section 1 - header banner]

[Header] Discover our farm

[SubHeader] Crop Fields

Our farming practices are based on the fundamentals of conservation and we strive to preserve our natural resources - ensuring sustainable farming and continued life on earth for future generations of farmers. We are deliberate in our planting activities and carefully rotate crops so that we are able to maintain healthy, nutrient rich soil. This is also a measure to mitigate overfarming in any one particular area. In doing this, we keep our natural resources in top condition so that we may continue to enjoy a symbiotic relationship between our farming activities and nature.

We're proud to be the pioneers of no tillage practices, having implemented this on the Springbok Flats during the 1990s. No tillage practice reduces soil erosion, conserves moisture, and produces greater yields.

The crops grown on our farm are used by processors to produce products for both animal and human consumption. Our crop production includes cotton, sorghum, sunflowers, dry beans, and wheat. This is, however, climate dependent and is subject to the conditions of a planting season.

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[Location 3]

[Section 1 - header banner]

[Header] Discover our farm

[SubHeader] Our cattle roam freely; grazing our fields and contributing naturally to the farm's ecosystem.

Bonsmara cattle, as a South African breed, are well suited to our local climate and grazing conditions. We undertake a careful selection process to identify the top performing bulls as well as cows and are able to produce exceptional quality calves that display highly sought after characteristics.

[Section 2 - banner that links to Location 4]

Explore our piggery

[Location 4]

[Section 1 - header banner]

[Header] Discover our farm

[SubHeader] Our Piggery

We operate a modern piggery using state-of-the-art equipment that enables us to deliver a consistently high quality product to the market. Our most valued assets remain the people who contribute to work on the farm - production managers, veterinarians, nutritionists, and all members of staff as well as family.

Our pigs receive a nutritionally balanced diet as approved by the veterinarians and nutritionists. The pig feed contains maize and soymeal, and rations are carefully adapted to the particular needs of the pigs to support optimum health and growth.

As one of South Africa's largest pork providers, Walt Landgoed Farms prides itself in delivering the best-possible care to the inhabitants of our farm. The comfort and safety of our animals is of utmost importance. We strive to maintain an environment and treat our animals in a humane, responsible manner. We have, and will continue to invest in improvements to the welfare of our livestock.

One way in which we care for the thousands of animals handled daily by our team, is to provide crate-free and group housing systems for our herds. In taking this approach, our animals receive the best in comfort and safety.

We are a member of the [South African Pork Producers' Organisation \(SAPPO\) and are certified with Pork 360](#). The Walt Landgoed Farms undergo regular and rigorous auditing processes to see to it that the health, welfare, management, and food supplied to our animals is of an exceptional standard.

To achieve our goals of maintaining happy and healthy animals, we see to it that we continually invest in infrastructure that includes, but is not limited to:

- Training staff on transportation and welfare standards.
- Utilise, as far as possible, low-density transportation over short distances.
- Modern and high-tech transport vehicles for livestock.
- Implementation of best-practice, standardised transport checks.
- Capacitating our team for ongoing supervision of our operations

We pride ourselves on adhering not only to national standards, but also standards set by the international European Commission.

The European Commission's minimum standards include:

- Improving the quality of the flooring surfaces.
- Increasing the living space available for sows and gilts.
- Introducing higher level of training and competence on welfare issues for personnel.

- Providing permanent access to fresh water and to materials for rooting and playing.

[Our Promise Page]

[Section 1 - header - talk about how we deliver the gold standard]

[Header] Our promise

[SubHeader] We promise to set a Gold Standard of excellence in responsible, modern, sustainable farming practices.

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] The Gold Standard

GOLD STANDARD

Practicing sustainable and responsible farming is what sets us apart and what has entrenched our reputation as a trusted source for pork. Not only do we pride ourselves on the humane treatment of our animals, we also take pride in the quality of pork produced on our farms to meet, and at times exceed, the S.A.F.E standard cultivated by our lifelong partners at Eskort. We work with natural resources in a sustainable manner, and this allows us to meet the Gold Standard to which we hold ourselves accountable .

OUR PROMISE

We promise to practice sustainable farming at all our farms, and to always give back to the ecosystem by conserving our natural resources.

Our production processes, for all of our farming activities, are continually adapted to meet the ever-changing farming environment. These changes may include technological advances - be it in the use of equipment, advancements in genetic practices used in piggery, or even towards climate change.

[Section 1 -SAFE interactive navigation]

[Header] S.A.F.E

[Sub Header] Sustainable

[Sub Header] Accountable

[Sub Header] Farm to Fork

[Sub Header] Excellence

[Sustainable Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] S.A.F.E

[SubHeader - sustainable] S.A.F.E is our commitment to Eskort in the provision of top quality slaughter pigs.

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Sustainable

Sustainable and Accountable – These two promissory areas of responsible farming are addressed through our superior farm practices. This includes responsible practice in food safety and traceability systems, pig welfare and sow-friendly practices, as well as biosecurity and environmental sustainability programmes.

[Sub Header] Conservation

[Sub Header] Pig Welfare

[Sub Header] Biosecurity

[Section 4 - navigation banner]

[Header] The Gold Standard

[SubHeader] Producing the best quality pork for our partners at Eskort.

[Conservation Page]

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Conserving our resources lies at the heart of, and guides our farming practices.

CONSERVATION

As a family of farmers, we depend on our natural resources. Conserving those resources is core to our business activities in the operation of the farm.

The following methods and systems are implemented and adhered to on the farm:

- Two vulture restaurants, providing a safe food source to critically endangered vultures, have been established on the farm. To read more about this initiative, visit [Vulpro](#).
- Water resources are closely monitored and managed to ensure that the precious resource is preserved. We measure extractions from boreholes to ensure long-term, sustainable water use.
- Using manure, produced by the piggery, to fertilise crops for cultivation and pastures for cattle grazing.
- We perform soil analysis on an annual basis to be sure to maintain a high nutrient level - replacing lost nutrients with fertilisers and manure from the piggery.

- To avoid over-utilisation of natural resources, we do not plant on all crop lands annually, but leave areas dormant for a season, enabling the natural process to continue on the land.

[Section 3 - navigation banner]

[Header] Pig Welfare

[SubHeader] The five freedoms of Webster

[Pig Welfare page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Sustainable

[SubHeader]

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] The safety and comfort of our animals remains our highest priority.

The key principles of Pig Welfare are based on the five freedoms of Webster, namely:

- Freedom from thirst, hunger, and malnutrition.
- Freedom from discomfort.
- Freedom from pain, injury and disease.
- Freedom to express normal behaviour.
- Freedom from fear and distress.

The South African Pork Producers Organisation has a Code for Welfare of Pigs and this is considered best practice for Pig Welfare. The code is prescriptive regarding animal husbandry, health care, housing, and transportation of pigs.

We proudly adhere to the code on all our farms, and strive to exceed the standards set. What's more, is that we are Pork 360 accredited - an accreditation that is issued by an independent third party.

[\(Link to be inserted to Pork 360 standards\).](#)

[Section 3 -navigation banner]

[Header] Precision Soil Analysis

[SubHeader] Soil is one of the greatest assets on a farm, and we are committed to effective management and preparation of our soil for optimum production.

[Precision Soil Analysis Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Sustainable

[SubHeader] Precision Soil Analysis

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Caring for the soil

With a view to ensure sustainable practice on our farms, our soil is regularly tested at various intervals throughout the year. Precision soil analysis entails the identification and analysis of various soil elements to inform decisions on cultivation and use of soil. Soil samples at depths of approximately 30 cm are extracted at intervals, using a grid system and allow us to effectively as well as sustainably manage soil preparation. The analysis includes investigation of macro elements and guides our decision on whether or not to cultivate the land during a season, replenish the earth, or allow the land to develop naturally by opting to have the land stay dormant for a period.

[Section 3 -navigation banner]

[Header] Biosecurity

[SubHeader] Our biosecurity protocols ensure that we continue producing healthy pigs for Eskort

[Biosecurity Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Sustainable

[SubHeader] Biosecurity

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Our biosecurity protocols ensure that we continue producing quality pigs for Eskort.

Biosecurity is an integral part of our farming operations and ensures that SPF pigs can be delivered to our clients. The most stringent adherence to biosecurity is adopted on our farms.

Protocols include:

- Perimeter fencing around all farms.
 - Access control for all personnel and visitors entering the farm.
 - Dry and wet showers for all personnel entering the farm.
 - Compartmentalised farms that are audited and certified by the Department of Animal Health.
 - Cleaning and disinfection of houses after each batch.
 - The buy-in model is followed for all replacement stock from Topigs Norsvin.
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[Accountable Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] S.A.F.E

[SubHeader - Accountable] Having a system that is rooted in traceability makes sure that we are held accountable.

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Accountable

For us, the customer is king and deserving of a quality product.

All policies and procedures implemented at a farm level see to it that we supply our customers with a product that is free from pathogens and antibiotics.

[Section 4 - navigation banner]

[Header] The Gold Standard

[SubHeader] We deliver on the Gold Standard by supplying quality SPF pigs.

[Quality Assurance Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Accountable

[SubHeader] Quality Assurance

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] We believe in pleasing our clients by making sure that the quality of our pigs translates to a quality end product that can be delivered to the end consumer.

We believe that you, our customers, are king and deserving of a safe, high-quality product!

All the policies and procedures implemented at our farms are in place to drive the delivery of products that are free from pathogens and antibiotics.

On our farm, all piglets born during the course of a week are considered to be a batch. Each batch is closely monitored - from birth to the date of departure to the abattoir. This affords us the opportunity to monitor the growth, feed intake, and antibiotic usage (if any) of our livestock.

[Section 3 - navigation banner]

[Header] Food Safety and Hygiene Practices

[SubHeader] Food safety and hygiene practices are of paramount importance to our family and farm practices.

[Food Safety and Hygiene Practises]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Accountable

[SubHeader] Food Safety and Hygiene Practices

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] We pride ourselves in providing the best quality pork for consumers.

We are proud to supply food that bears a 100% safety assurance, because we believe that you and your family deserve the very best pork, grown and processed to a high standard; delivering on taste and responsible production.

[Farm to Fork]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] S.A.F.E

[SubHeader - Farm to Fork] We are committed to playing our part in the responsible and safe contribution in the farm to fork supply chain.

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Farm to Fork

The process of farm to fork includes production, post-harvesting, processing, distribution, marketing, and retail of products. Our quality control programme addresses the entire value chain.

The way in which we care for our pigs, maintain our facilities are only two critical links in the supply chain that is measured and enforced by Eskort. We proudly boast full compliance to the requirements - even exceeding the standard.

[Traceability Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Farm to Fork

[SubHeader] Traceability

The most significant reason for establishing a pork traceability system for the meat industry is to protect the health of consumers.

At this time in South Africa, human health concerns are a source of contention for the pork industry. We at Walt Landgoed adhere to government industry standards to position ourselves as leaders in forging the way for the industry to reduce the risk of human health harm. We are steadfast in our approach and vision to be leaders of quality within our industry.

Traceability concepts are an imperative method employed to protect the safety of pork and pork products.

[Responsibility Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Farm to Fork

[SubHeader] Responsibility

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] We practice responsible farming at every step of our operations.

At Walt Landgoed, we accept responsibility for adherence to the following standards:

- Laws on housing, salmonella control, feed ingredients (no antibiotics unless necessary) must be utilised. Sows must be allowed to roam freely from the time they are weaned until entry into the farrowing house. No feed containing meat or bone meal may be introduced to the pig's diet.
- Documentation concerning feed composition is required.
- Documentation of production conditions is required. External control and documentation of health and use of medicine is required.
- No castration of boars is permitted.

[Processing Plants] - (Walt's role in farm to fork)

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Farm to Fork

[SubHeader] Processing plants

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Delivering a quality product drives our processes

Quality control programmes that are implemented on our farms address the entire value chain, including processing and manufacturing.

Eskort grades and enforces compliance with respect to the way in which manufacturers and processors maintain facilities, and how the pigs' welfare is made a high priority once they are delivered into facilities. These are but two of the many critical links in the post-farm supply chain.

[Excellence Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] S.A.F.E

[SubHeader - Excellence] If you stop improving, you fall behind! That is why we continually strive to improve processes on our farm

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Excellence

Our determination to achieve excellence is evident in the company's 103 years of uncompromised quality, its rigid commitment to hygiene practices, and the many principles that we have in place as safety assurance for consumers.

The adoption of S.A.F.E. badge conveys our commitment to our holistic approach to quality assurance. Our approach reaches beyond the call of business and we adopt a family approach to our operations. This drives our commitment to safe, hygienic, humane, and quality practice that ultimately delivers a superior product.

[Section 3 - navigation block]

[Header] How we achieve this

[Sub Header] Our determination to achieve and surpass a level of excellence is clear in our operations and product delivery

[Sub Header] Association with Eskort

[Sub Header] Genetics

[Section 4 - navigation banner]

[Header] The Gold Standard

[SubHeader] We're driven to surpass excellence in every practice

[Association with Eskort Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Excellence

[SubHeader] Association with Eskort

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] We are proud to enjoy a lifelong partnership with Eskort

We are proud to have been associated with Eskort since the 1960s, for the supply of exceptional quality pork.

There is great benefit to customers through our association with Eskort. The customer is guaranteed a product that is sustainably and ethically farmed, and that is of a consistently high quality, grown with care on a family-run farm.

[Genetics Page]

[Section 1 - header - SAFE]

[Header] Excellence

[SubHeader] **Genetics**

[Section 2 - paragraph]

[Header] Genetics

[Topigs Norsvin](#) is known for its focus on research, innovation, and the dissemination of genetic improvements. The company strives to further innovate how new technologies are implemented in order to ensure more cost-efficient pig production.

Topigs Norsvin understands the rigorous market demands that farmers need to meet and therefore constant research and innovation go into breeding lines that produce the best quality stock for efficient farming and top-quality pork products. At Walt Landgoed, our Topigs Norsvin pigs have proven to produce an increased number of our live-born and weaned piglets, as well as a decrease in our pre-weaned mortality.

[Section 4 - navigation banner]

[Header] The Gold Standard

[SubHeader] Our promise is to set a standard of excellence in modern, sustainable, and responsible farming practices throughout the entire value chain.
