

Abstract

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Security is an issue that affects a person's physical and psychological wellbeing. Lack of security affects the way people live their lives and stuns their potential growth in life, this lack of security creates insecurities. Theft is a reoccurring problem worldwide, that if not addressed will persist. Stock theft is one such theft that if not quickly dealt with will impact on food security- a basic human right. The costs of stock theft in South Africa alone are astronomical to the point that the amount of money lost could potentially uplift thousands of lives in the country.

The purpose of the thesis is to propose a multi-faceted solution that could not only try curb stock theft but also start providing psychological security in terms of economic freedom, by affording people an opportunity to own cattle as an investment in their futures. All this applied to a rural setting in the North West province, where stock theft is potentially detrimental to a family's security.

The proposal is a facility, which will cater to the wellbeing and safety of the cows in terms of securing them from theft and ensuring maximum productivity from them by keeping them fertile and immune to disease. It is found that caring for cattle in the right ways ensures maximum yields that facilitate in securing owner's assets. The husbandry includes program that facilitates cattle's physical security and an alternate energy component that aids in securing energy and the future.

The project also looks at natural sustainability; ensuring cattle live in a natural as possible 'free range' environment as well as feature land rehabilitation and maintenance as to preserve and optimise the lands capacity. The aim is to provide an alternative to the 'concentration camp' style feed lots animals are subjected to, as it affects the animals negatively.

For centuries cattle have been an integral part of people's lives and livelihoods. They have always been a symbol of wealth and status, although cattle aren't as big a part of our lives as before they still play a significant role. Essentially securing cattle means securing futures in this rural setting.