



Ron Aldwin Navales, Msc Nutrition Specialist Joined PIC in 2018

What was your career path prior to joining PIC?

I had my bachelors degree in Agriculture, major in Animal Science (Animal Nutrition) at UP Los Baños. I worked in feed and feed additive companies for 5 years as nutritionist. I did my Master's degree in Animal Science, major in Swine Nutrition at South Dakota State University with Dr. Crystal Levesque and Dr. Bob Thaler. While at SDSU, PIC North America was visiting universities for possible collaboration. I met the former global nutrition specialist of PIC there as well as attended the PIC nutrition seminar in Sioux Falls, SD and Mankato, MN which led me to join the company soon after.

What made you want to work at PIC?

PIC is the leading pig genetics company. Amongst other the genetics companies, PIC invest a lot in nutrition trials. Nutrition accounts for about 60 to 70 percent of production cost, thus it is important to establish the optimum nutrient requirements and the best feeding management for the ever increasing genetic potential of PIC pigs. As a practicing nutritionist with a long term goal of becoming a regional nutrition consultant, and seeing the value that a genetics company gives to nutrition, my connection with this pool of experts can help me achieve that goal.

What is your favorite part about working at PIC?

My favorite part is working with clients and being able to provide the best possible nutrition service. It is indeed a great feeling when clients appreciate and believe on your thought. It is a great feeling when they are asking you to visit them, review their current diets, and feeding management - it shows how they trust you and the company. It helps strengthen my self-confidence. It is also a great feeling working with the pools of experts and when you exchange ideas. Working in PIC is a like an extension of home ... it's like a big family!

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