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José Santiago Gallardo Espinosa is a Panamanian livestock production specialist and animal science professional with a diverse and practical background in cattle production, agricultural policy, and international ranch management. He currently serves as the Technical Assistance Team Manager at COOLECHE, R.L., where he leads strategic initiatives in cattle production and technical outreach. He has also held positions within Panama's Ministry of Agricultural and Cattle Development (MIDA) and the Agricultural Market Institute (IMA), where he directed logistics and marketing strategies and played a key role in national food distribution.

José's career is distinguished by hands-on experience and formal training in the U.S. cattle industry. In 2017, he completed a professional internship at Palo Duro Feeders, Gruver, Texas, and Womack Ranch, where he gained firsthand knowledge in feedlot management, animal health, nutrition, and the logistics of commercial cattle operations. He then earned his certification from Texas Christian University Ranch Management Program in 2018, and to this day works with the TCU Institute of Ranch Management in various outreach programs.

His career reflects a unique blend of Latin American and U.S. production perspectives, making him an effective advocate and technical advisor for livestock development across international borders.