

BenguFarm™

ADVANCED LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE
BEEF • GAME • SHEEP • GOATS • PIGS • GENETICS



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New Update – BenguFarm BEEF, SHEEP & GOATS, GAME and PIGS

BenguFarm has been adapted over the past three months to use a Microsoft SQL database (instead of a Microsoft Access database) in the background. A few new features have also been developed. See What's New? below for more information.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please read the update instructions sent to you last week to ensure that you understand what the upgrade to the Microsoft SQL database entails and what steps to follow. If you encounter any problem with the update, please contact your BenguFarm agent for assistance.

Please install the new software update [v19 August 2026 (C)] to ensure you will be able to use all the new and improved features and reports in BenguFarm and get the most value from your program. If you still have the v19 August 2026 (A) version, please update to the (C) version, as some fixes have been made.]

- **To update your BenguFarm via the web-update utility in BenguFarm**, go, while your computer is online, in BenguFarm to **File > Update from Web** and follow the instructions.
- **If your computer's antivirus software blocks the web update feature in BenguFarm, it may be necessary to set "Exceptions" so that the update can install.** This incorrect classification of a safe program as malicious is known in the antivirus industry as a "false positive". The instructions on how to set "exceptions" vary from antivirus-to-antivirus software. Refer to your antivirus software's help documentation and/or contact your BenguFarm agent for assistance. The files that are usually blocked incorrectly are the update program, BBAutoUpdate48.exe (or the older version BBAutoUpdate.exe). The files are located in the BenguFarm installation directory, usually C:\Program Files (x86)\BenguelaSoft\BenguFarm\.

New Update – BenguFarm MOBILE app

Please install the new update (v19 August 2026) to ensure it is compatible with the MSSQL version of BenguFarm on your computer.

- First ensure you have installed the newest version of the BEEF/SHEEP & GOATS/GAME module – see above.
- **BenguFarm MOBILE for Android:** At the top right of BenguFarm Mobile's main menu, press the three dots and select Check for Update / Kyk vir Opgradering **OR** go on the Android phone / tablet to www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Updates > Download and Install BenguFarm (TM) MOBILE 19 August 2026 Update. Download and install the update for Android.
- **BenguFarm MOBILE for Apple:** An Apple phone or tablet will automatically download and install the newest update.

New Update – BenguFarm GENETICS

Please install the new update (v19 August 2026) to ensure it is compatible with the MSSQL version of BenguFarm.

- First, make sure you have the latest version of the BEEF/SHEEP & GOATS/GAME module installed – see above.
- **To update your BenguFarm GENETICS module,** go, while your computer is online, to www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Updates > Download and Install BenguFarm (TM) GENETICS v19 August 2026 Update. Download and install the update.

What's New in the newest update?

All modules:

- **VERY IMPORTANT:** BenguFarm has been adapted to use a Microsoft SQL database (instead of a Microsoft Access database) in the background.
- **Important:** Two new options are now available with the Livestock Removal Certificate report:
 - Print Livestock Removal Certificate [Art. 8(1)].
 - Print Document of Identification [Art. 6(1)].
 - Health Declaration.
- **Important:** On the vaccination report [Reports > Health > Vaccinations, Dosings, Dips and Supplements], the electronic ID number (EID) is now included on the report. A Copy to Clipboard function has also been added to the Worksheet.
- **Important:** CSV Import screen: Certain fields under General have been moved to a new Identification section. The rest of the fields under General have been rearranged to be more logical.
- **Important:** Animals Sightings report (Reports > Animal Lists and Numbers > Animals Sightings): New report option "Active Animals Not Seen" added at the top left. The purpose of this option is so that you can easily list the animals that are active in your herd and have not been seen. The last date seen, if applicable, will be displayed in the Viewed section of the report. Two links have been added at the bottom:
 - Edit Animals (Table format): Animals selected in the "S" column will open in the Edit Animals screen where they can then be easily edited, e.g. to change their status.
 - Sales, Deaths and Culls: Animals selected in the "S" column will open in the Sales, Deaths and Culls screen. Especially in conjunction with the "Active Animals Not Seen" report option, active animals that have not been seen can be recorded as missing/sold/dead, etc.
- **Important:** Condition scores can now be recorded with one decimal (e.g. 3.5) on the PC program and Mobile app.
- Transport certificates must now be stored for 5 years by law. If an art 6 or 8 certificate is printed, a pdf copy will now be automatically saved in the Export folder in an RMIS subfolder.
- Settings > Groups and Camps > Category = Management Groups > Add/Edit/Delete: An option has been added to put new calves/lambs in this group when recorded on the Calving/Lambing screen.
- A Log Out button has been added to the Cloud/Mobile User screen.

- Pasture Utilization report: If a camp is more than 100% utilized, the % Utilization will be indicated in red, e.g. **120**.
- Weights, Measurements and Scores not Linked to a Test:
 - A "Add for Animals Weighed" button has been added to the Measurements and Scores screen. Saving weights will now *not* empty the Weights tab as the Add for Animals Weighed takes the list of weights as a selection to add records to the Measurements and Scores tab. This way a user can choose which attributes should be entered in addition to the weight.
 - An option "Display Weight Column" for Measurements and Scores not linked to a Test has been added. Weights can now be entered directly on the Measurements and Scores screen. Only weight and weight type can be entered.

Sheep & Goats module:

- **Important:** A Wool Performance Test report has been added. Go to Reports > Production > Wool Performance Tests. There is a Display Report option (to directly create the report) and a Display Worksheet option. We recommend displaying the worksheet first, because on that screen at Select Columns to Display you can select which columns to include in the report and which not. Animals can also be selected to link to a group, e.g. a cull or sales group.
- Weights for Performance Testing > Import Existing Weights: A new option "Import Weights taken at Age ____ to ____ days nearest ____ days old" has been added.
- Age limits for performance test weights: W4- Adult weight's max age changed to 540 days.
- STUD HERDS ONLY: A warning has been added that contemporary groups must be weighed on the same day for breeding value calculation purposes.
- An icon for the Feedlot Manager has been added to the main screen.
- Feedlot Manager > Feed and Camp Activities > Feed Stock: Two setting buttons, one for Feed and the other for Miscellaneous Stock.
- The following races have been added:
 - Cyprus (goat)
 - Rahmany (sheep)
 - Barki (sheep)

Beef module:

- **Important:** STUD HERDS ONLY: Compare BenguFarm and Logix Herd Lists: Just after the 'In BF' column, a Column "Herd" has been added so that the user can see which herd the animal in question is in BenguFarm.
- **Important:** Condition scores can now be recorded in 0.25 increments (on a scale of 1 to 5).
- On the main screen's Herd Layout, a column for PPY (Production per Productive Year) has been added under the Progeny section. Go to Display Options to select this, if desired.
- An icon for the Feedlot Manager has been added to the main screen.
- Feedlot Manager > Feed and Camp Activities > Feed Stock: Two setup buttons, one for Feed and the other for Miscellaneous Stock.

Game module:

- Horn Measurements Evaluation screen and report: Animals' age in the "Old" column is now displayed in months (with one decimal) instead of days.
- Pedigree report > Print My Layout: An option has been added to display the *maximum* horn length instead of the last horn measurements.

Mobile app:

- **Important:** Adapted for compatibility with the MSSQL version of BenguFarm.
- Spanish and Portuguese language options have been added.

Genetics module:

- **Important:** Adapted for compatibility with the MSSQL version of BenguFarm.

New manuals

The manuals of the BEEF, SHEEP & GOATS and GAME modules and the MOBILE app were updated to include all new and improved features and reports. To download the latest version of the applicable BenguFarm module's manual, go in BenguFarm on the main screen to Help > English Manual / Afrikaans Handleiding. To download the MOBILE app's manual, go in BenguFarm to Data Send / Import > Synchronize BenguFarm MOBILE and click on English Manual / Afrikaanse Handleiding. The manuals can also be downloaded at www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Manuals.

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