

# BenguFarm™



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

## Newsletter 1/2020

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### New Update

**We are excited about the new features and reports that have recently been developed. See What's New? below for more information.**

**Please install the update (v20 May 2020) to ensure you will be able to use all the new and improved features and reports in BenguFarm in order to get the most value from your program.**

- **If your BenguFarm version is currently v16 July 2018 or later** (the version date is displayed at the top of the BenguFarm main window), you can update BenguFarm through 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 BenguFarm version is still *before* v16 July 2018, please contact your BenguFarm agent for help to download and install the newest version.**

### What's New in the 20 May 2020 update?

#### All modules:

- **IMPORTANT:** Disease Tests feature added:
  - Health > Disease Tests screen added to record, edit and delete disease tests.
  - Main Screen > Animal View > Vaccinations, Dosings *and* Disease Tests added.
  - Reports > Diseases, Prevention and Treatment > Disease Tests added.
- **IMPORTANT:** Synchronisation (of ovulation) feature added:
  - Settings > Herds > Mating, Pregnancy and Calving / Lambing > Synchronisation: # Days from insertion to 1st injection; 1st to 2nd injection; 2nd injection to removed; removed to AI/lapa.
  - Reproduction > Synchronisation screen added for recording, editing and deleting synchronisations.

- Main Screen > Animal View > Mating and Pregnancy History: Synchronisation section added (optional).
- Main Screen > Herd View: Synchronisation section added.
- Display > Customize Displayed Program Items: Can disable synchronisation recording screen and report.
- Reports > Matings, Pregnancy ... > Synchronisation: Report to see synchronisations as well as display dates for next actions (e.g. removal). Actions already taken = normal font; what remains to be done = **bold**; what should already have been done (date already past) = **Red + Bold**
- Natural Matings and AI / Lapa screens: Link Animals to a Group feature added.
- AI / Lapa screen: Field added to record Semen Type.
- Breedable Heifers and Cows / Young Ewes and Ewes report:
  - General criterion for selecting animals in a Specific Management Group added.
  - The cow's / ewe's current calf / lamb is now printed on the report below the last calving date.
- Pregnancy Testing screen: Field added to record Cost per Animal.
- Calving / Lambing screen: If pregnancy is done and number of fetuses is recorded, the Number of Calves field will by default indicate the number of fetuses at pregnancy.
- RFID Experts APR500 / 600 Reader screen > Edit APR Tasks: Procedures task added.
- RFID Experts APR500 / 600 data import: Option added to select animals and link to a group or camp.
- XR5000 Integration: Can link traits (e.g. condition score) to scale fields.
- Vaccinations and Dosage recording list report: Option "Print Vaccine/Remedy Dosage" added.
- Vaccines as well as Medicine Stock screens: Field "Dose Base" added with options Per Animal or Per Kg Weight.
- Vaccinations and Treatments: Cost is calculated automatically if batch number is entered. If not entered, the last purchased batch's unit price will be used.
- Feedlot Manager screen: Field added to record Vaccinate/Dose Against.
- Weights and Traits Not Linked to a Test screen > Traits: Remark field added.
- Rainfall screen: Remarks field added.

### **BEEF module:**

- No new beef-specific features.

### **SHEEP & GOATS module:**

- Weights for Performance Testing > The default Rearing Status can now be changed manually if needed.

### **MOBILE app:**

- **IMPORTANT:** Disease tests can be recorded (Disease Test task) and viewed (Animal View > Health).
- **IMPORTANT:** Synchronisation (of ovulation) can be recorded.
- **IMPORTANT:** Rainfall can now be recorded on the app.
- On the Weights note screen, the previous weight and ADG from the previous weight can be displayed.
- Section field added on General view screen.
- Improved pregnancy test recording screen.

### **GAME module:**

- Main Screen > Herd View > Display Options: Can now display Bloodline (Mitochondrial and Nuclear).
- Settings > Traits per Species: "Chevron" added for Livingstone eland (Options: Prominent, Light, None). Can be viewed on main window at Traits, included in My Reports, etc.

## **Training Courses**

Do you and your staff know the BenguFarm program well enough to use it fully for general management, selection, breeding and marketing? If not, consider it to attend one of the following BenguFarm training courses:

**BEEF module:**

- Introductory course 28-29 July 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 30-31 July 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 18-19 August 2020, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 20-21 August 2020, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.

**SHEEP & GOATS module:**

- Introductory course 7-8 July 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 9-10 July 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 4-5 August 2020, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 6-7 August 2020, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.

**GAME module:**

- Dates to be announced later.

If you are interested to attend one of these courses yourself or to send some of your staff, please contact Mr. Leslie Bergh at 082 801 2026 or e-mail him at [bengufarm@gmail.com](mailto:bengufarm@gmail.com) and indicate in which course you are interested. He will send you the booking form for the applicable course with the details of the course. The booking forms are also available at [www.bengufarm.co.za](http://www.bengufarm.co.za) > Training.

**New manuals**

The manuals of the BEEF, SHEEP & GOATS, 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 manual, go in BenguFarm on the main screen to Help > English/Afrikaans Manual OR go to [www.bengufarm.co.za](http://www.bengufarm.co.za) > Downloads > Manuals.

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