

# BenguFarm™



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

## Newsletter 1/2022

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

The past five months, many new features and reports have been developed. See What's New? below for more information.

**Please install the new update (v21 April 2022)** 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.

- **To update your 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 (the version date is displayed at the top of the BenguFarm main window), please contact your BenguFarm agent for help to download and install the new version.

### **New Update – BenguFarm MOBILE**

**Please install the new update (v12 April 2022)** to ensure you will be able to use all the new and improved features.

- 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 **OR** go on the Android phone / tablet to [www.bengufarm.co.za](http://www.bengufarm.co.za) > Downloads > Updates. Download and install the 12 April 2022 version of BenguFarm MOBILE 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 (v21 April 2022) to ensure you will be able to use all the new and improved features.

- First ensure you have installed the newest version of the BEEF/SHEEP & GOATS/GAME module – see above.
- **To update your BenguFarm GENETICS module,** go to [www.bengufarm.co.za](http://www.bengufarm.co.za) > Downloads > Updates. Download and install the 21 April 2022 version of BenguFarm GENETICS.

## What's New in the newest update?

### All modules:

- **Important:** Tru-Test XR5000 Integration screen: "Remove Animals with Inactive EIDs from Scale" function added to delete animals from the scale that have an EID on the scale, but that EID does not appear in this BenguFarm database.
- **Important:** Reports > Matings and Pregnancies: Option "Pregnancy Diagnosed Between [date] to [date]" added to select pregnancies irrespective if matings were recorded or not.
- My Reports > Report Columns > Reproduction & Progeny Av.: Last Calf/Lamb and Last Sucking Calf/Lamb: Sex was added.
- Bulls/rams marked as Visible for Reproduction in ALL herds can now be selected as the sire on the DNA Verified Parentage window.
- New (2022) prices for Unistel DNA Service Request form.
- My Reports> Report Columns> Reproduction and Progeny Average. > Last Sucking Calf/Lamb: Status field added.
- Disease Tests report: Cost column added.

### Beef and Sheep & Goats modules:

- **Important:** Main window > Herd View > Display Options:
  - Setup Highlighting and Rank Values: A Poorly Producing Cows/Ewes layout are now available.
  - Save Layout As: The following four alternative layouts are now available:
    - Matings and Pregnancy
    - Reproduction and Progeny
    - Weights and Weight Indices
    - Wool and Linear Scores (only Sheep & Goats module).
- **Important:** APR500/600 and AWR300 EID Readers data import:
  - "Import Lambings/Calvings even though Dam Cannot be Found" is now marked by default in new herds that have never used the function.
  - "Auto cancel EIDs of existing animals with the same EIDs as those of new lambs/calves" have been moved from the Advanced Options to the General Options and are now marked by default.
  - The main screen's animal dropdown now refreshes automatically when the APR screen is closed so that new animals are immediately visible and removed animals are not in the list.
- Potential Problems with Mating window: A heading has been added to better highlight "Accept" applies to all matings and "Keep"/"Remove" are additional options specific to duplicate matings. The relevant mating will be strike through with a line if "Accept" is not marked.
- The Existing Matings (mating list) now print the donor cow/ewe where the matings included are all embryo implants.
- Breeding herd selection report: An extra row with totals of animals exceeding the norms has been added.
- Performance Testing: A new screen "Milk Data" was added to record milk data for herds being milked.
- A Milk Data report has been added [Reports > Weights, Measurements, Performance Testing and Breeding Values > Milk Production Summary].
- Ovakron added to list of synchronisation products.

## Beef module:

- **Important:** Genomic results can now be imported directly from Logix [Logix Direct > Import Genomic Results].
- **Important:** The new breeding values as calculated by Studbook now import into BenguFarm and are displayed on the main screen's Animal View and Herd View as well as on My Reports, Sales Catalog report and Breeding Herd Selection report.
- **Important:** The new Bonsmara sale catalogue report layout was added.

## Sheep & Goats module:

- **Important:** Main window > Animal View:
  - Wool Test view window: Layout has been changed so that it now displays up to 10 shear records.
  - Progeny view window: In ewes, lambs of the same lambing are displayed on the same background color with lines between lambing dates to make it easier to distinguish multiples.
- **Important:** Wool analysis results such as fiber diameter and staple length can now be entered on the Wool Data for Performance Testing screen.
- Service Provider (Logix) calculated Inbreeding Percentages are now displayed on the main screen > Animal View > Breeding Values (bottom) and can now also be selected to display in My Reports > Report Columns > General > Inbreeding % (Service Provider Calculated).
- Cameroon Dwarf Goat added to breed list.

## Game module:

- **Important:** Main window > Herd View > Display Options > Save Layout As: The following two alternative layouts are now available:
  - Matings and Pregnancy
  - Reproduction and Progeny.

## Mobile app:

- **Important:** An Afrikaans language option has been added. To change the language, go to "Advanced Options" > "Language", select Afrikaans and press the Save button. Close the app and open it again to see the Afrikaans home screen.
- **Important:** A Count Group feature has been added on the main screen. With this feature, animals can be counted in a selected camp or group. Animals can also be marked off to determine which animal(s) are missing if the number of animals counted does not correspond to the number supposed to be there. This is a very handy function to do quick and easy inventory (stock take) of animals in a camp or group.
- **Important:** The new breeding values as calculated by Stud Book are now available on the View > Breeding Values screen
- Some of the main features' names have been changed.
- Synchronisation task screen: Fields to record Cost and Comments have been added. If these fields do not appear on the recording screen, go to Edit Tasks > Synchronisation and Enable these two fields.
- If the ID number is too long to fit in on the top of the View screen, it will display a separate line.

## Genetics module:

- **Important:** The new breeding values as calculated by Studbook for beef cattle are now available.
- The Genetics module's manual can now be downloaded and opened from the Help menu.

## Training Courses

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

### BEEF module:

- Introductory course 3-4 May 2022, Vryburg. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 5-6 May 2022, Vryburg. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 24-25 May 2022, Cradock. Presentation in Afrikaans.

- Advanced course 26-27 May 2022, Cradock. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 7-8 June 2022, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 9-10 June 2022, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 26-27 July 2022, Paarl. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 28-29 July 2022, Paarl. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 23-24 August 2022, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 25-26 August 2022, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.

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

- Introductory course 3-4 May 2022, Vryburg. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 5-6 May 2022, Vryburg. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 24-25 May 2022, Cradock. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 26-27 May 2022, Cradock. Presentation in Afrikaans.
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- Advanced course 28-29 July 2022, Paarl. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 9-10 August 2022, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 11-12 August 2022, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.

### **GAME module:**

- Please contact Leslie Bergh at 082 801 2026 if you are interested in attending a training course.

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 email 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 [bengufarm.co.za](http://bengufarm.co.za) > Training.

If you are interested in individual training or online training or a course in another region, please contact us so we can discuss which training option is the best for your needs.

Course dates for other regions will be finalised later.

## **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 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.

## **Tips**

### **Breeding an AI bulls/rams:**

**To mark your breeding bulls/rams and AI-bulls/rams as breeding/AI-bulls/rams**, go to Animals > Add and Edit Animals (Single animal layout), highlight the applicable bull/ram, make a tick mark in the field "Breeding/AI Bull/Ram" and click Save. Bulls/rams marked as a breeding bull/ram are listed separately under the "Breeding Bulls/Rams" category on the main screen's Herd View in the Category column as well in the Animals Numbers and Values report. The breeding bulls/rams will also be listed on top the list of bulls/rams when recording matings.

**Please note:** Keep the status of AI bulls/rams as Non-active to ensure they are not included in your herd list.

### **Bulls/rams used in more than one herd:**

**If a bull/ram is used in more than one herd** (e.g. stud and commercial) **that is on the same database**, go to Animals > Add and Edit Animals (Single Animal Layout) > General Data and mark the field "Visible for Reproduction in All Herds" and click Save. A bullram marked as such will be visible in the other herd(s) on the Matings screen in the list of bulls/rams to select as the bull/ram and on the on the Calving/Lambing screen to select as the sire of a calf/lamb. However, the bull/ram will not be listed in the other herd(s) as an active animal in the herd list.

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