

BenguFarm™



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

Newsletter 2/2019

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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 (v14 Jan 2019) 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 Jul 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.
- **If your BenguFarm version is currently before v16 Jul 2018**, follow the steps below to download and install the newest update. **Please contact your BenguFarm agent for help, if needed.** After updating BenguFarm in this manner, the web-update functionality in BenguFarm [File > Update from Web] will work again for future updates.
 - Make a backup of your BenguFarm database(s).
 - Close the BenguFarm programme on the computer.
 - Go to www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Updates.
 - Download the file **BenguFarm Update v14-01-2019.exe** as usual to your computer, i.e.: right click on the update link and select "Save link/target as...". A small window will open where the user can select where the update file must be saved to. Once the save to location is selected, click on "Save" to start downloading the file. Please note where the file is saved.
 - Once the download has completed, the self-extracting zip file must be run. Select "Run" from the "Download Complete" dialog. (The "Download Complete" dialog is displayed by the web browser once the file download has completed). Windows may give a security warning and ask the user whether the file must be run or not. Select to "More Info" and/or "Run" / "Run anyway" to run the update file.

- The update file will automatically search for the BenguFarm installation folder and update all the necessary files. Wait until the "Update Installed" message is displayed and click OK. Remember to re-activate your anti-virus software again if you have temporarily de-activated it.
- Open BenguFarm and check if the new version is indeed installed. (The version info is displayed at the top of the main window. It should be **BenguFarm™ [Module] v14 Jan 2018**).

What's New in the 14 January 2019 update?

All modules:

- **Important:** Main screen > Animal View: Procedures view screen added
- **Important:** General Herd Expenditures report added [Reports > Herd Analysis > General Herd Expenditures]
- **Important:** Animals per Camp or Group report: Option added to print a report per group instead of camp
- **Important:** Feature added to print labels for biological samples [Data Send/Receive > Send > DNA Profiling Service Forms > Print Biological Sample Labels]
- **Important:** Animal Numbers and Values report: Camp option added
- Unistel DNA lab services request form: Prices updated for 2019
- Herd List report: Commercial herd layout added
- Weights and Gains report: Option added to group animals by camp
- AI screen: Field added to record cost
- Breeding Values report: Option added to display breeding values or breeding value indexes
- Weigh List report: Option to print Traceability Nr
- Print Breedable Heifers and Cows screen: Include Animals that have not been Weighed **past [#]** days
- Clinomics DNA results import: Option to update the calf's section
- Pasture Utilization per Camp report: Calculations information screen added
- Heifers and Cows Calved/Not Calved Yet report: Include Animals not Tested for Pregnancy option added
- Find duplicate animals: Can print report
- Camp Activities report: Option added to print summary, not detail

BEEF and SHEEP & GOATS Modules:

- **Important:** APR500 data import: Various import options added

BEEF Module:

- Borguni breed added

SHEEP & GOATS Module:

- **Important:** Matings and Pregnancy report: # Foetuses / # Ewes Mated calculation added
- **Important:** Mating Summary per Ram and/or Season report: At Pregnancy a column # Foetuses was added
- Logix Main Data File import: Import now also inspection data
- Main screen > Herd View > Wool section: Grade field added
- Döhne Merino breed: Grade A and AA added to Section
- Sales, Deaths and Culls screen: Carcass Weight Added at Multi Edit
- Fleece Testing Control List: Previous Shear Date, Current Shear Date, etc. now printed if it is the same for all selected animals

GAME Module:

- **Important:** Horn Growth Evaluation report: Option added to include only (non-active) animals of the specific breeder, i.e. to exclude non-active animals of other breeders
- **Important:** Pedigree report > Own Layout: Option added to include the *longest* (instead of the latest) horn measurements

- Horn Measurements Evaluation report: Bloodline column added
- Send BenguFarm Animal Transfer File: Option "Include Progeny of Dams of Selected Animals" added
- Main screen > Animal View > Horn Measurements: Option added to display horn growth (dm/mo) in *separate* columns
- Averages and Trends report: Can select horn *growth* (dm/mo) as trait (instead of horn length)

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 12-13 February 2019, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 14-15 February 20189 Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 19-20 February 2019, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 21-22 February 2019, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

SHEEP & GOATS module:

- Introductory course 5-6 February 2018, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 7-8 February 2018, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 5-6 March 2019, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 7-8 March 2019, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

GAME module:

- Busy with planning of courses for 2019.

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 leslie.bergh@vodamail.co.za 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 > Training.

New manuals

The manuals of the BEEF, SHEEP & GOATS and GAME modules were updated to include all new and improved functionalities 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 > Downloads > Manuals.

Did you know?

To create a report of animals in a specific camp that has *not* been vaccinated against a specific disease, go to Reports > Diseases, Prevention and Treatment > Vaccinations, Dosings and Supplements > Select Camp and "Not Vaccinated/Received Remedy or Supplement. An option to create a work list is also available.

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