

BenguFarm™



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

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

STUD BREEDERS - VERY IMPORTANT: SA Studbook updated their Logix server in mid-August. As a result, the Logix Direct features in BenguFarm stopped working. BenguFarm has been adapted to be compatible with the new Logix server. BenguFarm therefore need to be updated to version 20 May 2020p or newer in order to use the Logix Direct features again. See below how to do it.

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 new update (v1 October 2020) 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 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 new version.**

New Update – BenguFarm MOBILE

The service company that provides the certain web services recently upgraded their servers. To adapt to this, BenguFarm MOBILE users need to update their BenguFarm on their computers version 20 May 2020a or newer. See above how to do this. The BenguFarm MOBILE app should also be updated:

- **BenguFarm MOBILE for Android:** On an Android phone / tablet, go to www.bengufarm.co.za. On the menu, go to Downloads > Updates. Download and install the 23 September 2020 or newer version of BenguFarm MOBILE for Android.
- **BenguFarm MOBILE for Apple:** An Apple phone or tablet will automatically download and install the update.

What's New in the 1 October 2020 update?

All modules:

- Main Window > Animal View:
 - **IMPORTANT:** Birth: Mating Bull(s) / Ram(s) field added to display the *possible* sires of an animal born from multi-bull / ram mating.
 - Animal View > Matings & Pregnancy History and Diseases & Treatments view screens: Cost field added.
- **IMPORTANT:** Natural Matings screen: If Multi Bulls / Rams selected, all applicable bulls / rams can be selected at once.
- Sales, Deaths and Culls screen:
 - **IMPORTANT:** Carcass Class field added for recording carcass classification (e.g. A2, A3, C1).
 - Dressing % field added At Multi-edit / Add New section.
 - If Dressing % and live weight are recorded, (but not carcass weight), carcass weight will be calculated automatically.
- Link Animals to a Group: Last Active Last Lamb younger than ... already weaned to ANOTHER group as the Dam option added.
- Weights, Measurements and Scores Not Linked to a Test screen: Link Animals to a Group feature added.
- Heifers/Maiden Ewes and Cows/Ewes Calved/Lambled / Not Calved/Lambled Yet report: Can now select a management group(s), same as camps.
- Inbreeding Calculation for Planned Matings: Selected Matings added in report – marked with a “√”.

BEEF module:

- **IMPORTANT:** Logix Direct Import Missing Animals: Now first display screen with missing animals, can choose # generations. Results of the imports are displayed after the animals have been imported.
- PEN reasons list expanded – same as Logix.
- Sale catalogue report:
 - Bonsmara layout:
 - 1 / 2 codes for Horns / Polled replaced with H / P.
 - Pedigree page: Display Horns / Polled with an H / P after the animal's ID number.
 - New Pedigree layout added.

SHEEP & GOATS module:

- **IMPORTANT:** Default livestock units (LSU) updated and can be set according to the average frame size of mature ewes. **Please note:** Users should choose the appropriate frame size *themselves* at Settings > Herds > Body Measurements > Ewes' Frame Size. The updated LSU values only apply to the Default Sheep Numbers calculation method.
- **IMPORTANT:** Wool Data for Performance Testing screen: Link Existing Data feature added.
- **IMPORTANT:** Wool Data for Performance Testing screen: Condition score added to the Multi-edit / Add New section if breed = Merino.

- Herd View > Linear Scores section: Condition score can be displayed if breed = Merino.
- Bapedi breed: Can now record various coat colors.
- Awassi breed added.

MOBILE app:

- Main menu now contains 8 items - Take Photo and Veterinary Network added.
- View Animal now has 4 options as well as "More" at the *bottom* of the screen.

GAME module:

- **IMPORTANT:** DNA Service Request Form from Veterinary Genetic Laboratory, UP Onderstepoort added.
- **IMPORTANT:** Disease test results can be included in Animal Summary and Sale Catalogue reports.

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 6-7 October 2020, Cradock. Presentation in English.
- Advanced course 8-9 October 2020, Cradock. Presentation in English.
- Introductory course 17-18 November 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 19-20 November 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

SHEEP & GOATS module:

- Introductory course 6-7 October 2020, Cradock. Presentation in English.
- Advanced course 8-9 October 2020, Cradock. Presentation in English.
- Introductory course 3-4 November 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 5-6 November 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

GAME module:

- Introductory course 27-28 October 2020, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

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 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, 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 > Downloads > Manuals.

Is your BenguFarm data safe?

VERY IMPORTANT!

- **The BenguFarm database, photos, etc. are NOT kept in the cloud, in other words it is kept on the computer itself.** This means that if the computer is stolen or the hard drive get damaged or a virus damages the computer files, the BenguFarm data, etc. will be lost.
- **Please make a backup of your BenguFarm database(s), etc. on a regular basis and save the backup in a safe place** like Dropbox / GoogleDrive / OneDrive and/or on an external hard drive or a memory stick. Keep this external hard drive or memory stick in a safe place separate from your computer.
- **To set up a default folder where your backup files will be saved**, go to Settings > Herds > Default Folders for Files > Default Folder where Backup Files will be Saved.
- **To make a backup**, go to File > Backup and Restore. Under the heading Create a Backup, select the type of data (Database(s), Saved Report Layouts, Photos & Documents) of which you want to make a backup. Under the heading Make Backup To, select the location where you want to make the backup file. Click to the right on Backup to make the backup. Use the Help function if necessary.
- At Settings > Herds > Reminders you can set up a reminder to make a backup on a regular basis.

Did you know?

Animals can be linked or moved to camps or groups on the following screens:

- Other Data > Move Animals to Another Camp or Group.
- Main Window > Herd View > Link Animals to Group.
- Animals > Add Animals Wizard > Camp.
- Animals > Add and Edit Animals (Single Animal Layout) > General > Camp.
- Animals > Edit Animals (Table Layout) > Camps.
- Reproduction > Matings > Natural / AI > Link Animals to Group.
- Reproduction > Pregnancy Tests > Link Animals to Group.
- Reproduction > Calving / Lambing (for movement of cow /ewe and calf / lamb shortly after calving / lambing).
- Weights, Traits and Scores not linked to a Test.
- Performance Testing > Weights for Performance Testing > Link Animals to Group.
- Performance Testing > Wool Data for Performance Testing.
- RFID Experts APR500/600 Reader > Link Animals to Group.
- Tru-Test XR5000 Integration > Import Data from Scale > Link Animals to Group.
- My Animal Data Report > View Report > Link Animals to Group.
- Reports > Matings, Pregnancies and Lambings > Matings and Pregnancies > Link Animals to Group.
- Reports > Inspection and Selection > Ewe Productivity Selection > Link Animals to Group.
- Animals > Data Navigator > Link Animals to Group.

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