

# BenguFarm™



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

## Newsletter 2/2021

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

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

**Please install the new update (v1 April 2021)** 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 (v1 April 2021)** to ensure you will be able to use all the new and improved features.

- **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 1 April 2021 version of BenguFarm MOBILE for Android.
- **BenguFarm MOBILE for Apple:** An Apple phone or tablet will automatically download and install the newest update.

# What's New in the 1 April 2021 update?

## All modules:

- **Important:** New report, "Births", was added [Reports > Matings, Pregnancies and Calvings > Births]. The primary purpose of this report is to create a report at the end of a calving/lambing season of all calves/lambs born during the season.
- **Important:** New report "Log of Recorded Activities" added [Reports > Administration > Log of Recorded Activities]. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of EVERYTHING recorded, imported and sent in the program over a period of time. This will, especially for owners who are not on the farm every day, give a report of everything that has been done on BenguFarm for a certain period, for example for the past month.
- **Important:** Main window > Herd Layout > Pregnancy section > Expected Calving/Lambing date: If it is more than 14 days past the expected calving/lambing date, the expected date is highlighted in red to alert you.
- **Important:** Main window > Animal View > General: The herd in which the animal is as well as the date and reason moved (if applicable) added. This is handy when you work in the "ALL" herd, to quickly check in which herd an animal is.
- **Important:** Diary and Management Calendar > Management Calendar: A category Stock near Expiry was added to give alerts when a certain batch of vaccine or medicine recorded in the stock register is close to the expiry date.
- **Important:** Counters for the number of records on screen as well as the number of records selected were added on all recording screens.
- **Important:** On certain reports (where it was missing), the number animals (and, where applicable the number of records) in the report are displayed at the bottom of the report.
- **Important:** Genomic Results:
  - Can now be displayed on My Reports (result only) - see section Genomic Testing.
  - A Reference field was added (recording screen, main screen and My Reports).
- Herd Movements report: Option added to select specific animal(s) for report.
- Synchronisation recording window, view window and report: Cost per Animal field added. Also displayed on Income and Expenditure Report.
- Move Animals to Another Herd recording window: Only active animals are listed by default.
- Feedlot Manager > Purchases: If the animal weight as well as price/kg is entered, price is calculated automatically.
- Sales, Deaths and Culls report: An option was added to include calves that died at birth (abortions, stillborn, died at birth, died after birth) in the report.
- My Reports:
  - Report Columns > Dam Information: Number of Calves added
  - Report Columns > Last Weights & Traits: Previous Weight added
- Unistel DNA Service Request form updated with the newest prices.
- Vaccination report window: Option added to select animals according to any group, e.g. calving season, management group, camp.
- Weighing List report: Place to enter Weigh Date made more prominent.
- Purchases window: Field Price/kg added. If Price/kg entered and weights entered, income per animal is calculated automatically.
- Inbreeding Calculation for Planned Mating screen: Select Column and Link Animals to Group feature added.
- Link Animals to Group feature added to many recording windows and a few report windows.
- Weights and Gains report options: Can now select weight type to include / exclude from report.
- Sales, Deaths and Culls window: Field Dressing % added to the Multi Edit / Add New section.
- Sales, Deaths and Culls screen:
  - If there are one or more animals with an EID on record, a warning will appear with options to remove (recommend) or keep the EID.
  - The Dressing % field added to the Multi Edit / Add New section.

- Heifers and Cows Calved / Not Calved Yet report as well as Birth report: Option added to print Calving Ease, Calf Status and Birth Status codes and descriptions.

### **Beef and Sheep & Goats modules:**

- **Important:** Import data from APR500/600 EID reader: Option "Mark calves/lambs with EID = \_\_\_\_\_ as Non-active" added. This enables you to keep one EID separate to use to register still born calves/lambs. During importation of such calving/lambing data from the APR, the status of the applicable calves/lambs will be made non-active and the EID will *not* be saved with the calf/lamb. For more information on using this feature, see the BenguFarm Manual, Appendix C > Recording Data on the APR500 / APR600 > Recording Lambings > Abortions, stillborn lambs as well as lambs that died shortly after birth.

### **Beef module:**

- Animal Summary report: Breedplan breeding values, where applicable, are now displayed.

### **Sheep & Goats module:**

- **Important:** Importing of lambing data from APR EID reader: The rearing status is now created by default as the same as the number of lambs born alive of the ewe in question.
- **Important:** New APR500/600 wool task, code 8034, added where, in addition to wool and conformation scores, condition scores can also be recorded.
- Breeding Herd Selection report: All breeding values are now available to select as criteria.
- Several sheep and goat breeds added to the breed list.
- Animal Summary Report: Section added for Mature Weight info.

### **Game module:**

- Horn Measurements Evaluation report:
  - Display Camp (similar than bloodline) option added.
  - Select Animals column as well as Link Animals to Group feature added.
- Settings > Traits by Species: Default list for elephants added.

### **Mobile app:**

- Calving/Lambing screen: Where applicable, the Foster Dam can now be selected. If the Foster Dam field is not visible, go to Edit Tasks > Calving / Lambing on the main menu and select at the Foster Dam field the Enabled button and Save.
- View Animal > General screen: The Camp and Management Group in which the animal is currently, has been added.
- Mating screen: With multi-bull/ram matings, up to six bulls/rams can now be selected. If you can't select more than three bulls/rams, go on the main menu to Edit Tasks > Mating and check the Enabled button at Sire 4, Sire 5 and Sire 6 and Save.

## **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 4-5 May 2021, Vryburg. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 6-7 May 2021, Vryburg. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 18-19 May 2021, Cradock. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 20-21 May 2021, Cradock. Presentation in Afrikaans.

- Introductory course 8-9 June 2021, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 10-11 June 2021, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 6-7 July 2021, Howick. Presentation in English.
- Advanced course 8-9 July 2021, Howick. Presentation in English.
- Introductory course 27-28 July 2021, Paarl. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 29-30 July 2021, Paarl. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 3-4 August 2021, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 5-6 August 2021, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.

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

- Introductory course 4-5 May 2021, Vryburg. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 6-7 May 2021, Vryburg. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 18-19 May 2021, Cradock. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 20-21 May 2021, Cradock. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 6-7 July 2021, Howick. Presentation in English.
- Advanced course 8-9 July 2021, Howick. Presentation in English.
- Introductory course 27-28 July 2021, Paarl. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 29-30 July 2021, Paarl. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 17-18 August 2021, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 19-20 August 2021, 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.

## **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.

## **Did you know?**

BenguFarm has a **Feedlot Manager** feature. This is a one-window feature where pen groups can be created, animals linked to and, if needed, moved between pen groups. Feed put out and other activities can be recorded. Individual animal records can be kept for purchase information, vaccinations, health entries, weights and sale/slaughter data. Per-animal calculations are provided for weight gain, last two ADGs, expenditures, income and net profit. Pen group summaries are provided for total feed quantities, average feed conversion ratio, average ADG, total expenditures, income and net profit.

To use this feature, go on the main window to Add-Ins > Feedlot Manager. Use the Help function for step-by-step instructions.

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