

BenguFarm™



ADVANCED LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE
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Nuusbrief 2/2016

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Nuwe Opgradering – Alle modules

'n Nuwe opgradering van die BenguFarm sagteware is Vrydag vrygestel . Die opgradering is van toepassing op die BEEF, GAME, SHEEP & GOATS en PIGS modules.

BAIE BELANGRIK:

- Installeer asseblief die update om te verseker dat jy al die nuwe, verbeterde en gekorrigeerde funksies en verslae in BenguFarm kan benut.
- Die web-opgradering fasiliteit sal slegs werk om hierdie opgradering te installeer indien die 13 Mei 2016 (of later) opgradering voorheen geïnstalleer is.
 - Indien die 13 Mei 2016 (of later) opgradering voorheen geïnstalleer is, kan die nuwe (16 September 2016) opgradering installeer word deur in BenguFarm te gaan na Lêer > Opgradeer vanaf Web.
 - Indien die 13 Mei 2016 (of later) opgradering NIE voorheen geïnstalleer is nie, kan die nuwe (16 September 2016) opgradering installeer word deur die volgende stappe te volg. Kontak gerus jou BenguFarm agent vir hulp, indien nodig.
 - Maak 'n rugsteun van jou BenguFarm databasis(se). Sien die afdeling "Hoe veilig is jou BenguFarm data?" hieronder vir instruksies.
 - Maak die BenguFarm program op die rekenaar toe.
 - Gaan na www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads> Updates.
 - Laai die lêer **BenguFarm Update v16-09-2016.exe** soos gewoonlik af op jou rekenaar, naamlik regs klik op die opgradering skakel en kies "Save target as..." of "Save link as...". 'n Klein skerm sal oopmaak waar die gebruiker kan kies waar die update lêer gestoor moet word. Sodra die plek gekies is, klik op "Save" om te begin die lêer af te laai. Let op waar die leer gestoor word.
 - Sodra die aflaai voltooi is, moet die self-onttrekking ("self-extracting") zip lêer uitgevoer word. Kies "Run" van die "Download Complete" dialoog. (Die "Download Complete"

dialog word vertoon deur die webblaaier sodra die lêer aflaai voltooi is). Windows mag moontlik 'n sekuriteit waarskuwing gee en die gebruiker vra of die lêer moet "run" of nie. Kies die "More info" en/of "Run" / "Run anyway" om die opgradering te installeer.

- Die opgradering lêer sal outomaties vir die BenguFarm installasiegids soek en al die nodige lêers opgradeer. Wag totdat die "Update Installed" boodskap vertoon word. Klik OK om hierdie boodskap toe te maak.
- Maak BenguFarm oop en kyk of die nuwe weergawe inderdaad geïnstalleer is. (Die weergawe inligting vertoon aan die bokant van die hoofskerm. Dit moet wees **BenguFarm™ [Module] v16 Sep 2016...**).

Wat is nuut in die nuwe BenguFarm opgradering?

Sien die What's New onderaan bladsy 4 van hierdie Nuusbrief vir 'n lys van funksies wat bygevoeg of verbeter is sedert die vorige opgradering. Vergewis asseblief jouself hiervan sodat jy die nuwe/verbeterde funksies kan benut.

Opleidingskursusse

Ken jy en jou personeel die BenguFarm program goed genoeg om dit ten volle te benut vir algemene bestuur, seleksie, teling en bemarking? Indien nie, oorweeg dit dan om een van die volgende BenguFarm opleidingskursusse by te woon:

BEEF module:

- Inleidende kursus 20-21 September 2016, Bloemfontein. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- GEVORDERDE kursus 22 September 2016, Bloemfontein. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Inleidende kursus 3-4 November 2016, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Inleidende kursus 17-18 November 2016, Pretoria. Aanbieding in **Engels**.
- GEVORDERDE kursus 24 November 2016, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.

SHEEP & GOATS module:

- Inleidende kursus 13-14 Oktober 2016, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.

GAME module:

- Inleidende kursus 6-7 Oktober 2016, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- GEVORDERDE kursus 25 November 2016, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Inleidende kursus 1-2 Desember 2016, Pretoria. Aanbieding in **Engels**.

Indien jy belang stel om een van hierdie kursusse self by te woon of een van jou personele te stuur, kontak Mnr. Leslie Bergh by 082 801 2026 of stuur 'n epos na leslie.bergh@vodamail.co.za en dui aan in watter kursus jy belang stel. Hy sal dan vir jou die betrokke kursus se besprekingsvorm met al die besonderhede van die kursus stuur. Die besprekingsvorms is ook beskikbaar by www.bengufarm.co.za > Training.

Nuwe handleidings

Die handleidings van die BEEF, SHEEP & GOATS en GAME modules is hersien en uitgebrei waar nodig. Om die nuutste weergawe van die betrokke BenguFarm handleiding af te laai, gaan na www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Manuals. Afrikaanse en Engelse weergawes is beskikbaar.

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(Sien bladsy 1 vir Afrikaans)

In this Newsletter:

- New update available
- Training courses
- New manuals available
- What is new in the new BenguFarm update?

New Update – All modules

A new update of the BenguFarm software has been released on Friday. The update applies to the BEEF, GAME, SHEEP & GOATS and PIGS modules.

VERY IMPORTANT:

- Please install the update to ensure you will be able use all the new, improved and corrected functions and reports in BenguFarm.
- The web-update facility will only work to install this update if the 13 May 2016 (or later) update has been installed previously.
 - If the 13 May 2016 (or later) update was installed previously, the new (16 September 2016) update can be installed by going in BenguFarm to File > Update from Web.
 - If the 13 May 2016 (or later) update have NOT been installed previously, the new (16 September 2016) update can be installed by following the instructions below. Please contact your BenguFarm agent for help, if needed.
 - Make a backup of your BenguFarm database(s). See the section "How safe is your BenguFarm data?" below for instructions.
 - Close the BenguFarm programme on the computer.
 - Go to www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Updates.
 - Download the file **BenguFarm Update v16-09-2016.exe** as usual to your computer, i.e.: Right Click on the update link and select "Save Target As..." or "Save Link 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. Click OK to close this message.
- 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] v16 Sep 2016...**).

What's New in the new BenguFarm update?

See the What's New section further on in this Newsletter for a list of functions which have been added or improved since the previous update. Please take note of this to ensure that can use the new/improved functions.

Training Courses

Know 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 20-21 September 2016, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- ADVANCED course 22 September 2016, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 3-4 November 2016, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 17-18 November 2016, Pretoria. Presentation in **English**.
- ADVANCED course 24 November 2016, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

SHEEP & GOATS module:

- Introductory course 13-14 October 2016, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

GAME module:

- Introductory course 6-7 October 2016, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- ADVANCED course 25 November 2016, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 1-2 December 2016, Pretoria. Presentation in **English**.

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 and expanded where necessary. To download the latest version of the applicable BenguFarm manual, go to www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Manuals. Afrikaans and English versions are available.

What's New in the new BenguFarm update?

All modules:

- Main window layout (selection of which sub windows are displayed on the main window) are now saved per database. This is helpful for users with more than one module that want different main window layouts for each module (database),

- Rainfall report:
 - The report now also includes the rainfall graph.
 - Option to compare rainfall of different locations on the rainfall graph. Option "Compare Locations" added. Select the places for which rainfall must be compared.
- Capture animal insurance information. Go to Other Data > Animal Insurance. Insurance report added: Go to Reports > Other > Insurance.
- RFID APR500 registration task changed to update existing animals according to IDnr (VID) with assigned EIDs.
- Define the category for remarks: Go to Settings > Remarks.
- Camp Movement Report: Number of days added to report for cases where an animal has already left the camp.
- DNA Parentage and Bloodline Verification Window: Changed so that only bloodline verifications can be entered without parent verification information.
- Tru-Test XR5000 integration: In collaboration with RFID Experts. Communicate, setup, update and download scale data directly from within BenguFarm.
 - Edit scale fields and link BenguFarm fields to fields on scale.
 - Add, update and delete animals to and from scale.
 - Import session data from scale.
 - Additional BenguFarm fields that could be linked to scale fields will be added on request.
 - Animals can now be exported to a session on the scale.
 - Option added to import animals to groups (other than camps).
 - Option to copy all the animals in a session, as currently displayed on screen, to a group, be it a camp, management group or any other user defined group.
 - Delete sessions from within BenguFarm.
 - On screen help added.
 - Speed improvements
 - Option added to update only scale - BenguFarm filed links without updating field definitions on the scale
 - Mark which field you want to update on the scale. Especially handy where a list field, for example camps, were updated in BenguFarm and you wish to update that selection list options to the scale.
 - Multiple fields added that can be uploaded and downloaded from scale
 - Can now also upload and download animals without EIDs
 - Deleting of all scale animals now also work for animals without EIDs
 - Importation of EID changes updated. Comparison by VID (IDnr Visual). Where EID is found at another animal, the EID would be removed from that animal and added to the animal now found according to VID. Columns added to indicate which animals EIDs are going to be updated as well as whose EIDs are going to be deleted.
 - Search by EID also change to first look in active animals and then non-active animals. This is to prevent probable errors where EID was removed from non-active animals and tagged to another animal.

GAME Module:

- Moozoolab DNA services form added for Sable and Roan bloodline analysis.
- New Sable bloodlines added as identified by research done by Moozoolab and the University of Johannesburg.
- DNA Verified Bloodlines: The % of different bloodlines as identified by nuclear bloodline DNA testing can now be entered. Die bloodline composition and other DNA verification information of the animal can now also be printed in separate section of the animal summary and auction catalogue reports.
- Animal Summary Report:
 - Progeny horn measurements displayed incorrectly where two different progeny animals were measured on the same day. This was corrected.

- Where parent and progeny had horn measurements on same date, the parent horn measurements override the calf's horn measurement in the progeny section of the report.
- Animal microchip number now displays on DNA Verified Parentage window.
- Bloodline composition added to Calving and Add and Edit Animals windows.
- Option to only print the largest horn measurements on the animal summary report.
- PhotoTape measurements will now print with an "*" next to the measurement date.
- Rhino Horn Registry added. Keep record of dehorned horns with related information such as microchip and VGL numbers. Go to Other Data > Rhino Horn Register. Report to follow in due course.
- Option added on My Reports to search and display the horn measurements were the largest in the horn measurement history of the animal. This is to accommodate for horn wear and the user wants to view how large the horns were on its largest point. Check the "Search Max Horn on" option located under "Advance Options", bottom right of criteria window. Please note that the horn measurements being search for are displayed in the horn measurements columns of "Last Horn Measurement". With this option selected, it is not necessary the "last" horn measurements that are then displayed in this section of the report.
- Bloodline verification information added to the pedigree section of the animal summary report. "Mit" and/or "Nuc" for Mitochondrial and/or Nuclear verified bloodlines will be printed in square brackets after the bloodline where applicable verification data is available.
- Columns added to My Reports for bloodline verification date and reference for each of mitochondrial and nuclear bloodline verification information.
- Relative importance or trait weights can now be set which are then used to calculate the total horn index on the horn report.

BEEF module:

- Unistel DNA form - Prices updated and new priority/urgent option added to UniStel options window and printout.
- Per-Capita Compare: Added quick edit button opening Animal Edit window, also options to remove animals with a specified status from the per-capita compare list.
- Layout of Bonsmara inspection report as requested by industry.

SHEEP & GOATS module:

- Matings and Pregnancies report now has an option to group animals on the report according to number of fetuses.
- Importation of wool results from CMW. This is for farmers who do independent wool testing (i.e.: not with ARC or Stud Book).
- Wool and Conformation scores at last wool performance test added to My Reports.
- User Defined Report: Criteria added for # fetuses at last pregnancy examination.
- Optional parameters to set the custom maximum prewean and wean age when calculating prewean and wean dates. Go to: Settings > Herds > Performance Testing: Tick the "Use Custom Max Prewean and Wean Ages" option. Only values below the maximum age as prescribed by your service provider are permitted.
- Conformation linear score at inspection, wean and post wean columns added to My Report: Animal Data.
- Importation of Alpaca wool test results changed to accommodate up to 20 shearings.
- Option added to APR500 camp movement task. Select "Cancellation" and then "Re-Use Tags". This option is used if you want to cancel EIDs. The animal itself will not be cancelled, only the assigned EID removed from the applicable animals. Contact RFID Experts to update your APR software if you wish to use this function.
- Reports > Averages and Trends: View various averages and trends with multiple selection criteria and grouping options. Also ability to analyse conformation and wool linear scores taken at various stages of an animal's life.
- Maiden Ewes and Ewes near Lambing Report: Option to group ewes by number of fetuses. The number of fetuses must have been entered in the pregnancy examination window.

- Conformation score now option to import from electronic scale files. Conformation score added to Performance Testing: Weights window. Export of Linear Scores added to Performance Testing: Weights window.
- Tru-Test XR5000 integration: Fields added that the # foetuses from pregnant ewes can be exported to the scale. Field also added Pregnancy Examination: # Foetuses which enables the user to enter the number of foetuses at pregnancy examination on the scale and import it to BenguFarm.
- RFID APR500 import of wool performance data. The import was adjusted to allow for multiple records where each record contains a subset of input fields filled with values. You can now for example enter fleece weight and scores at a certain stage and at a later stage create a second wool record on the APR and only enter the body weight. The import will combine data in one record when importing to BenguFarm, provided the records are on the same date.

PIGS module:

- Pre-farrowing action list: Sow`s house added to report.
- Options to print section A of the sow card into 2 separate sections with bigger font.
- Number of gilts added to dashboard report.
- Calculation of number of sows changed to include gilts mated.
- Option to display notes on boar and sow cards.
- Own Reports: Litter Data:
 - Added Total Number of Piglets Born as column that can be displayed.
 - Breed criteria now includes breed name next to breed code
- Own Reports: Animal Data:
 - Added selected criteria for begin and end test date.
- Parity added to Pre-farrowing action list.
- Growth test age added to Animal Summary and Boar Card reports.
- Parity added House Sheet.
- Boar Card - Can now choose section that must be printed and new section for growth test results added.
- Weekly action lists - 21 day weight - added fields to report for number born alive, fostered on and off.

GENETICS:

- Option to filter breeding bulls on main screen.
- Resize of policy setup screen doesn`t distort the breeding value distribution graph anymore.
- Number of selected males and females added to step 1 and 2 policy run setup window.
- Option to select breeding bulls from animal selection window.