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Nuusbrief 2/2017

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Nuwe Opgradering

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

BAIE BELANGRIK: Installeer asseblief die nuwe opgradering om te verseker dat jy al die nuwe, en verbeterde funksies en verslae in BenguFarm kan benut en dat jou program optimaal funksioneer.

- As gevolg van 'n tegniese probleem wat ons op die BenguFarm-webwerf ervaar het, kan gebruikers nie BenguFarm opgradeer met die web-opdaterings funksie in BenguFarm [Lêer > Update van die web] voordat die BenguFarm opgradering **17-10-2017h** (of later) direk vanaf die BenguFarm webwerf afgelaai en geïnstalleer is nie.
- Dus, as jou huidige BenguFarm-weergawe *voor* 17-10-2017h is, volg onderstaande stappe om die nuutste opgradering af te laai en te installeer. **Kontak gerus jou BenguFarm agent vir hulp, indien nodig.** Nadat BenguFarm op hierdie wyse opgradeer is, sal die web-opdaterings funksie in BenguFarm [Lêer > Opgradeer vanaf Web] weer werk vir toekomstige opdaterings.
 - Maak 'n rugsteun van jou BenguFarm databasis(se).
 - Maak die BenguFarm program op die rekenaar toe.
 - Gaan na www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Updates.
 - Laai die lêer **BenguFarm Update v07-12-2017.exe** soos gewoonlik af op jou rekenaar, naamlik regs klik op die opgradering skakel en "Save link/target 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 lêer 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" dialoog word vertoon deur die webblaaiër 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. Onthou om jou antivirus sagteware weer te aktiveer indien jy dit tydelik gede-aktiveer het.
- 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] v07-Des 2017...**).

Wat is nuut in die nuwe BenguFarm opgradering?

Sien die What's New afdeling onderaan bladsy 7 van hierdie Nuusbrieff 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 bemerking? Indien nie, oorweeg dit dan om een van die volgende BenguFarm opleidingskursusse by te woon:

BEEF module:

- Inleidende kursus 23-24 Januarie 2018, Vryheid. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Gevorderde kursus 25-26 Januarie 2018, Vryheid. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Inleidende kursus 6-7 Februarie 2018, Bloemfontein. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Gevorderde kursus 8-9 Februarie 2018, Bloemfontein. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Inleidende kursus 20-21 Februarie 2018, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Gevorderde kursus 22-23 Februarie 2018, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.

SHEEP & GOATS module:

- Inleidende kursus 13-14 Februarie 2018, Bloemfontein. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Gevorderde kursus 15-16 Februarie 2018, Bloemfontein. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Inleidende kursus 6-7 Maart 2018, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Gevorderde kursus 8-9 Maart 2018, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.

GAME module:

- Inleidende kursus 13-14 Maart 2018, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.
- Gevorderde kursus 15-16 Maart 2018, Pretoria. Aanbieding in Afrikaans.

Indien jy belang stel om een van hierdie kursusse self by te woon of van jou personeellede 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 opgedateer en uitgebrei om voorsiening te maak vir al die nuwe en verbeterde funksies en verslae. 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.

Kantore gesluit

Let asseblief op dat die meeste van ons personeel met verlof is vanaf 9 Desember tot 1 Januarie. Indien jy gedurende hierdie tydperk hulp benodig en jou eie agent nie beskikbaar is nie, probeer enige van die ander agente. Besoek www.bengufarm.co.za > Contact vir 'n lys van agente.

Ons wil graag al ons kliënte hartlik bedank vir jul ondersteuning gedurende 2017. Dit was 'n plesier om julle tot diens te wees.

Vir die van julle wat gelukkig is om op vakansie te gaan gedurende Desember: Mag julle 'n veilige reis en 'n heerlike rustyd saam met julle gesinne hê. Mag ons almal hierdie Kerstyd opnuut bewus wees van Jesus se liefde vir ons en waaroor Kersfees eintlik gaan. Mag 2018 vir jou 'n besonderse jaar wees gevul met vrede, vreugde, hoop, blymoedigheid en bowenal liefde.

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(Sien bladsy 1 vir Afrikaans)

In this Newsletter:

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New Update – BEEF, SHEEP & GOATS, GAME and PIG modules

A new software update of the BenguFarm BEEF, GAME, SHEEP & GOATS and PIGS modules has been released recently.

VERY IMPORTANT Please install the update to ensure you will be able use all the new and improved functions and reports in BenguFarm and that your program function optimally.

- Because of a technical problem we experienced with the BenguFarm website, users will not be able to update BenguFarm through the web-update utility [File > Update from Web] before downloading and installing the **17-10-2017h** (or later) BenguFarm update directly from the BenguFarm website.
- So, if your current BenguFarm version is *before* **17-10-2017h**, 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 v07-12-2017.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. Click OK to close this message. Remember to 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] v07-Dec 2017...**).

What's New in the new BenguFarm update?

See the **What's New** section on **page 7** of 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

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 23-24 January 2018, Vryheid. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 25-26 January 2018, Vryheid. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 6-7 February 2018, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 8-9 February 2018, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 20-21 February 2018, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 22-23 February 2018, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

SHEEP & GOATS module:

- Introductory course 13-14 February 2018, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 15-16 February 2018, Bloemfontein. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Introductory course 6-7 March 2018, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 8-9 March 2018, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.

GAME module:

- Introductory course 13-14 March 2018, Pretoria. Presentation in Afrikaans.
- Advanced course 15-16 March 2018, 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 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 to include all new and improved functions and reports. To download the latest version of the applicable BenguFarm manual, go to www.bengufarm.co.za > Downloads > Manuals. Afrikaans and English versions are available.

Offices closed


Please note that most of our staff is on leave from 9 December to 1 January. If you need assistance during this period and your agent is not available, try any of the other agents. Visit www.bengufarm.co.za > Contact for a list of our agents.

We would like to thank all our customers for their support during 2017. It was a pleasure to be of service to you.

For those who are fortunate to go on holiday during December: May you have a safe trip and a wonderful holiday with your families. May all of us be aware this Christmas of the love of Jesus for us and what Christmas is really about. May 2018 be a wonderful year filled with peace, joy, hope, cheerfulness, and above all, love.

What's New in the new BenguFarm update?

All modules:

- **VERY IMPORTANT: New Main window Option, namely the Herd View:** This layout is used to display certain important data of a group of animals (typically all the animals in the herd) in table format.
 - **To switch between the Animal View and the Herd View options,** click on the left side of the window on Herd View or Animal View.
 - The animals that appear in the **list of animals** on the main window are controlled by switching the **filters** Active / Non-active / Male / Female on or off. The Select Animals window (the  button to the right of Female) can be used as an additional filter OR you can use the quick Group filter to select animals which is linked to a group, e.g. a camp or management group.
 - **To select which sections' data should be displayed,** click Display Options at the bottom of the window and select the relevant sections. Click on Save Settings as Herd Default to save the options as default for the current herd.
 - **To view a specific animal's (or sire or dam) data** in the Animal View main window layout, click on the relevant animal's ID number.
 - **To group records,** click on the column heading and hold the mouse button. Now move the mouse to the open section at the top of the report where there is written "Drag a column header here to group by that column" and release the mouse button. The column name will now be displayed in this open section. To remove the group, right click on the column heading and select "UnGroup".
 - **To sort records,** click on the appropriate column heading. To sort in the reverse order, click a second time on the column heading. To sort by multiple columns at once, hold the SHIFT key on the keyboard and click on the column headings.
 - **To filter records,** click on the right of a column heading on the filter button. A list of all the values that appear in that column will be displayed. To display only records that have a specific value, click on that value. You can also click on "(Custom)". A window will open where, for example, you can select to display all records with a value greater than a certain value. Note that more than one column can be filtered at a time. To remove a specific column's filter, click "(All)" at the filter options of that column.
 - **To record certain data** (e.g. Edit Animals (Table Format) or Sales, Deaths and Culls) for a group of animals, mark the animals in the "S" column and select the appropriate recording window from the top menu or click on the corresponding icon.
 - **To link animals to a group,** mark the animals in the "S" column and click Link Animals to Group.
 - **To display animals in the My Reports window,** mark the animals in the "S" column and click Display in My Reports.
 - **To copy the data to your "Clipboard",** click Copy to Clipboard.
 - **To create a report,** click Display Report.
- **Important: Animal Selection Window: Two additional filters was added to the Existing Groups section,** namely:
 - **Pregnant** for selecting pregnant or non-pregnant animals.
 - **Last Weight** to select animals whose last weight is between a specified minimum and maximum.
- **Important: Certain shortcut icons have been moved at the top of the main window** to allow for the above mentioned new view option and to optimise the grouping of some functions.
- Added Report menu items to program customization function to enable to hide reports they do not use from reports menu.
- Calving Window: Fields were added to move the dam and calf/lamb to another camp after calving/lambing. This is very useful for sheep farmers to move the ewes and lambs back from the lambing pens to a camp.

- DNA parentage results can now be imported from the Excel file received from the Clinomics DNA lab. (Remember to first save the Excel file as a CSV file before importing). [Data Send/Receive > Receive > Clinomics DNA Results].
- The parameters you have set up on the Breeding Herd Selection report and the Reproduction and Pregnancy Selection report can now be saved as you default parameters.
- An In Use option was added to the default lists for Medicines, Vaccines and Diseases settings lists. To remove items you don't use, de-select the In Use column.
- An option to list animals that *haven't* been vaccinated has been added to the Vaccination report.
- A column for Veterinary Cost was added to the Diseases, Injuries and Treatments window. It was also added on the Diseases, Injuries and Treatments report.
- A column has been added on the Animal Reconciliation Report for Herd when the report is created while working in the "All" herd.
- An option was added to the Rainfall window to show the *average* totals.
- Related Animals Report: Opening the Pedigree report of an animal from the related animals report, will highlight the related in animals in the pedigree.
- A Microchip (EID) column was added to the Sales, Deaths and Culls window.
- Weights and Gains report:
 - An option was added to select animals by Calving Season
 - An option was added to sort the records on Last Weight.
- Weights not Linked to a Performance Test window: A link was added (bottom left) to create a Weights and Gains report.
- Camp Activities Window: Total cost will now calculate automatically for stock items which have purchases captured.
- A new Feed Usage report was added [Reports > Weights, Measurements,... > Feed Usage. This report provides a summary of feed intake in combination with feed put out through the use of the Camp Activities and feed balances. This report is focused on feeding stations where animals' individual feed intake are recorded.

BEEF and SHEEP & GOATS Modules:

- **Important:** A new **Feedlot Manager** function has been developed, but it is still in beta testing [Add-Ins > Feedlot Manager]. This is a one-window function where pen groups can be created, animals linked to and moved between pen groups. Pen activities, including quantities of feed put out, can be captured. 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, costs, income and net profit. Pen group summaries are provided for total feed quantities, average feed conversion ratio, average ADG, total costs, income and net profit.

BEEF Module:

- Compare BenguFarm and Logix Herd Lists:
 - An option was added to import missing animals.
 - An option was added to send birth notifications for selected animals.

SHEEP & GOATS Module:

- **Important: A new report, namely the Ewe Productivity Selection report was added.** [Reports > Inspections and Selections > Ewe Productivity Selection. This report was developed especially for the commercial sheep farmer, but also the stud breeder. It compare ewes based on combination of reproduction (ILP, Number of lambs, DSLL, etc.), production (Lamb Wean Weights and Wool production) and related costs (Creep Feed, orphan, foster and medical) and rank ewes accordingly.
- Importation of BKB Wool Testing Results: Some farmers test wool directly at BKB. An option was added to import test results received from BKB [Data Send/Receive > Receive > BKB Wool Results]. Please note

that the BKB wool results Excel file must first be saved as a CSV (comma separated values) file from within Excel before it can be imported.

- My Reports - Animal Data: Selection criteria were added for last shearing date, wool score and conformation score.
- Auto diary entries were added for sheep performance testing to, for example, remind you when to weigh animals for performance testing.

GAME Module:

- **Important:** A new report, namely the **Camp Species Composition report** was added. [Reports > Camps and Herds > Camps Species Composition. The report gives a summary of the number of animals of each species in camps, for the current herd or all herds/species in the database.
- **Important: Horn measurements can now be *displayed as Inches with Fractions*.** This option is On by default. This setting can be changed, if needed, at Settings > Herds > Body Measurements: Show Horn Measurements as Inches with Fractions.
- My Reports - Animal Data: Bloodline % Composition was added as a selectable column to display in My Reports.
- Veterinary notes are now displayed on the main window in the Notes view window. Veterinary notes can also be included as a section in the Animal Summary report.
- A section for Insurance info was added in the Animal Summary report.
- The MolzooLab DNA services request form was updated to latest version used by the University of Johannesburg.
- Elephant (African Savana Elephant), Serval (Tierboskat) and Mountain Reedbuck was added to the species list.