


LRF/BREEDPLAN Newsletter/Nuusbrief February/Februarie 2023

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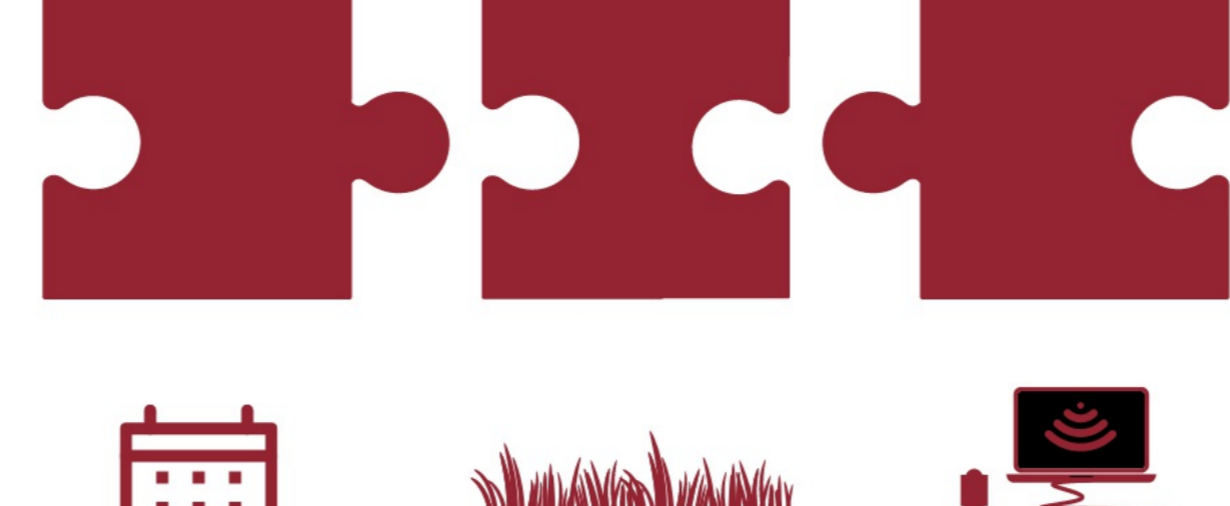
February Focus




LRF Difficult to Measure Traits 

Days to Calving

Net Feed Intake

Carcass Traits



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What is Days to Calving?

- The number of days between the start of the joining period and the subsequent calving.
- Days to calving (DTC) is a measure of female fertility.
- Female fertility has a large influence on herd performance.
- Females with shorter DTC EBVs tend to reach puberty earlier and return to oestrous sooner after calving.

What is Net Feed Intake?

- Net Feed Intake (NFI) is a great way to measure feed efficiency.
- NFI is the difference between the expected and actual feed intake.
- More feed efficient animals consume less feed for the same level of production.
- Feed efficiency is an economically important production trait.

What are Carcass Traits?

- Includes Real-time Ultrasound (RTU) scanning data and abattoir carcass data.
- Lie animal carcass traits are measured using RTU scanning.
- Carcass traits are an indication of the actual carcass yield and quality.
- Carcass traits are moderate to highly heritable, thus selection for carcass traits can contribute to relatively fast genetic improvement in these traits.

Call for RTU Scanning Bookings



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RTU SCANNING SERVICES

Call for

RTU Scanning Bookings

22-24 MARCH

4-6 APRIL

15-19 MAY

Free State

North West

Limpopo/Mpumalanga

Bookings close 10 March 2023

Request form, protocol, and costs available from LRF website: <http://www.lrf.co.za/lrf-rtu-scanning-services>

For more information please contact the LRF office at +2781 944 4853 or office@lrf.co.za.

Februarie Fokus

LRF Moeilik meetbare eienskappe 

Dae tot Kalwing

Netto Voerinnam

Karkaseienskappe







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Wat is Dae tot Kalwing?

- Aantal dae tussen die begin van die dekseisoen en die daaropvolgende kalwing.
- Dae tot Kalwing (DTK) is 'n maatstaf van vroulike vrugbaarheid.
- Vroulike vrugbaarheid het 'n groot invloed op kuddeprestasie en is belangrik vir winsgewendheid.
- Daar word verwag dat vroulike diere met korter DTK BTWs vroeër puberteit sal bereik en vinnig na kalwing weer terug na estrus sal keer.

Wat is Netto Voerinnam?

- Netto Voerinnam (NVI) is 'n goeie manier om voerdoeltreffendheid te meet.
- NVI is die verskil tussen die verwagte en werklike voerinnam.
- Meer voerdoeltreffende diere eet minder voer vir dieselfde vlak van produksie.
- Voerdoeltreffendheid is 'n ekonomiese belangrik produksie-eienskap.

Wat is Karkas Eienskappe?

- Karkaseienskappe sluit beide Ultrasoniese (RTU) skanderings en abattoir-karkasdata in.
- Karkaseienskappe op lewendige diere, word deur RTU skandering gemeet.
- Karkaseienskappe is 'n aanduiding van werklike karkas kwantiteit en kwaliteit.
- Relatiewe vinnige genetiese vordering kan vir karkaseienskappe gemaak word, aangesien dit medium tot hoog oorerflik is.

CALENDAR 2023

LRF CALENDAR 2023		
April	18 - 19	Animal Breeding Diploma course for Livestock Producers - Bloemfontein
	20	HERDMASER course - Bloemfontein
	25	BREEDPLAN course - Namibia
	26	HERDMASER course - Namibia
May	5	HERDMASER course - George
June	16	LRF Members meeting - LRF office (Centurion)
	30	Request for making use of LRF scanning services in second half of the year closes.
August	23	BREEDPLAN course - Pretoria
	24	HERDMASER course - Pretoria
September	19-21	Zimbabwe Beef School
October	10	LRF Members meeting - Aldam
	11-13	LRF Stockman School

STOCKMAN SCHOOL



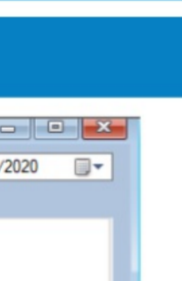
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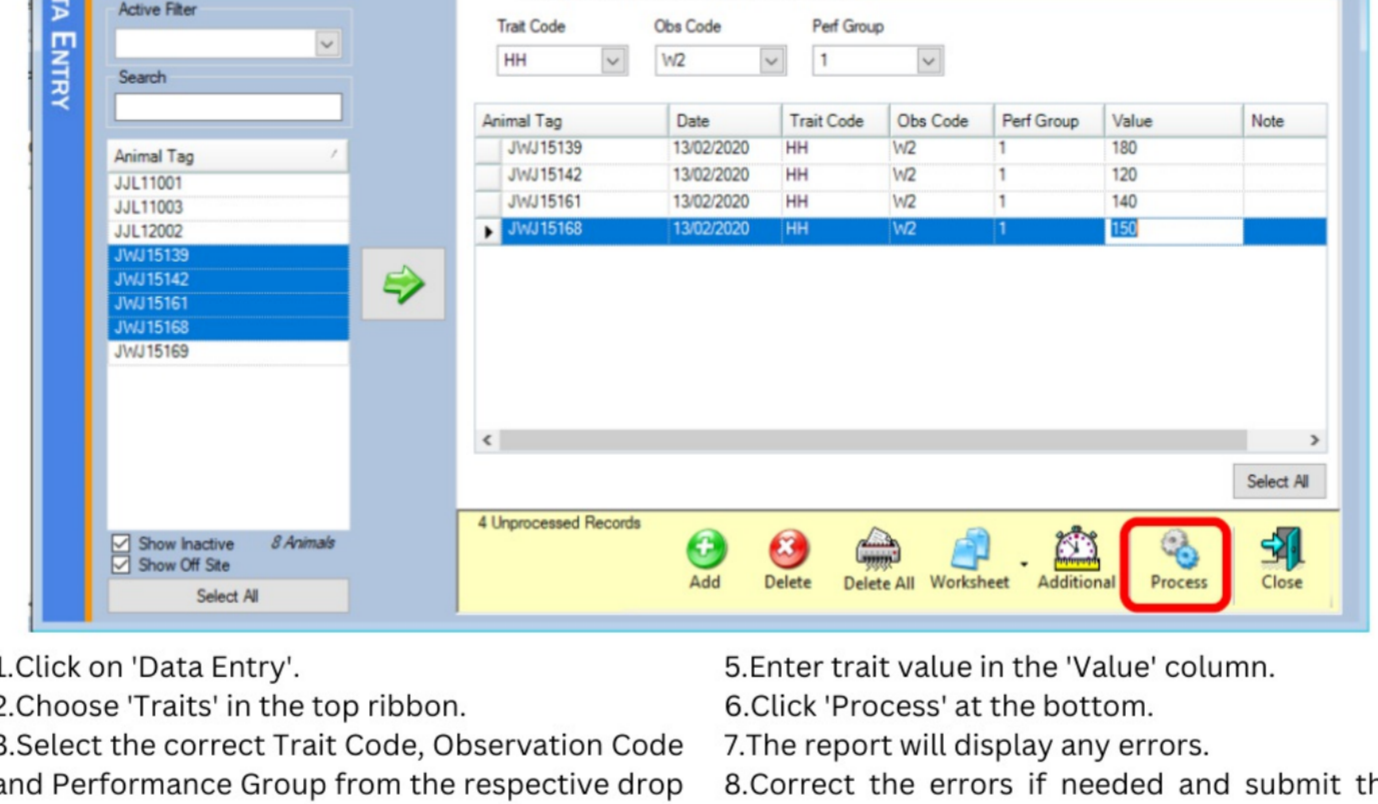
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HERDMASER

February Focus

LRF HerdMASTER Tip Sheet 

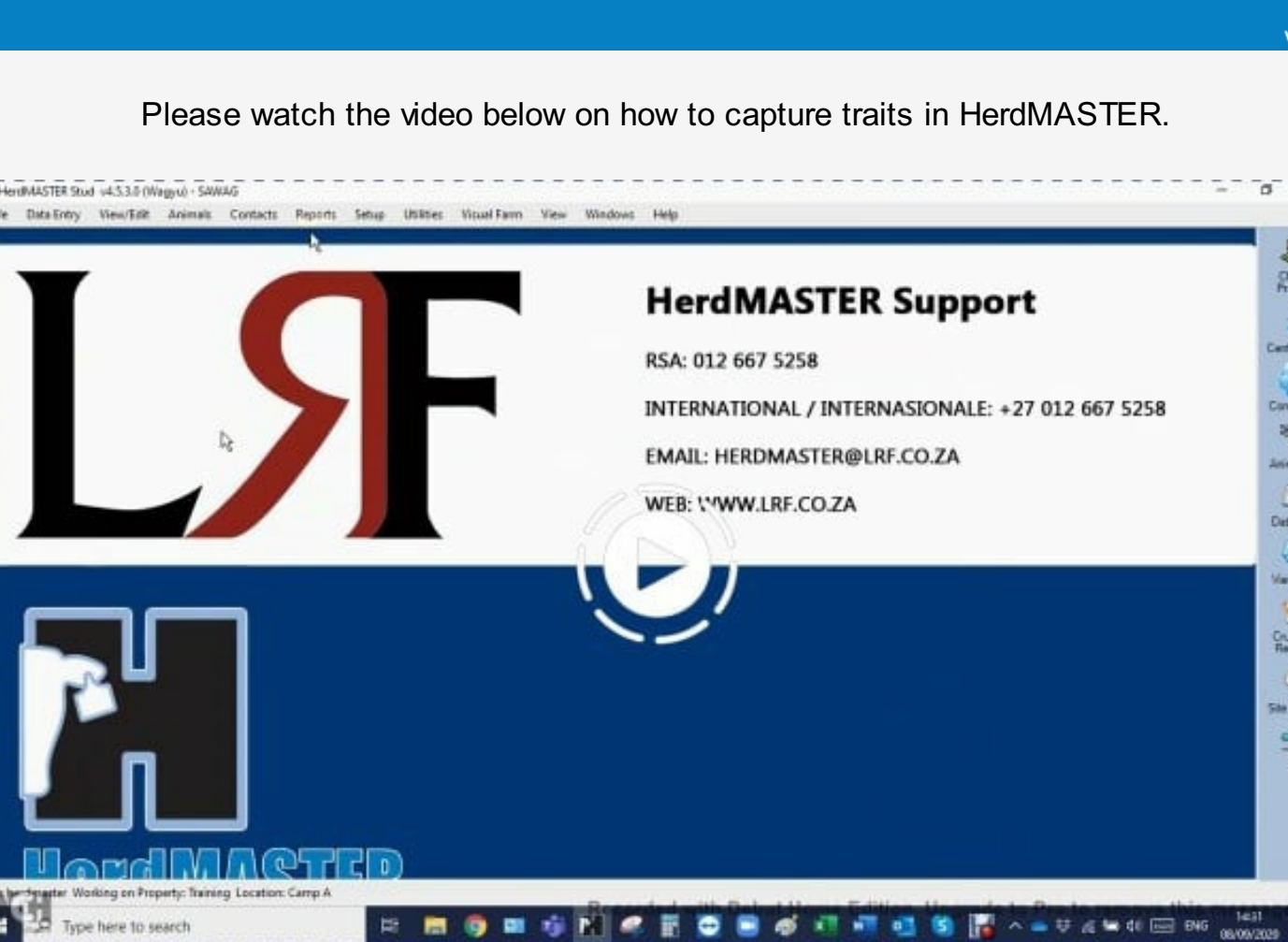
Capturing Traits in HerdMASTER



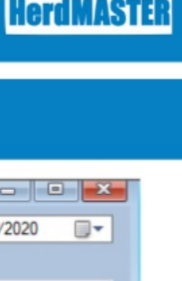
- Click on 'Data Entry'.
- Choose 'Traits' in the top ribbon.
- Select the correct Trait Code, Observation Code and Performance Group from the respective drop down lists.
- Select the applicable animals from the Worksheet, Filter or bottom list on the lefthand side. Move them to the righthand side.
- Enter trait value in the 'Value' column.
- Click 'Process' at the bottom.
- The report will display any errors.
- Correct the errors if needed and submit the traits to the society.

Carcass traits can also be captured in HerdMASTER 4 following the same steps.

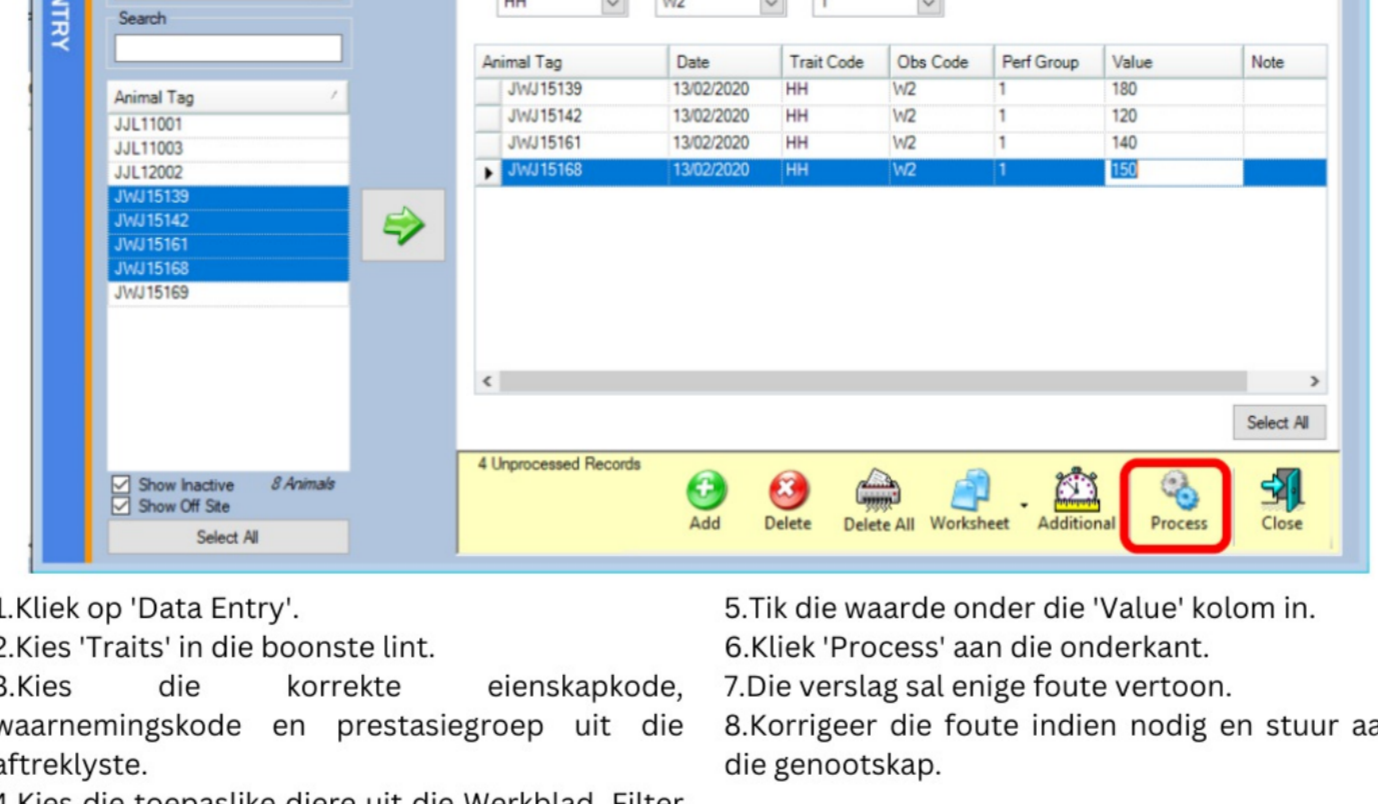
Please watch the video below on how to capture traits in HerdMASTER.



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LRF HerdMASTER Wenkblad 

Opneem van Eienskappe



- Klik op 'Data Entry'.
- Kies 'Traits' in die boonste lint.
- Kies die korrekte eienskapskode, waarnemingskode en prestasiegroep uit die afrekyliste.
- Kies die toepaslike diere uit die Wenkblad, Filter of onderste lys aan die linkerkant. Skuif hulle na die regterkant.
- Tik die waarde onder die 'Value' kolom in.
- Klik 'Process' aan die onderkant.
- Die verslag sal enige foutte vertoon, korreigere die foutte indien nodig en stuur aan die genootskap.

Karkas eienskappe kan ook in HerdMASTER 4 deur dieselfde stappe vasgevang word.

Kyk gerus na die video hierbo oor hoe om eienskappe in HerdMASTER op te neem.

SOCIETIES/COURSES

LRF WEBSITE

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HerdMASTER YouTube channel

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HerdMASTER YouTube-kanaal

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