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LRF Annual General Meeting 2024

We are thrilled to share highlights from our successful Annual General Meeting (AGM), with a remarkable attendance of 32 attendees spanning three countries. At the AGM, the updated LRF Test Plan was launched and members engaged in discussions about industry collaborations.

One of the highlights is the announcement of our new office bearers. We extend our gratitude to the past Chairman, Mr. Mecki Schneider, for his dedicated service, and warmly welcome the new Chairman, Mr. Johan Styger, and Vice-Chairman, Mr. Thys Meyer.

Key updates from the meeting included revisions to the LRF 5-Year Strategy Plan, emphasizing our commitment to strategic growth and development. Mark Christian provided an engaging glimpse into the future with BreedLogic, the new software being developed by ABRI to replace IRL2. This innovative platform promises exciting opportunities for our societies as we transition into a new era of breed registry management.

Furthermore, Dr. Pierre Van Rooyen's presentation on veterinary import and export protocols provided valuable insights into our collective progress.

The AGM showcased the strength of our collaborative network, with diverse perspectives contributing to meaningful discussions and progress. Chairman concluded requesting members to remain dedicated to the objectives outlined in our strategic plan, driving innovation and positive change within our industry.

Thank you to all who participated, making our AGM a resounding success. Stay tuned for further updates and announcements as we embark on this journey together.

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Catch up on a whirlwind month at our organisation! Delve into our latest achievements, news, and highlights from our engaging workshops. Get the scoop on upcoming dates and exciting events that await you. Join us as we celebrate progress, innovation, and collaboration within our vibrant community.

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HerdMASTER 5 progress and update announcement

Exciting news! We're thrilled to inform you about the progress on HerdMASTER 5 development. Here's what you need to know:

Key Improvements:
- Enhanced frameworks for smooth operation on modern hardware and operating systems.
- Upgraded database for better reliability and performance.
- Introduction of a new central sync feature for seamless synchronization.

Anticipated Timeline:
- User testing with an Australian central sync user by the end of February 2024.
- General availability for all users by the end of March 2024, pending user testing.

Installation:
- The update will be easily accessible for installation.

Central Sync Users:
- Central sync users will undergo a more technical installation and migration process.
- We're working on the process and will assist users directly to upgrade to HerdMASTER 5.

We appreciate your patience and support as we work to bring you the best HerdMASTER experience yet!

CALENDAR

March

13 - LRF FREE Online Course - Data quality: Key to informative EBVs & Genetic improvement

April

16 to 17 - Animal Breeding Diploma Course for Livestock Producers (Bloemfontein)

UPCOMING COURSES

Don't miss out on our FREE online course! If you're eager to enhance your skills and knowledge, seize the opportunity by signing up for our upcoming sessions on 13th March. To secure your spot, simply click this link https://forms.gle/CrQcJNZda8jQx5Z8

Read our Technical Service Newsletter

HERDMASTER/BREEDPLAN NEWS

BreedLogic "IRLNext" Workshop

The BreedLogic "IRLNext" Workshop by ABRI aimed to develop a new breed registry software, engaging stakeholders from research to prototype testing. Key highlights included workshops on user objectives and adoption of six design principles emphasizing simplicity and member-centricity. Discussions explored product concepts, with an emphasis on enhancing features like mobile apps and AI-driven data analysis. Notably, Breedlogic, currently in testing, involves breed society members, beef, and dairy farmers.

What's next: A complete rewrite of ILR2, used by 182 societies worldwide, backed by a significant investment of $5 million AUD (approx, R62 million), is underway. The Minimum Viable Product (MVP) is slated for mid-2024 release, followed by iterative updates leading to a full release in early 2025. Transition plans aim to onboard all clients by 2025.

ABRI is committed to engaging customers in the design process, ensuring seamless transitions, and delivering a robust platform that supports current needs and future growth.

Additionally, ABRI hosted a specific workshop on February 22nd, attended by 20 individuals representing various stakeholders, including society staff, breed society board members, and breeders. Notably, attendees included representatives from all the LRF breed societies and affiliated members. The workshop aimed to gather inputs from societies on the new software developed for use by society staff, as well as breeders, both stud and commercial, emphasizing a collaborative approach in tailoring the software to meet diverse user needs.

Ultrasound Scan	Scrotal Circumference
300-800 days	300-700 days

Weights*	Docility Scores	Flight Time
80-900 days	60-400 days	60-600 days

BREEDPLAN DATA COLLECTION - AGE RANGES

Performance data collected for BREEDPLAN will only be analysed if the animal falls within the required age range when the data was recorded. The graphic to the right outlines the age ranges for post-birth performance data. More information on recording these traits can be found in the BREEDPLAN Recording Performance Information booklet (Scan QR code).

*The BREEDPLAN analysis will determine whether live weights are analysed as 200, 400 or 600 day weights

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16th LRF Stockman School

9-11 October 2024

The only constant in livestock farming is our love of livestock and the need to produce increasing quantities of quality protein.

The rest is a balancing act, which requires RESILIENCE to ensure that we can continue to farm sustainably in an ever-changing environment.

This year's LRF Stockman School aims to equip livestock farmers to BE RESILIENT STOCKMEN.

Your toolbox will be filled with talks and tips on the following:

- Building resilience and finding inner strength
- Profitable herd management in tough economic times
- Focussing on genetic resilience in your herd for changing production environment and meeting consumer needs
- Nutrition: Planning and managing fodder flow
- Keeping your livestock healthy year round
- Managing limited resources, i.e. water and soil, sustainably
- Supplementing for improved production and reproduction
- Ensuring your enterprise has a long and prosperous future

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