

LRF NEWS

Join Us at the LRF Stockman School: A Showcase of Resilience in Livestock Farming

We are thrilled to invite you to this year's LRF Stockman School, themed "Being a Resilient Stockman," taking place from October 9-11, 2024. This exciting event will bring together leading experts and practitioners in livestock farming to share insights and strategies for building resilience in the face of global challenges.

Over the three days, we will have a lineup of **15 distinguished speakers**, including renowned international figures who will provide a global perspective on livestock farming. This year, we are proud to feature:

- **PJ Budler**, an International Cattle Judge, who will discuss global livestock challenges and opportunities.
- **Dr. Doug Bruce**, a veterinarian from Zimbabwe, who will delve into the critical aspects of conception and re-conception in livestock farming.
- **Dr. Brad Crook**, Manager of Genetics Research and Development at ABRI, who will speak on using genomics for genetic improvement.
- **Lisa Rumsfeld**, Vice President of Business Development and Strategy at Vytelle, who will cover advanced breeding techniques.

These international speakers, along with our local experts, will provide a wealth of knowledge and practical insights on topics ranging from genomic technologies and weather patterns to soil health and strategic feeding during droughts.

Don't miss this opportunity to network with industry leaders, gain valuable knowledge, and explore the latest innovations in livestock farming. For bookings and more information, please contact Charmaine Alberts at +27 82 922 3747 or via email at charmainealberts8@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at Stockman School 2024!

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Summary of free online course on July 17th

ABRI representative, Catriona Millen, delved into the concept of single-step BREEDPLAN and its benefits to beef producers, particularly in terms of improving accuracy of EBV estimates, especially for the difficult and expensive to measure traits and traits measured late in an animal's life. Catriona emphasised the importance of continuing to collect performance data and genotyping animals for the ongoing success of genomics. Catriona also illustrated a strategy of genotyping replacement heifers and "maybe" females each year, and the importance of selecting the right animals based on their genetic merit (EBVs) for particular production system and breeding objectives.

Next steps

- Breed societies to continue collecting comprehensive phenotype data across all traits to continually update the reference population for single-step BREEDPLAN.
- Producers to consider genotyping replacement heifers annually to build up genotyped and phenotyped females in their herds over time.

LRF 4th Online Course - My breed has Single-Step EBVs: Now what?

If you missed the LRF 4th Online Course - "My breed has Single-Step EBVs: Now what?," you can watch the recording on our Youtube Channel!! (Click the video on the right)



Release of the Technical Service Newsletter

We are excited to announce that the next edition of our bi-annual Technical Service Newsletter will be released at the end of September. This issue will feature the latest updates, innovations, and insights in the field of livestock registration. Stay tuned for expert articles, success stories, and important technical information designed to support and enhance your livestock management practices. Don't miss out on this valuable resource!

UPCOMING COURSES

Join us for an insightful course titled "Improved herd fertility – the key to increased profitability" on 11 September 2024, from 10:00 to 11:00. This session will be presented by the knowledgeable Paul Williams.

HerdMASTER 5 Online Training

Join us for our upcoming HerdMASTER 5 training sessions! Enhance your skills and streamline your herd management with our comprehensive modules.

Module 1: 14 August 2024
09:00am – 11:00am

- Introduction
- Overview
- Site Options
- Concepts and General Tools
- Property Setup
- Worksheets and Filters
- Record Matings
- Recording Preg Test
- Recording Calves (Add Animals)
- Electronic Submissions of Registrations to Society
- Recording Fates/Cancellations
- Electronic Submissions of Cancellations to Society
- Recording and Submitting Days to Calving (DTC) information

Module 2: 21 August 2024
09:00am – 11:00am

- Recording and Submitting Days to Calving (DTC) information
- Recording Weights and Electronic Submissions
- Recording Traits and Electronic Submissions
- Creating and Using Action Templates
- Recording Multisites
- Recording and Using Embryos
- Using Yardsheets
- Adding Animal Movements
- Treatments
- Universal File Import Utility
- Reports

Cost: R900 Incl VAT

Bookings at: jeanine@lrf.co.za / +27 81 844 4853

Secure your spot today and take your herd management to the next level!



HerdMASTER/BREEDPLAN NEWS

BREEDPLAN: Weekly Genetics Review - Don't Neglect Your Breeding Objectives Next Season

We are thrilled to announce BreedLogic, our new and enhanced breed registry software that integrates the functionalities of ILR2, Internet Solutions and ILROnline into a unified platform. This upgrade introduces a fully configurable system, allowing breed societies to customize the platform directly without needing external development requests. This adaptability not only saves time but also empowers societies to modify the system as their needs evolve. Additionally, BreedLogic enables direct interaction between members and the system, allowing breeders to seamlessly input data and benefit from real-time updates and reviews, thus improving the efficiency and accuracy of record-keeping.

BreedLogic also features advanced decision-making tools, including a mobile app, sophisticated data visualizations, and AI capabilities, all based on over 50 years of scientific research. These innovations will support breeders in making better-informed decisions about their breeding practices. The web-based nature of BreedLogic ensures that all clients of ABRI have access to its features, reinforcing our commitment to equitable support. This upgrade represents a significant leap forward in breed registry management, offering a blend of flexibility, control, and advanced technology to enhance data management and breeding decisions.

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