

LRF NEWS

Welcoming Our New Team Member

We are thrilled to announce the latest addition to our team, Kira Sieber. Kira graduated from the University of Pretoria with distinction in 2022, earning a BSc (Agric) Animal Science. Her passion for the field has led her to pursue a master's degree in Animal Breeding and Genetics, which she is set to submit this year. Kira joins us as a Technical Assistant, bringing a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to our organization. With a strong academic background and a dedication to advancing Animal Breeding in South Africa, we are confident she will make a significant impact to our team!

Get Ready for the Annual LRF Stockman School

The long awaited LRF 2024 Stockman School is just around the corner, taking place from October 9th to 11th at the Aldam Holiday Resort, Ventersburg, Free State. This year's programme, centered around "Being a Resilient Stockman", promises to be worth every moment. Industry experts from both local and international backgrounds will cover a comprehensive range of topics within the Agricultural Industry, including genetics, nutrition, veld and pasture science, financial planning, management and many more. Attendees will benefit from a series of engaging lectures and hands-on practical demonstrations. Time for registration is running out! Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn more and network with the best in the industry!

Important: Registration closes on October 1st. For more information on how to register and the 2024 LRF Stockman School programme, click on the links below.

[Register for LRF Stockman School](#)

[LRF Stockman School Programme](#)

LRF Members Meeting

Reminder to all LRF member representatives to join us for the LRF Member's Meeting at 10h00 on Tuesday, October 8th, at the Aldam Resort in Ventersburg. This gathering is a key opportunity to engage with fellow members, discuss important updates, and contribute to the future direction of our federation.

LRF Beef Industry Workshop

Following the Member's Meeting, the LRF will host a Beef Industry Workshop meeting on Tuesday the 8th of October. Please note that lunch will be at 13h00, and the Workshop will begin shortly after, at 14h00. This workshop will delve into strategies to enhance the competitiveness of our breeders over the next 5 to 10 years. With insights from esteemed panelists like Prof Norman Maiwashe, Prof Frikkie Maré, Dewald Olivier, Gerhard van der Burgh, Dr Johnnyvan der Merwe, and Prof Frikkie Nester, this is an invaluable opportunity for anyone in the beef industry.

Important: Booking is essential for both the LRF Members Meeting and the Beef Industry Workshop – please RSVP by the 4th October 2024 by contacting; Jeanine Labuschagne at: +27 81 844 4853, email: jeanine@lrf.co.za

Release of the Technical Services Newsletter

We are excited to announce the release of our biannual Technical Services Newsletter! This edition is packed with the latest updates, innovations, and insights in the field of Livestock Registration. Inside you will find expert articles that delve into cutting-edge practices, success stories, and essential technical information designed to support and enhance your livestock management practices. Don't miss out on this valuable resource!

Important: To access the Technical Services Newsletter, click on the link below

[LRF Technical Service Newsletter](#)

Exciting Update:

The LRF website is now available in Afrikaans! Stay informed with important news, updates and resources in your preferred language. To access the Afrikaans version, simply click on the link below or switch to Afrikaans by clicking the button on the top right corner of our web page

[LRF Afrikaans website](#)

HerdMASTER/BREEDPLAN NEWS

BREEDPLAN

We are pleased to share some exciting news from BREEDPLAN! The members of the Brahman breed society from Namibia, along with the members of the Brangus and Simmentaler breed societies from South Africa have achieved a 5 Star Completeness of Performance rating for 2024. This prestigious achievement indicates that these herds are recording a substantial amount of pedigree and performance data for the majority of their calving crop. Congratulations to all involved for their dedication in maintaining high standards in livestock recording and performance tracking!



HerdMASTER

Reminder to all our HerdMASTER 4 users to migrate to HerdMASTER 5. We urge all our users to make use of the free migration as development on HerdMASTER 4 will be discontinued.

Important: All sync users do not restore your database. Please contact the office to schedule a time to migrate your database on the server.

Process for migrating to HerdMASTER 5 (HM5):

1. Download HM5 using: <https://www.abri.com.au/h-get-herdmaster>
2. Select the Bundled installer package (Online)
3. Double click the download to install and follow the prompts.

Restore a backup from HerdMASTER 4 onto HerdMASTER 5:

See the how to video: <https://youtu.be/B-6LGjBH4y4?si=-2SjRHZEe3bdvKla>

Take note:

The backup is not backwards compatible and a backup from HerdMASTER 5 cannot be restored on HerdMASTER 4. Once you have restored your backup on HerdMASTER 5 continue using HerdMASTER 5.

1. You do not have to uninstall HerdMASTER 4 immediately. You can uninstall at a later stage once you are happy that all your data in HerdMASTER 5 is correct and working.
2. Once you have downloaded and installed the update, please contact the office to migrate your HerdMASTER 4 license to HerdMASTER 5



For advertisements in the LRF/BREEDPLAN monthly newsletter, please contact Mrs Izaan du Plooy at office@lrf.co.za.

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- 8th - LRF Beef Industry Workshop
- 9-11th - LRF Stockman School

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Stockman School
9-11 October 2024
Aldam, Free State

