



LRF NEWS

RMIS Launches Innovative Traceability Platform

The LRF is thrilled to share that Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS) has launched Phase 1 of its new traceability platform, called "Red Meat and Livestock Identification and Traceability – South Africa.". The RMIS Traceability Task Team, includes key representatives from industry organizations such as the RPO, NALFA-SA, National Department of Agriculture, Cape Wools & NWGA, RMIS, Gendac, and GS1.

This innovative system is designed to improve transparency, efficiency, and competitiveness in South Africa's red meat industry by tracking every step in the supply chain, from farms to retailers. The first phase involves identifying and numbering Production Units across various locations, such as communal lands, commercial farms, auction houses, feedlots, and abattoirs. These Production Unit Numbers, also known as Global Location Numbers (GLNs), will help manage disease, combat stock theft, and enhance trade by sharing traceability and production data. RMIS has developed a user-friendly web application in partnership with GS1 South Africa.

This app allows participants in the value chain to identify production units and request GLN numbers. It supports accurate location identification, verification, and visualization on a national map, with each site being geo-fenced to improve livestock tracking and management. The success of this platform depends on the collaboration of all stakeholders, including farmers, auction houses, feedlots, abattoirs, service providers, and government bodies. RMIS has been working closely with these groups to build a sustainable and efficient red meat value chain.

This new traceability platform is expected to significantly boost the industry's visibility, competitiveness, and resilience in both local and global markets. With the RMIS Production Unit Number Application now launched, consultations with recordkeeping systems and value chain participants will ensure comprehensive traceability of livestock and red meat, and promises to set a new standard for traceability in the red meat industry, paving the way for future innovations and improvements.

For more information on this exciting development, click on the link below

[RMIS Traceability Platform](#)

Stay Updated with Our Latest Technical Services Newsletter

Don't forget to check out our latest Technical Services Newsletter! This edition is brimming with the newest updates, innovations, and insights on a range of important and insightful topics. You'll find expert articles on cutting-edge practices, inspiring success stories, and crucial technical information to boost your livestock management.

Make sure you don't miss out on this invaluable resource! Click the link below to access the TS-Newsletter.

[LRF TS-Newsletter](#)

LRF Festive Season Closure Announcement

As the festive season approaches, please be informed of the LRFs Office closure period. The last working day at the LRF Office will be the **13th of December 2024**, and operations will resume on the **6th of January 2025**.

Reflecting on the year, we are filled with gratitude for the many achievements and milestones reached in 2024. The LRF had a remarkably successful year, marked by several notable events and advancements. Early in the year, we welcomed a new Chairman, Mr. Johan Styger, and Vice-Chairman, Mr. Thys Meyer, who have both brought fresh perspectives and great leadership to our organization.

The LRF advanced to Phase 2 of the Beef Genomics Program, a significant step forward in our efforts to enhance genetic research and improve cattle breeding practices. Additionally, substantial progress was made on the development of BreedLogic, our new and enhanced breed registry software. This innovative platform integrates the functionalities of ILR2, Internet Solutions, and ILROnline into a unified system, streamlining operations and providing a more efficient user experience. Furthermore, the 16th Annual LRF Stockman School was a huge success, attracting a record number of attendees and providing valuable insights and training to participants.

In our ongoing efforts to improve accessibility and user experience, we revamped our website and launched an Afrikaans version, ensuring that more people can benefit from our resources, in their preferred language. This year also saw the release of HerdMASTER 5, a powerful tool designed to help farmers manage their herds more effectively. Furthermore, the LRF hosted various free online courses throughout the year on important topics such as data quality for informative EBVs, unlocking the power of BREEDPLAN, improved herd fertility, genetic conditions, and more. These courses have been instrumental in educating and empowering our community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Your contributions have been invaluable, and your continued support is greatly appreciated. Wishing all a joyous holiday season filled with happiness and a wonderful New Year. May the break be restful, and the return be filled with excitement for the year ahead!



LRF COURSES

Catch Up on Our Recent Online Course on Genetic Conditions

On Wednesday, November 20th, the LRF hosted an engaging and informative free online course on Genetic Conditions, presented by Dr. Gary Evans. The session covered a range of topics including DNA and SNP background, genetic conditions and their inheritance, along with practical examples and breeding management strategies.

If you missed this insightful course, you can catch the recording on our YouTube channel by clicking the link below.

[Genetic Conditions Course](#)

Exciting New Monthly Courses Coming in 2025!

The LRF is excited to announce that we will continue offering our free online courses held monthly, starting with new topics in late January 2025. These courses will feature experts covering a variety of subjects. Stay tuned for updates on these fantastic educational opportunities throughout the year!

HerdMASTER/BREEDPLAN NEWS

HerdMASTER

As we approach the upcoming office shutdown, we want to remind all HerdMASTER users to verify the status of their licenses. If your license is set to expire during this period, please take a moment to ensure it is up to date to avoid any disruptions. You can easily check your license expiry date by clicking on **Help | About**, the expiration date will be displayed in middle to the left of the window that appears.

During the Office shutdown period, please direct all HerdMASTER queries to jeanine@lrf.co.za. Emails will be responded to as availability permits.



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

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