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To all Breeders' Society representatives, participants in, and users of Stud Book Logix services and products.

Dear Breeders' Society representative, user of Stud Book Logix services and products, and other role player,

SA STUD BOOK PRICE LIST and INVOICING from 1 July 2023

SA Stud Book Special General Budget Meeting of 1 June 2023 approved the proposed budget, price list and manner of invoicing for the financial year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

The strategy of keeping Stud Book on the winning path has been discussed during the past two (2021 and 2022) Annual General Meetings and in detail discussions between Stud Book Executive Committee (EXCO) and delegations from various Breeders' Societies.

The green light to steer Stud Book in an innovative direction was given at last year's Annual General Meeting. These actions are already bearing fruit and benefit our members and the livestock farmers who make use of Logix services and products even more.

The format of the attached proposed new price list differs somewhat from the price list of the past in that the services and products offered are more logically outlined per species and/or system (e.g. beef cattle versus dairy cattle). This makes it easier to look up the full list for the breed or species in question.

Predominantly, attempts were made to pin down price adjustments lower than inflation and general price increases, except in cases where this was not possible. In certain cases, no price adjustments are made (as, for example, for genomic testing for cattle and small stock where Stud Book negotiates with service provider laboratories).

In most cases, invoicing calculations are left unchanged except for two important changes:

- **Per capita animal fee levy for cattle**

The 2022 Annual General Meeting decided that the per capita age in cattle should be lowered from 24 months and older animals to 12 months and older animals. In other words, **from July 1, 2023, all cattle 12 months and older will be taxed in beef herds and dairy herds** (for those not participating in Logix Milk). It is vital that the implications of this should be clearly understood, and each participant should **ensure that their herds' per capita lists are updated in time before 1 July 2023.**

Please note that alternative arrangements apply to the Santa Gertrudis and Nguni Breeders' Societies and that the Herd and Animal fees do not pertain to their breeders.

- **Small stock** (Meat and wool sheep and goats, excluding dairy goats) **animal fee.**

Due to historic reasons, flocks were billed for Stud Book services in different ways. Some flocks were assessed on a per-capita basis for all animals in the flock on July 1 of the year when invoicing takes place. However, there are also flocks known as "performance flocks" for which the per-capita invoicing posed a challenge because of their recording practices. The two methods are now consolidated as of July 1, 2023. All small stock flocks and herds (excluding SA Mutton Merino and Dohné Merino for which there is a special arrangement) are therefore now invoiced equally.

The current per-capita invoicing (for a large portion of the small stock flocks and herds) is now being replaced with monthly "accrual invoicing". This once-off payment, for all services, for each lamb only happens once and applies for the rest of his/her life. In other words, once paid for, the animal in question will not be taxed again (except for a small administration fee where it is transferred to another stud breeder). Also note that there is a lower fee in the case when animals are recorded on the system at a later age (18 months and older). These are usually ad hoc cases.

The result of the proposal is that the current animal fee for herds taxed under the "accrual invoicing" or also known as the performance option will increase by more than the planned around 6%, and the herd fee will be adjusted considerably (from R700 to R1 000 per annum, invoiced on 1 July 2023). If the accepted normal practices are followed, breeders will be billed for the animals that were recorded on Logix on the previous month (either by way of a birth notice or reporting the birth by way of a weaning weight of the lamb, as is currently the case with the performance option). This first such invoicing will take place at the end of July 2023, and thereafter monthly. This first invoice will be for all lamb born from 1 June 2023 onwards.

This decision certainly also has challenges but levels the playing field for all small stock participants, regardless of breed or system.

Stud Book's Executive Committee, management team and each of the staff are at your service. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any uncertainty about any service, product and especially its billing.

Best regards


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GENERAL MANAGER