

LIVESTOCK

Livestock Guide

Animals, health events, breeding, measurements, and pedigrees

How the Livestock app is organised

Livestock keeps a record for each animal and a history attached to it — what was done, when, what it weighed, what it produced, and what it is descended from.

Before you add animals it is worth setting up three small catalogs. They take a few minutes once and then quietly do a lot of work for you.

Species and Types	The kinds of animal you keep, with breed and gestation length.
Produce Types	What your animals give you — eggs, milk, wool, and so on.
Event Types	The kinds of thing you record — vaccination, deworming, hoof trim, breeding, and your own additions.

All three are reachable from the cards at the top of the Livestock page.

Setting up species and types

Choose Edit/Remove Species/Types from the Livestock page. Each entry is one kind of animal you keep.

Species	For example Goat, Chicken, or Sheep. Required.
Breed	For example Nigerian Dwarf. Optional.
Gestation days	How long this animal carries young. Fill this in — it is what lets the app predict delivery dates for you.
Average lifespan (years)	Optional, for reference.
Produces	Which produce types this animal gives.
Notes	Anything else worth keeping.

Gestation days is the single most useful field in this app. With it filled in, recording a breeding automatically puts an expected delivery date on your calendar.

Produce and event types

Manage Produce Types is where you define what your animals give you. Each entry has a name, a default unit, a default shelf life in days, and storage notes. The shelf life is what later gives your stored produce an expiry date without you having to work it out.

Manage Event Types is where you define the kinds of event you want to record. Alongside a name, each type can be marked as:

- A breeding event — these drive delivery predictions.
- An appointment — something scheduled, like a vet visit.
- A yield event — something that produced milk, eggs, or similar.

An event type can also carry a recommended interval in days, for things you repeat on a cycle such as hoof trimming or worming.

Adding an animal

Choose Add Animal from the Livestock page.

Type	Which species and breed, from your catalog. Required.
Name	What you call the animal. Required.
Tag ID	Ear tag, band, or flock number.
Coat color	Markings or colour, useful for telling look-alikes apart.
Sex	Male, female, or unknown.
Birth date	If you know it — this is what ages the animal for you.
Acquired on	When it came to you, if you did not breed it.
Current location	Which paddock, pen, or coop.
Sire and Dam	Its parents, if they are also in your records.
Current condition and weight	A starting point you can update later.
Notes	Temperament, history, anything you want to remember.

The animals list

The Livestock page lists your animals grouped by type, each with its photo, age, current condition, and weight. Animals that are currently bred are flagged, with the expected delivery date beneath.

Use the Species dropdown to narrow the list to one kind of animal. The count beside each option tells you how many you have.

Click any animal to open its detail page.

An animal's page

This is where everything about one animal lives. The Summary card at the top holds the details you entered — click it to edit them. The cards above it are the things you can do:

Manage Photos	Upload pictures with a caption and the date taken, and choose which one is the animal's avatar.
Record Breeding	Log a mating and get a predicted delivery date.
Record Delivery	Log what was actually born.
Remove Animal	Takes the animal out of your active list.

Further down are the running histories: Recent Events, Measurements, and Delivery History, each with its own Add button.

Recording events

Use Add under Recent Events on the animal's page.

Event type	From the catalog you set up. Required.
Date	Defaults to today.
Title	A short label, if the type alone is not specific enough.
Notes	Dosage, batch number, how it went.
Repeat every	A number of days, for something on a cycle. The next occurrence is scheduled for you.

Events appear on the Home calendar under the animal's name, so a worming round or a vet appointment sits alongside your garden dates.

Breeding and deliveries

Record Breeding on the animal's page logs the mating and, using the gestation days from the animal's type, works out when it is due. The animal is then flagged as currently bred in the list, and the expected delivery shows on your calendar.

When the young arrive, use Record Delivery:

Mother	Which animal delivered.
Sire	The father, if known and on record.
Delivery date	Defaults to today.

Delivered count	How many arrived in total.
Stillborn count	How many did not survive.
Notes	How the delivery went.

The delivery is added to the mother's Delivery History and appears on your calendar. The app can also create records for the offspring, so they are already in your list with their parentage filled in.

Measurements

Use Add under Measurements to track how an animal is doing over time. You can record weight in kilograms or pounds, heart girth, a body condition score, and notes, all against a date.

Keeping these up gives you a growth record for young stock and an early warning when a mature animal starts losing condition.

Pedigrees

Each animal's page has a Pedigree section showing three generations. Choose Edit Pedigree to type in ancestor names — you can fill in grandparents and great-grandparents even when those animals were never in your herd.

Once filled in you can Print Pedigree or Download it, which is what you want when selling breeding stock or registering an animal.

Collecting animal produce

Eggs, milk, and other produce are recorded the same way as a garden harvest. Go to Menu, then Harvest, and choose Animal as the source. Pick the species, then the animal, then the produce and the amount.

From there it flows into Stock exactly like a garden picking, picking up the shelf life you set on the produce type. See the Stock guide.

Tips

- Fill in gestation days on every type you breed. Everything about delivery prediction depends on it.
- Set an avatar photo for each animal — the list becomes much easier to scan.
- Use the repeat interval on routine events instead of trying to remember the next hoof trim yourself.
- Record birth dates where you can. Without one, the app cannot show an age.