

August 2015 Release

Release Notes

The MetaFarms software release was implemented on August 30th. We would like to share some of the enhancements available and defects that were fixed.

Note: All new columns to reports will be available in the MetaFarms Full version but hidden in the Summary version. Column changes may affect any macros you have for a report.

Release Features

Feature 1630 – Copy a Feed Budget

We have added the ability for a user to copy a Feed Budget that is already in their system, thus eliminating entry time. You will find this under Enterprise Manager > Utilities > Copy Feed Budget.

Feature 2210 – Add Default Gilt Ages

We have added default age ranges for the Gilt Performance report. You can find and edit these in General Attributes > Gilt Cohort Age.

Feature 2025 – Ability to Run Market Sales Summary by Packer

You now have the ability to run the Market Sales Summary by All or Select Packers. The Packers included on the report will be listed in the upper left hand corner of the report. You can find this under Sales Manager > Reports > Market Sales Summary.

Feature 2245 – Add Additional Sorting Features on Feed Reports

We have added the ability to choose the mill(s) when running the Feed Deliveries Detail report and the Feed Usage report. You can find these in Finish Manager > Reports.

Feature 2250 – Add Expense Category to History pop-up

We have added Expense Category to the Description line item on the Group History screen. When you click on Group History, you will now see the Expense Category associated with the expenses listed for that group.

Feature 2259 – Change Column Name on Market Sales Summary

We changed the name of column AC on the Market Sales Summary report from "Market Load Type" to "Shipment Type" to match the packer sales screen and General Attributes screen. You can find this under Reports > Sales Reports > Market Sales Summary.

Feature 2304 – Merge Parity on the Sow Card for Transferred Sows

Previously, the sow card for a transferred sow showed a duplicate parity. These have now been merged. We have also simplified the History Transfer options in Sow Protocols. You can now choose to Include All Transferred History or Exclude Previous Sow Unit History. You can find Sow Protocols under Setup Structure > Producers/Sites/Barns. Drill to the site level on the sow unit and click on "more" option, then click the Sow Protocols button.

Feature 2310 – (New Report) Sow Farm Feed Intake Report

We have added a new report for evaluating the use of feed on sow farms. This report will be placed on all MetaFarms Sow customers menus and will allow you the ability to combine feed delivery data and sow performance data.

Report can be run for one sow farm for any period of time and number of periods. (We see the most likely scenario for the report as 13 week periods for 5 periods. This allows you to see a whole year by quarter and allows you to compare the most recent quarter year-over-year.)

Main calculations include Daily Feed Consumption by Gestation and Lactation feed, Feed Cost per Sow and per Weaned Pig, also includes sow performance numbers for weaned sows, weaned pigs, average female inventory, and wean age & weight.

A Feed Summary tab includes a breakdown of ingredients delivered so you can see the amounts of corn and other ingredients used in the reporting period.

You can find this report under Reports > Sow Reports > Sow Farm Feed Intake report.

Feature 2314 – Add Marked By to Details Tab of the Summary Kill Sheet

We have added this column (I) to the Details tab. You can find this report under Sales Manager > Reports > Summary Kill Sheet.

Release Defects

Defect 1011 – Incorrect Comment on Group Detail Closeout

The comment for the Empty Days at Close field has been corrected to read: Empty Days at Close = (Start Date of Group - Start Date of next Group) - Total Days on Feed. This will set to 0 if this calculation exceeds site limit setup. You can find this under Reports > Finish Manager reports > Group Detail Closeout.

Defect 1037 – Closeout Summary Error with “Start % Capacity” Calculation

The previous calculation was including zero capacity units in the Average calculation. These will no longer be included. You can find this under Finish Manager > Reports > Closeout Summary.

Defect 1052 – Ingredient Name Missing in Delivery and Reports

A defect was fixed that allowed a user to manually type in an inactive feed ingredient when hand entering feed deliveries. This resulted in the ingredient name missing from the delivery and reports.

Defect 1053 – Add Ability to Apply Feed to Sow Units

You can now apply a feed delivery to a sow unit on the Feed Deliveries Screen thus eliminating the need to set up the sow unit as a group. You can find this under Data Transfers > Feed Deliveries.

Defect 1086 – Change the Maximum Sow Tag Length

You may now have a sow tag that contains up to 30 characters

Defect 1092 – Customize Report Fixes on Closeout Performance Monitor

These defects were fixed: Avg DDG Cost/Ton did not show up on the list to customize. It now does. Margin Over Feed Cost/CWT did not hide even when the box was checked. It now hides.

Defect 1119 – Batch Farrow Performance Monitor

Calculation changes made for those who batch farrow.

Measures affected (when applicable): LMFY, LFY, PWMFY, PWFY, PSMFY, PSFY, Total Productivity Index (all), Total Productivity Index (mated), Lb weaned Sow/Year, Total lb weaned index. Reports affected (when applicable): System Sow Performance Monitor, Sow Performance Monitor, Sow Performance Monitor Monthly, Sow Farm Comparison, and the Sow Farm Comparison Monthly

Please send us any comments regarding this release, both positive and negative. We appreciate them all as they help us to better serve your needs in future releases.

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