

Getting Started With Livestock

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Welcome to the Livestock Section of your new Farmbrite account! We want you to have a basic understanding of what your Farmbrite Livestock Management software is capable of before you start setting it up, so let's take a high level look though some of the features you have access to. You'll be on your way to managing a healthier, happier, and more productive herd in no time!

Your Main Livestock Menu

You find the Livestock features under the Livestock menu on the left. When you access this page, you'll first see the Animals section and your Livestock Dashboard. This provides an at-a-glance summary of your livestock- while you probably see a blank page, check out the screenshot below for a sneak peek at what types of information you can find here once you have your Livestock set up in Farmbrite.

ANIMAL	TYPE	GENDER	AGE	STATUS
Bison 02	Bison	Female	17 months	Active
Bison 03	Bison	Female	9 months	Active
Bison 04	Bison	Female	6 months	Active
Bison 05	Bison	Female	2 years	Active
Bison 06	Bison	Female	2 years	Active
Bison 07	Bison	Female	2 years	Active
Bison 08	Bison	Female	2 years	Active

Charts will track your animal types and breeding statuses, and a quick count of your animals currently grazing your fields is shown on the right. The charts and information provide valuable insight on your livestock as soon as you access the system.

Individual animals are listed below, giving you easy access to work with each animal. Farmbrite is very flexible to work with all types of livestock operations, allowing you to easily track multiple animal types and herds.

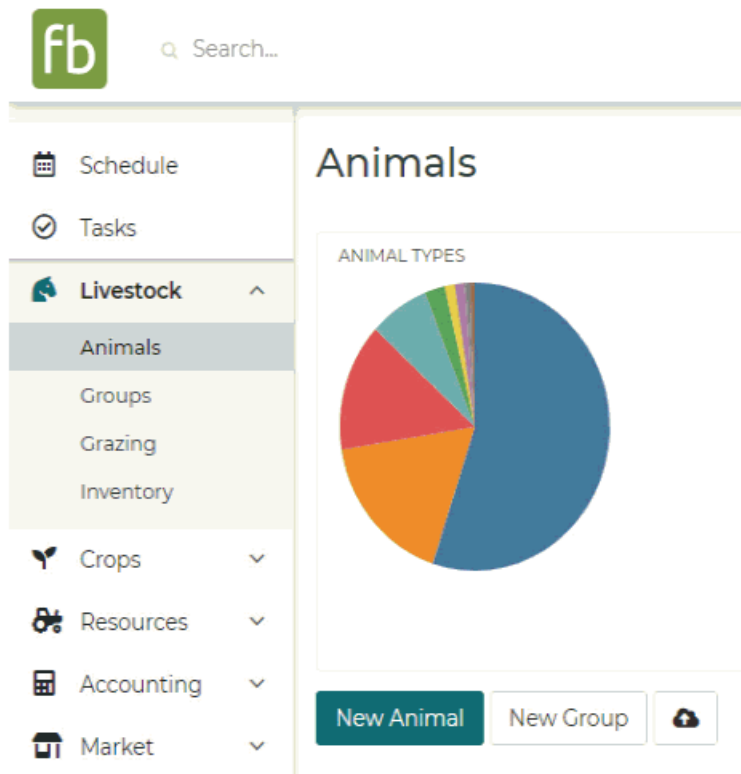
You can also search and filter these animals to find just the livestock you are looking for. If you need information about a specific animal, this is your easy button to find them immediately.

Look to the Livestock section of your menu on the left, and notice the other options you have as well.

You can set up **Groups** of animals to make management of large herds easier. This lets you work with all of the animals in the group at once, applying treatments, notes, and updates in one action.

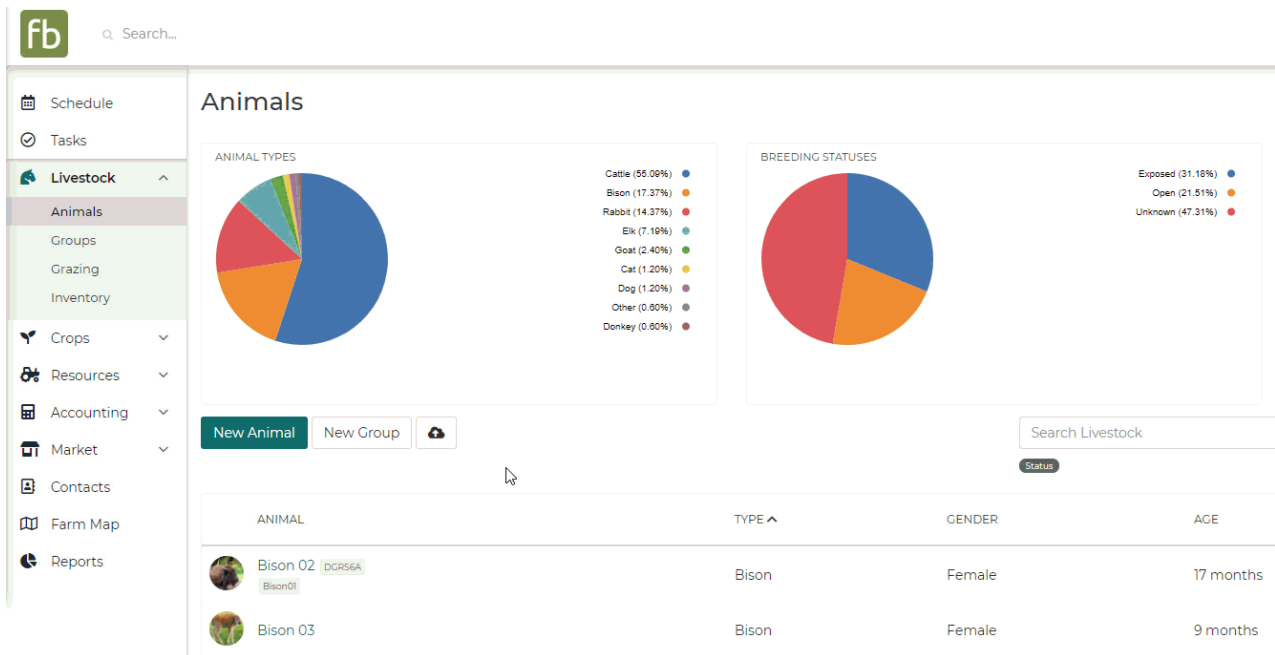
After setting up these groups, you can then move them to different fields to track their **Grazing**. This helps you optimize grazing rotations to improve soil health with regenerative grazing practices.

Check your livestock **Inventory** to see a comprehensive view of your animal types, with births, deaths, sales, and purchases shown over a custom date range. Measuring key performance metrics and keeping better livestock records just got easier!



Adding New Animals

Now that you understand the menu layout of the Livestock section overall, it's time to add an animal to your system to see these features in action. You'll find it's as easy as clicking the **New Animal** button - *go ahead and give it a try, and don't worry about making a mistake, as you can always delete the animal record later.*



Check out all the information you can add about the animal! You don't have to add all of it right now, but take a look at the available fields to get a sense of what's possible, and think about how this data could help you keep better records of your animals. Browse the Status menu, and see how Farmbrite can help you track the entire lifecycle of your livestock. You can add birth information and physical characteristics, as well as identifying information to easily distinguish this animal. You'll be able to look ahead to harvest by supplying estimated revenue and value, assisting you in understanding and improving your profits.

Also - be aware that if this seems like a lot of work to add all this information for your animals one by one, Farmbrite also offers an **Animal Import** feature that lets you add them in bulk from a spreadsheet. For now though - at the very least - make sure you give your first animal a name and a date of birth, and click Save.

And here's where things get even deeper- now that you have an animal in your Farmbrite system, you are presented with **many additional features to work with**. You'll see the Animals menu expanded on the left with new choices for you to browse through. We'll highlight each of them below - *feel free to follow along in your free trial account; click through them, create some examples - you can always delete them later.*

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Bison 03

Basic Information

Name or Label	Bison-03
Internal ID	
Animal Type	Bison
Keywords	
Status	Active
Breeding Status	Exposed
Date Exposed	

Physical Characteristics

Sex	Female
Breed	
Coloring	
Weight (lbs)	Add Weight
Height (in)	Add Height
Framescore	
Condition Score (BCS)	Add BCS
Retention Score	
Description	

Identification

Tag Number	
Other Tag Number	
Electronic ID	102335

Notes, Calendar, and Tasks

You can use the **Notes, Calendar, and Tasks** to set reminders and jot down memos related to this animal. Collaborate with your team and make sure you never miss an appointment or chore for this animal by keeping track of them here - a win for your productivity and organization!

Treatments

The **Treatments** section is where you'll enter records for common animal maintenance and medical procedures. From grooming and hoof trimming to vaccinations and surgeries, or even alternative therapies, you can better manage your herd's health to improve your gains and yields by keeping accurate records here.

DATE	TYPE	PRODUCT	WITHDRAWAL DATE	BOOSTER DATE	ENTERED BY
Nov. 10, 2021	Hoof Trim				Chris
Oct. 04, 2021	Medication	Bar-Vac CD-T (Fermicon)	Oct. 14, 2021		Chris
Sep. 09, 2021	Vaccination	Bovineex	Sep. 23, 2021		Chris
Sep. 07, 2021	Branding				Chris
Aug. 18, 2021	Tagging				Chris

Measurements and Yields

Speaking of gains, the **Measurement** section is made to track routine height and weight records, and can also be used to track condition scores. You'll find charts displaying this data over time, giving you an easy to read visual representation of your livestock growth. You can use the **Yield** section to record your harvest - in our example below, we've tracked the milk produced by our Holstein. Your yield records include trace and batch numbers, and a revenue calculation, and you can even choose to add your harvest directly to your inventory. These measurement and yield key performance metrics can help ensure you pick the best

breeding stock for your next generations.

Bison 01

WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS (LBS)

HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS (IN)

BODY CONDITION SCORE

879.0 lbs 56.0 in
ADG: 4.26 lbs/day

Date	Weight	ADG	Height	BCS	FEC	Entered By
Jul. 19, 2021	879.00 lbs	1.85 lbs	56.00 in	4.5		Chris
Jul. 06, 2021	855.00 lbs	33.00 lbs	54.00 in	4.0		Chris
Jul. 05, 2021	822.00 lbs	4.31 lbs	52.00 in	4.0		Chris
Jun. 09, 2021	710.00 lbs	4.67 lbs	48.00 in	3.0		Chris
May. 31, 2021	668.00 lbs	4.76 lbs	46.00 in	3.0		Chris

Genealogy

Tracking those generations and their lineage is easier than ever with the **Genealogy** feature in Farmbrite. You can create a robust family tree by selecting ancestors and tracking offspring, allowing you to be sure you're selecting the strongest, healthiest, and most productive animals to breed.

Cow 1 - Holstein [1]

Select Ancestors View Offspring

Pedigree of: Cow 1

Born on: Nov. 02, 2021
Breed: Holstein
Color: Black
Weight: 1866.0 lbs
Sex: Male
Registry #: CR-CO1099

PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	GREAT GRANDPARENTS	GREAT GREAT GRANDPARENTS	GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDPARENTS
Cow 3 Color: Black Weight: 1253.0 lbs Birth Date: Nov. 01, 2019 Reg #: CR-CO323	Cow 13 Color: Black Weight: 1872.0 lbs Birth Date: Apr. 03, 2017 Reg #: CR-CO335	Cow 19 Color: Black Weight: 1822.0 lbs Birth Date: Mar. 01, 2016 Reg #: CR-CO725	Cow 33	Cow 43 Cow 42 Cow 49 Cow 46 Cow 53 Cow 52 Cow 49 Cow 46
	Cow 10 Color: Black Weight: 1296.0 lbs Birth Date: Apr. 06, 2017 Reg #: CR-CO342	Cow 22 Color: Weight: 1124.0 lbs Birth Date: Mar. 01, 2016 Reg #: CR-CO742	Cow 35 Cow 36	Cow 55 Cow 54 Cow 57 Cow 58 Cow 61 Cow 60 Cow 63 Cow 62
		Cow 23 Color: Black Weight: 1796.0 lbs Birth Date: Feb. 02, 2016 Reg #: CR-CO820	Cow 37 Cow 38 Cow 39 Cow 40	Cow 64 Cow 65 Cow 66 Cow 67
		Cow 24 Color: Black Weight: 1256.0 lbs Birth Date: Feb. 07, 2016 Reg #: CR-CO825		

Grazing

Feeding those generations is of course critical to recognize the highest yield and profit, and the **Grazing** feature will help ensure your fields are optimally rotated to provide the nutrition your animals need. Note that while you can move individual animals here, you'll likely move whole herds using the Grazing feature in the main Livestock Menu we discussed above. This section will also show you how long it's been since a field was last grazed, with an added visual indicator letting you know if it's ready to be grazed again. Regenerative grazing practices are now easier to track - your soil will thank you!

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Fields Actively being Grazed

NAME	ANIMAL COUNT	AVERAGE DAYS IN FIELD
Eastside Field 2	12	7
Southwest Field A	29	0

Accounting

Since the ultimate goal of your business is to turn a profit, you will also find an **Accounting** section for each animal. You can record expenses like medications, feed, and supplies, with a total cost calculated as a break even point for an individual animal. Money you bring in from this animal's yield can be added as income, giving you a full snapshot of the costs and gains from this animal with your profit automatically calculated. Check out the available categories in the screenshot below - they are mapped to the US Schedule F Federal Tax Form, making your tax filing much easier. These can also be customized for non-US operations as well.

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Record a Transaction

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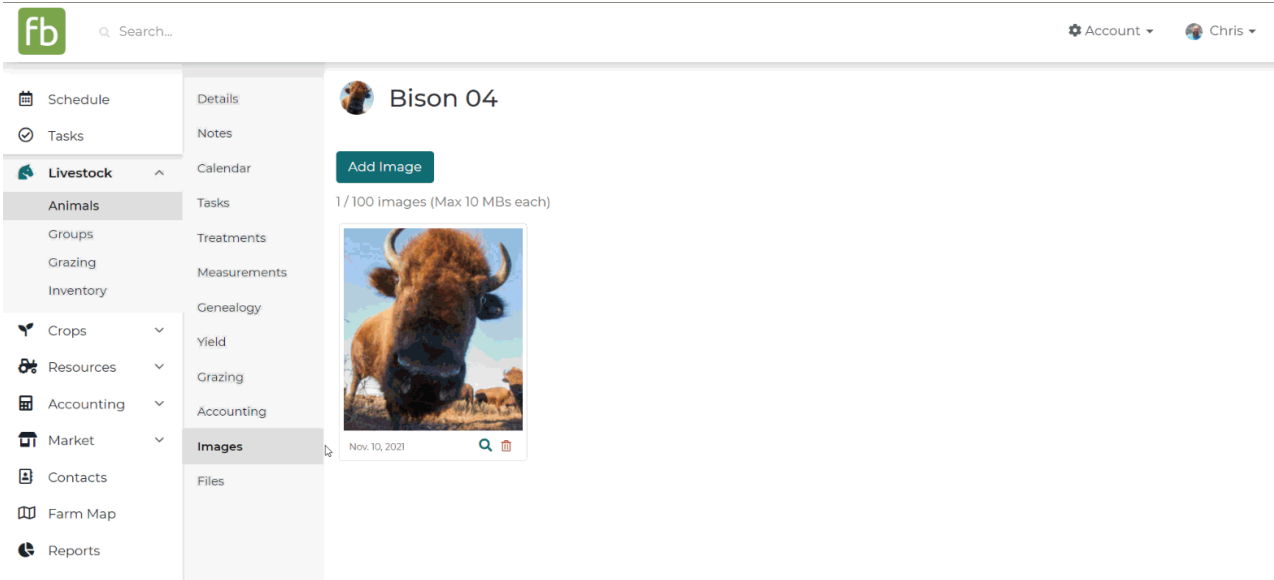
Break Even: \$35.00
Revenue: \$0 Expenses: \$35 Profit: (\$35)

DATE	PAYEE	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	AMOUNT
Nov. 01, 2021		Veterinary, breeding, and medicine	Preg Check	Expense	-\$25.00
Oct. 01, 2021		Veterinary, breeding, and medicine	Vaccination	Expense	-\$10.00

Displaying all 2 Transactions
Download Transactions

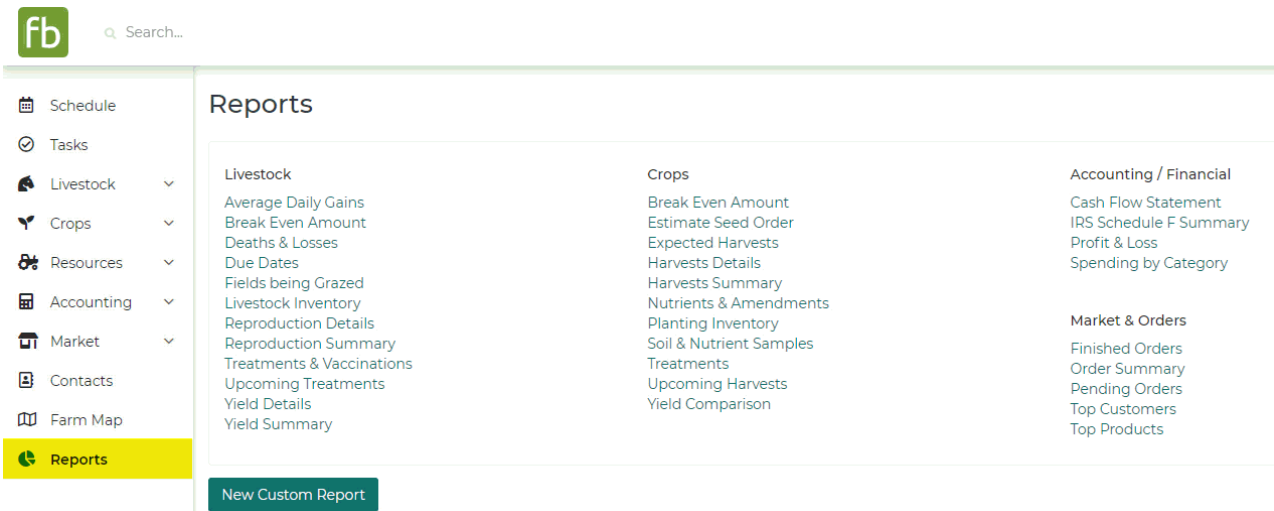
Images and Files

Animal identification and easy access to secure records is also extremely important for your business operations, so you'll be able to store **Images and Files** associated with animals as well.



Reports

We know this is a lot of information to digest, so Farmbrite also provides **Livestock Reports** that will help you make sense of your data. These are found in the Reports menu on the left. You'll find all sorts of helpful analytics here - Average Daily Gain calculations, Treatment and Vaccination records, Yield information, and Profit and Loss/Break Even accounting reports. You'll start seeing value from these once you have your data in Farmbrite - the one stop shop to find helpful information can be key to streamlining your business operations and saving you time.



So now you have a much better understanding of the capabilities of your Farmbrite system. We're excited to see what you do with your free trial, and we're here to help along the way. If you need additional help, please feel free to [reach out to our support team](#), and be sure to check out the other related Articles below. We're glad we can be here to help you succeed!