



EasySlider

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1 System description

EasySlider is computer-controlled dry feeding system used for sows that are kept individually, e.g. in farrowing pens or stalls. Electronic animal identification via antenna and transponder is not required.

Each sow is assigned her own EasySlider unit. Each sow chooses for herself when and how much she wants to eat. To receive feed, the sow actuates a pendulum inside the feed pipe. During active feeding times, if the sow is also entitled to receive feed, a ration is dispensed. The sow can only demand the next ration once a defined eating time has elapsed.

EasySlider is controlled by the BigFarmNet Manager. The program defines individual feed curves per sow and the user can assign individual EasySlider pens to each sow. Moreover, up to five feeding times can be programmed.

The application allows the user to monitor and control the eating behaviour of each sow. This information provides important knowledge on each sow's state of health.

1.1 Requirements to install the EasySlider application

The EasySlider application uses the 510*pro*, which replaces the MC700, as control computer. Each 510*pro* control computer can control a maximum of 16 CAN bus junction boxes. Up to 25 EasySlider units can be set up per CAN bus junction box. This means that one 510*pro* can control a maximum of 400 EasySlider feeding spaces.

The following software licenses are **required** to run the EasySlider application:

Code no.	BigFarmNet Manager license	Use
91-02-6605	License 510 – BigFarmNet EasySlider	1 per 510 <i>pro</i>
91-02-6500	BigFarmNet Manager – Basic installation software	1 per BigFarmNet network
91-02-6555	License BigFarmNet Manager – Sow manager	1 per BigFarmNet network
91-02-6558	License BigFarmNet Manager – Sow management < 1000 sows	1 per BigFarmNet network
91-02-6566	License BigFarmNet Manager – Sow management 1000 - 3000 sows	
91-02-6567	License BigFarmNet Manager – Sow management > 3000 sows	

The following software licenses are **optional**:

Code no.	BigFarmNet Manager license	Use
91-02-6564	License BigFarmNet – Web Access Pig	App Pig / Access via the user's smartphone or tablet
91-02-6551	License BigFarmNet Manager per additional PC/MC700	In case animal and system data in the BigFarmNet Manager is to be available on additional computers

1.2 System limits

30,000	Sows
400	EasySlider units
25	CAN bus junction boxes per control computer
50	Feed curves
1,000	Ingredients
50	Recipes
5	Feeding periods

2 Installation and configuration of the control computer



Only service technicians may install and configure the control computer.



Figure 2-1: Control computer 510pro

Carry out the following steps to install and configure the control computer:

1. Wiring, see the enclosed wiring diagram
2. Assigning a static IP address to the control computer, see chapter 2.1
3. Assigning a static IP address to the Manager PC, see chapter 2.2
4. Assigning a network card to the control computer, see chapter 2.3
5. Testing the connection to the control computer, see chapter 2.4
6. Installing the software on the control computer, see chapter 2.5
7. Configuring a group node, see chapter 2.6



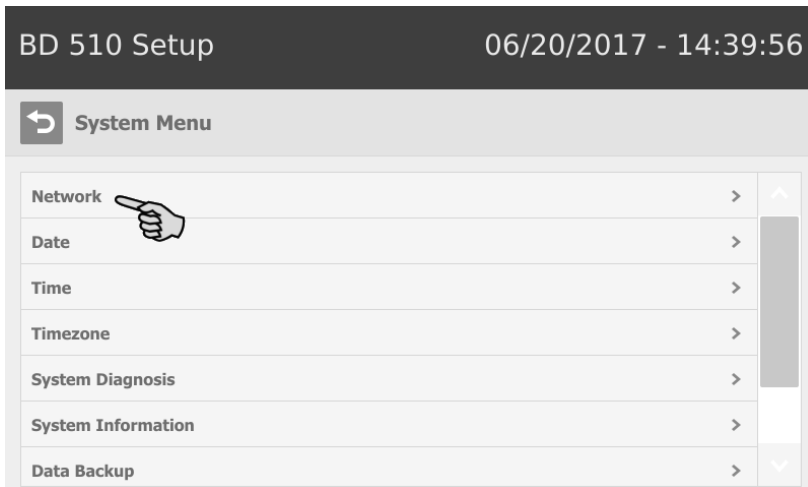
Please contact the customer's IT administrator to determine the IP addresses in the network.

2.1 Control computer: assigning a static IP address

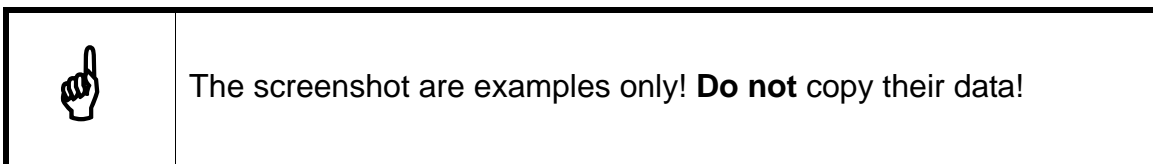
1. Start the control computer.
2. Tap on the configuration button on the start screen.



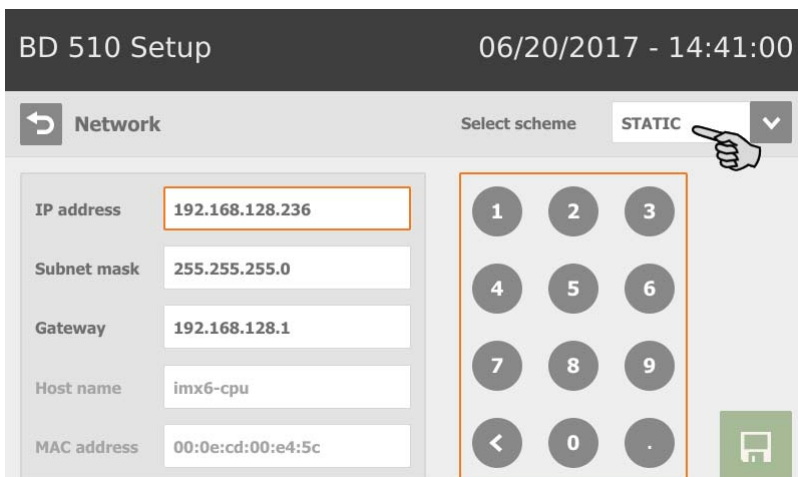
3. Tap on "Network".




4. Enter the IP address, the subnet mask and the gateway.



5. Make sure that you have selected "STATIC" for a static IP address under "Select scheme".




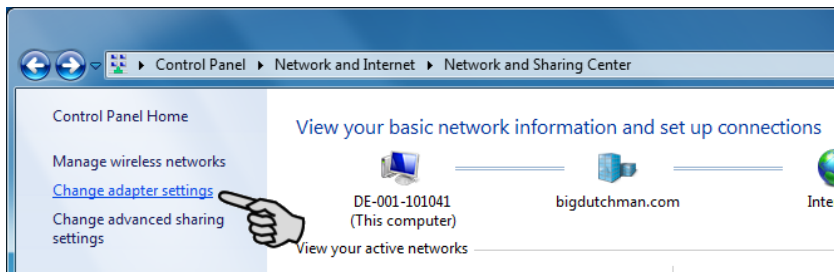
6. Save your inputs by tapping on .

2.2 Manager PC: assigning a static IP address

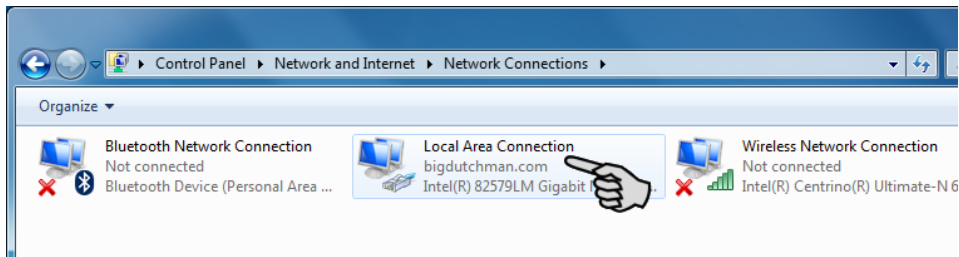
2.2.1 Windows 7

Assign a static IP address to the PC on which BigFarmNet Manager is installed or will be installed. The following steps correspond to the Windows 7 operating system.

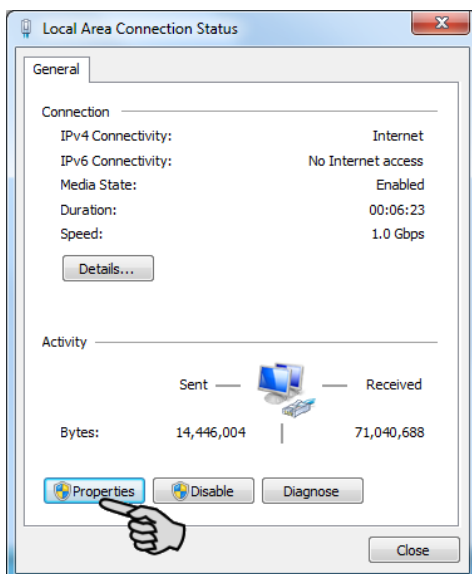
1. Click on "Control Panel" in the start menu .
2. Click on "Network and Sharing Center".
3. Click on "Change adapter settings".



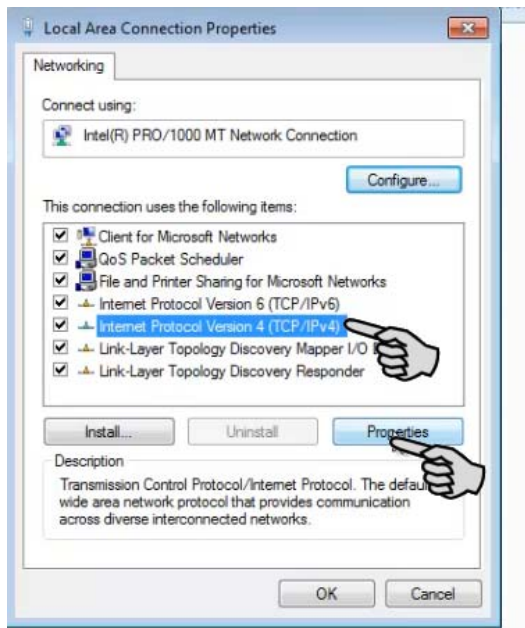
4. Double-click on "Local Area Connection".



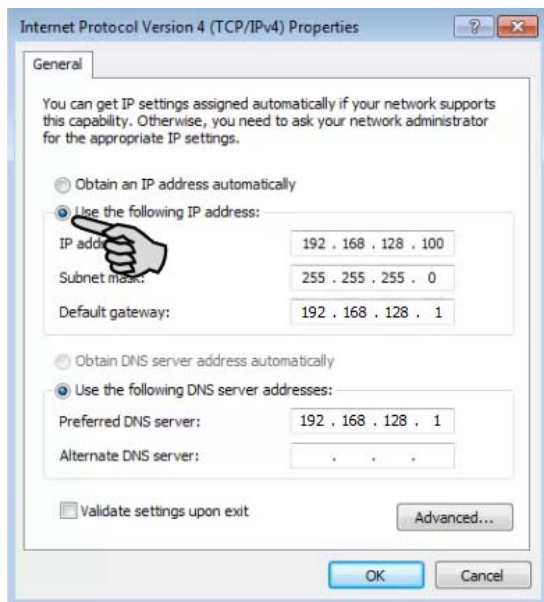
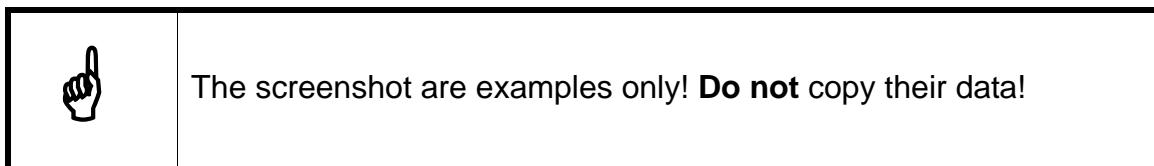
5. Click on "Properties".



6. Select "Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)" and click on "Properties".



7. Enter a static IP address.

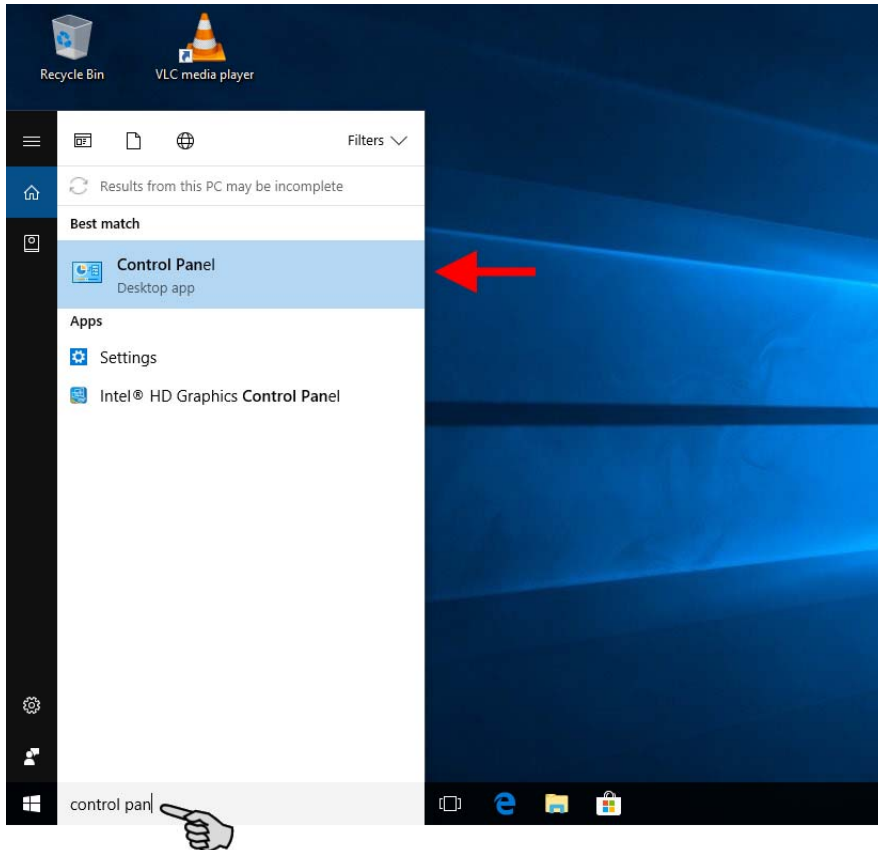


8. Accept these inputs by clicking on "OK".

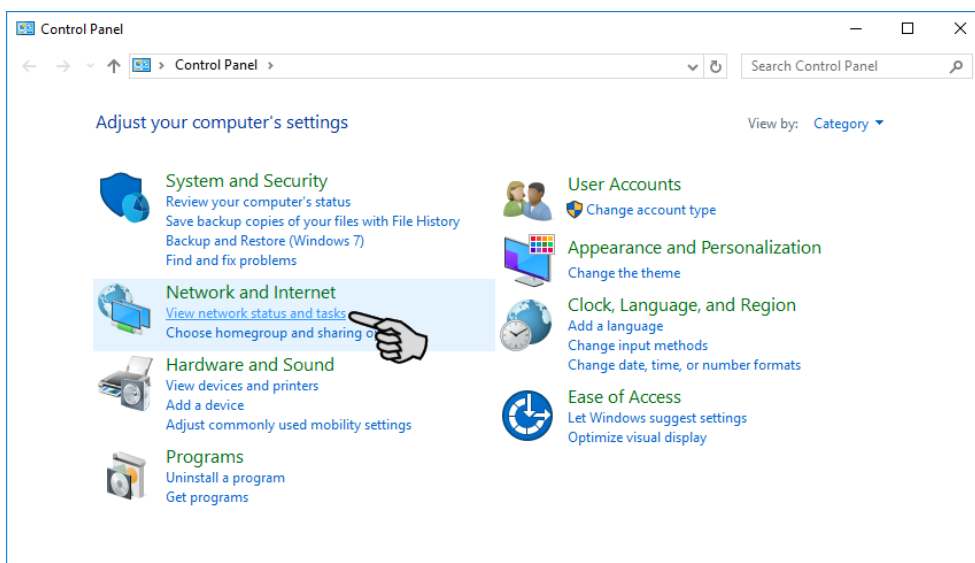
2.2.2 Windows 10

Assign a static IP address to the PC on which BigFarmNet Manager is installed or will be installed. The following steps correspond to the Windows 10 operating system.

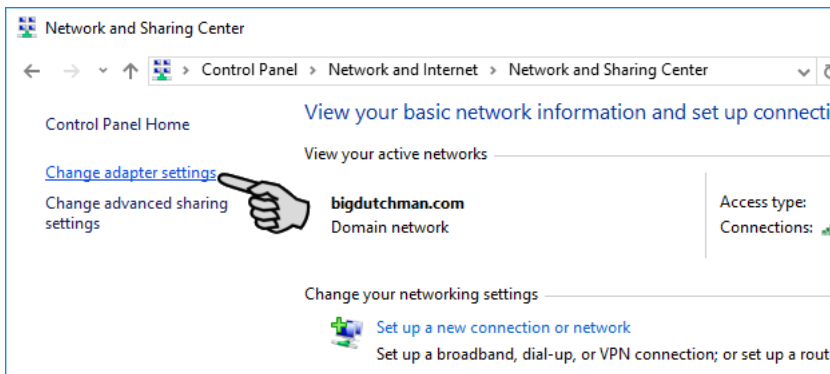
1. Open the Control Panel using the search field in the task bar.



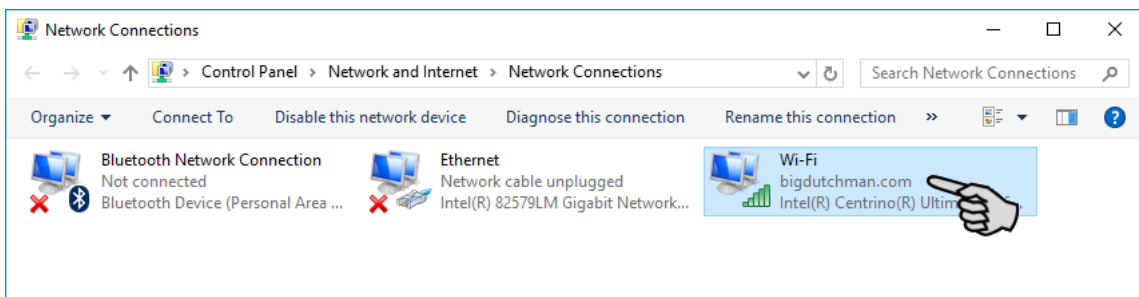
2. Click on "View network status and tasks" under "Network and Internet".



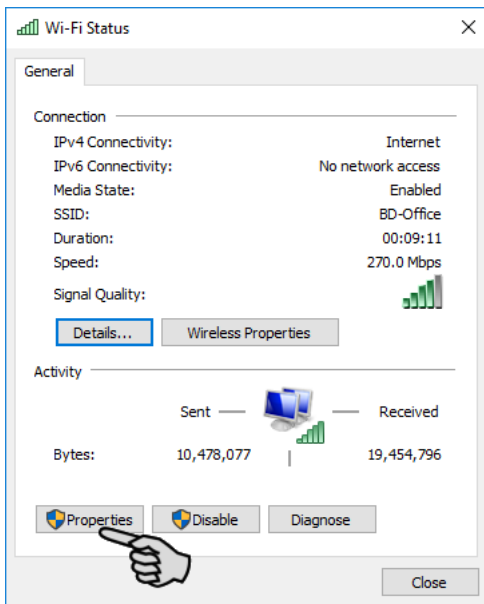
3. Click on "Change adapter settings".



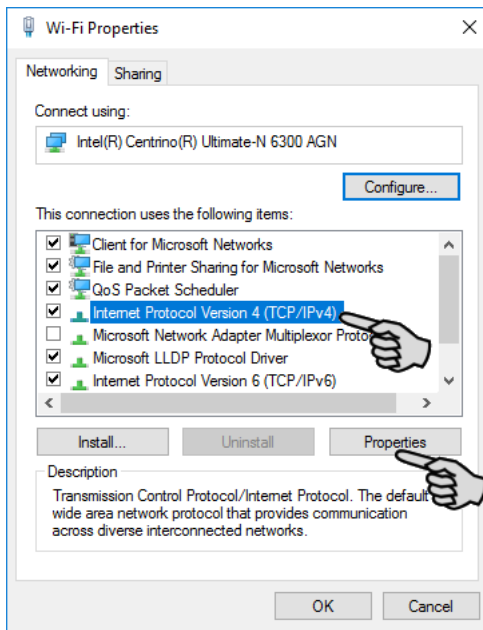
4. Double-click on "Wi-Fi".



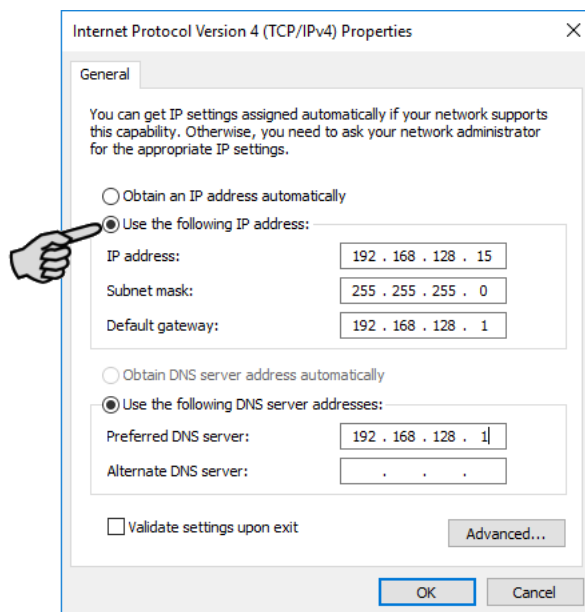
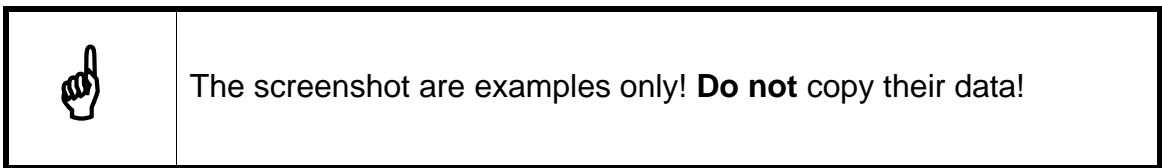
5. Click on "Properties".



6. Select "Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)" and click on "Properties".



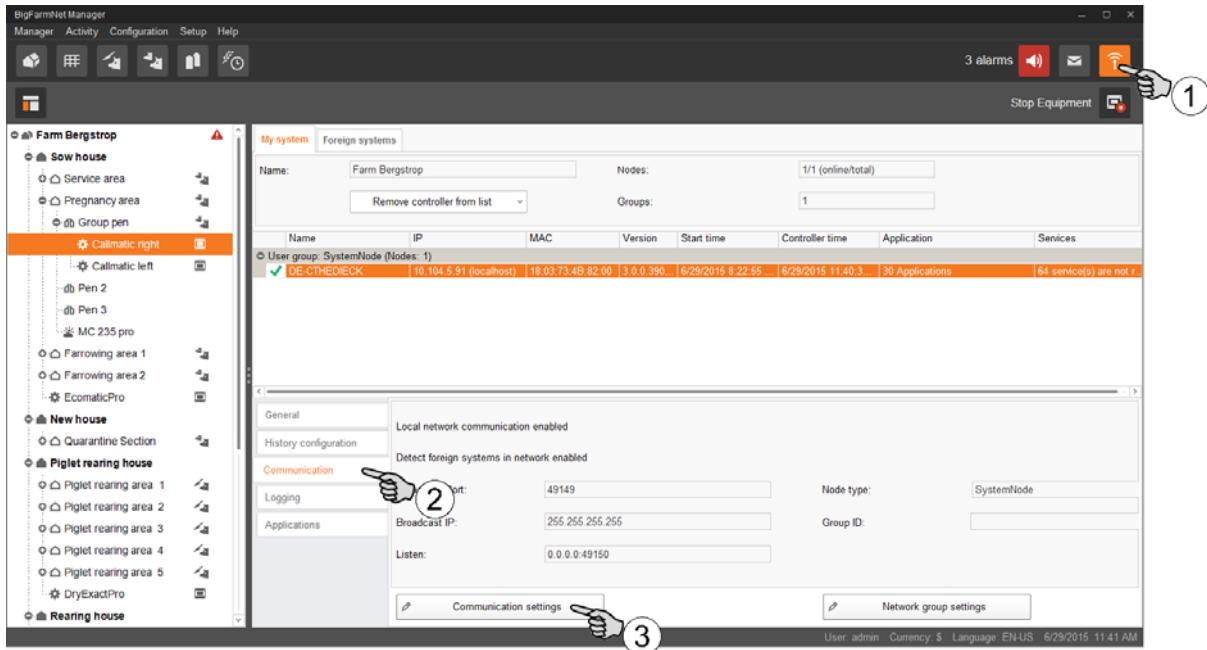
7. Enter a static IP address.



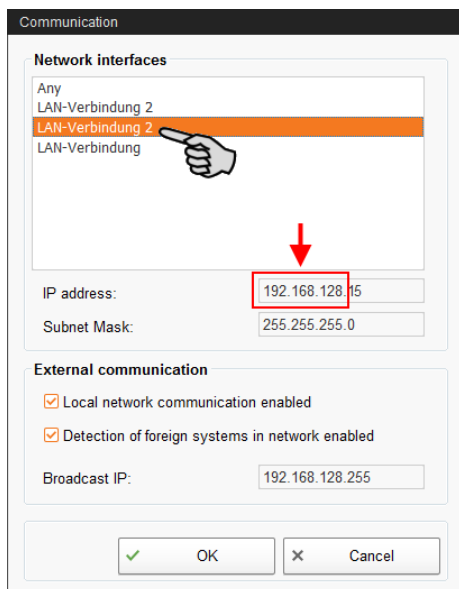
8. Accept these inputs by clicking on "OK".

2.3 Assigning a network card

Assign the network card in BigFarmNet Manager. Check the "BigFarmNet Manager – Installation/Configuration" manual for how to install BigFarmNet Manager.



1. Click on the network icon.
2. Click on "Communication".
3. Click on "Communication settings".
4. Select the correct network interface. The first three octets of the IP address must match those you have entered for the Manager PC beforehand, see chapter 2.2.



2.4 Checking the connection to the control computer



Use the "ping" command to check the connection to the control computer.

Enter the command into the console as follows: ping <IP address>

Example in the screenshot: ping 192.168.128.236

If the control computer replies, four lines with the following information will appear:

- IP address;
- packet size;
- required time;
- TTL (time to live).

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CA: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7600]
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C:\Users\Test>ping 192.168.128.236
Pinging 192.168.1.15 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.128.236: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.128.236: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.128.236: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.128.236: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 192.168.128.236:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
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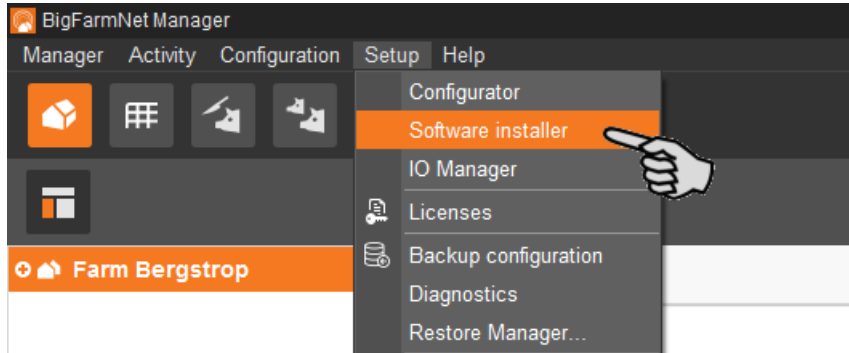
If the control computer replies, the software can be installed.

If the "ping" command fails and the control computer does not reply, contact the customer's IT administrator.

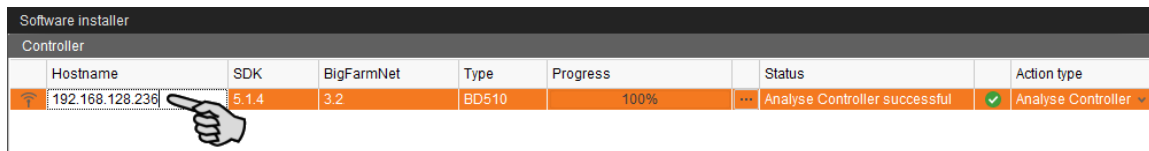
2.5 Installing the software on the control computer

Upon delivery, the control computer has an operating system pre-installed. The corresponding BigFarmNet software must be installed additionally.

1. Click on "Software installer" in the "Setup" menu.

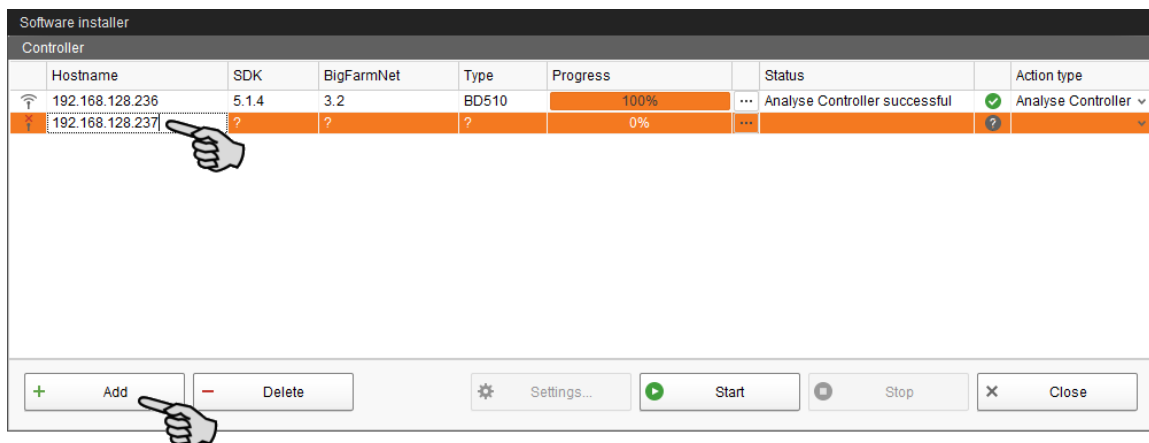


2. Enter the IP address of the control computer on which you want to install the software.

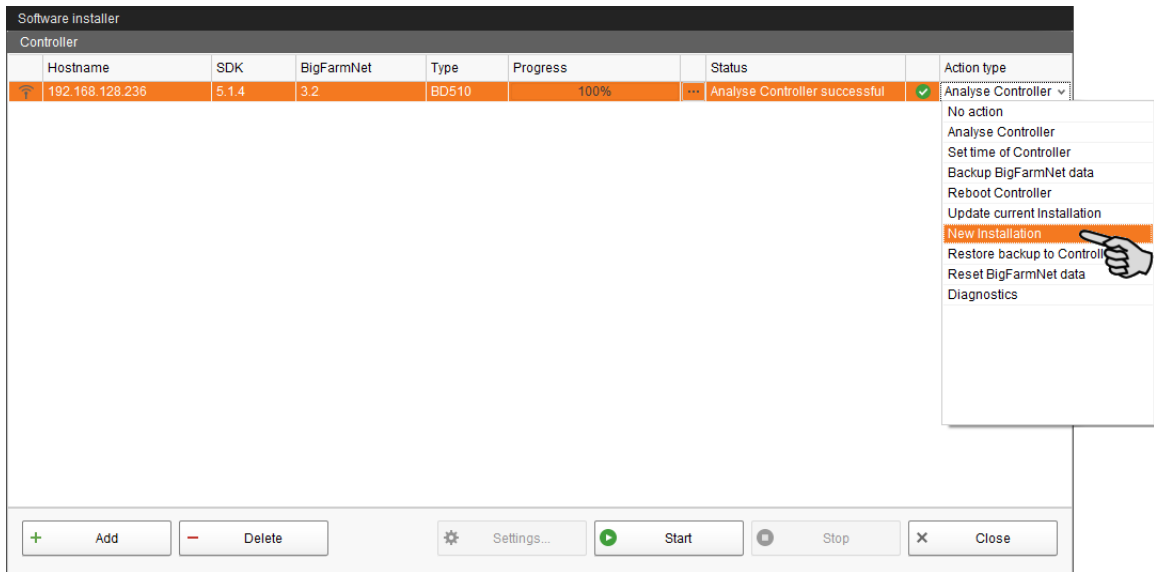


3. If necessary, add the desired number of control computers by clicking on "Add".

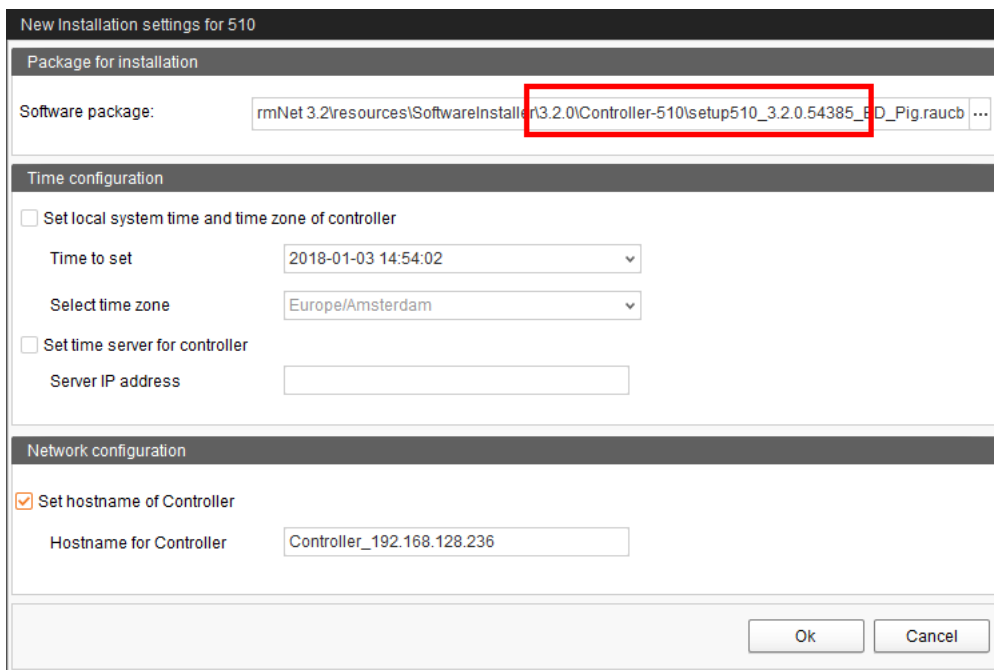
This feature allows you to install the software simultaneously on multiple control computers. Each click on "Add" adds another control computer and the IP address increases by 1. However, you may change the IP address according to your wishes.



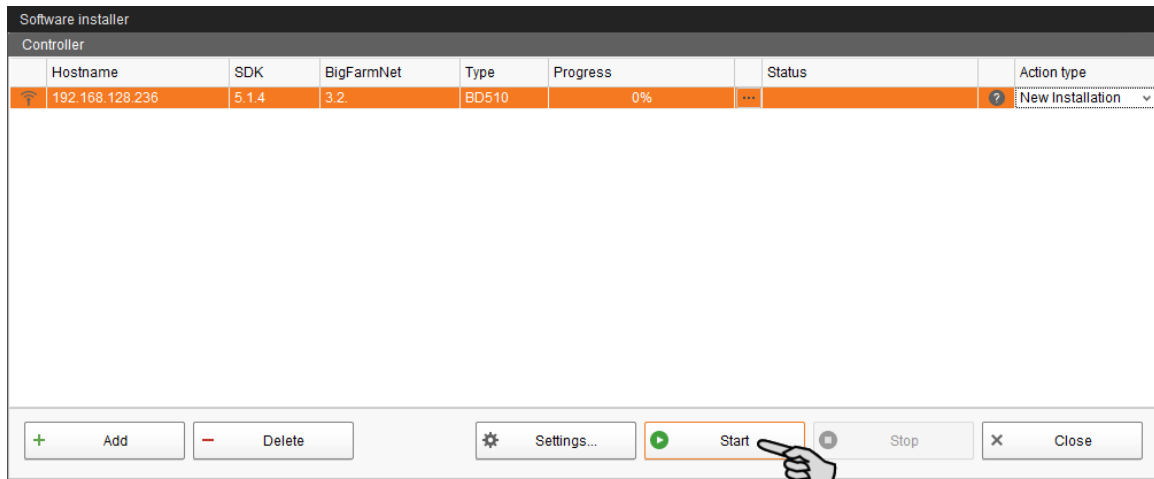
4. Click on a control computer to select it.
5. Click into the respective input field under "Action type" and select "New Installation".



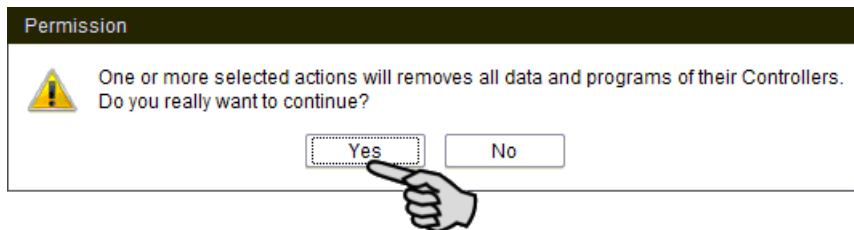
6. Click on "Settings" in the lower command bar of the dialog window.
7. Under "Software package", check whether the setup for the 510pro control computer is stored under the indicated path.




8. Confirm the dialog by clicking on "OK".
9. Click on "Start".

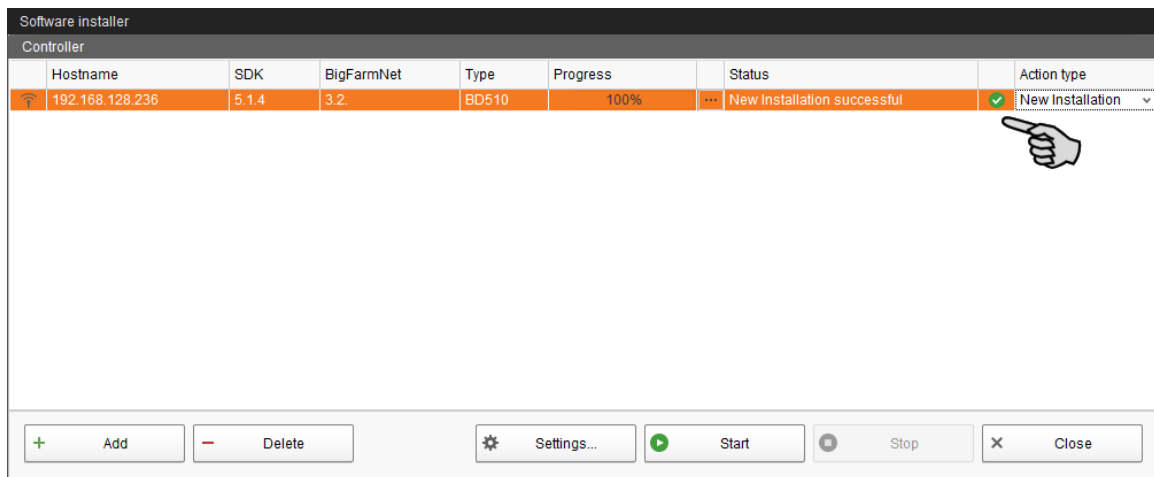


10. Confirm the prompt for confirmation.



The installation process may take a few minutes. Click on **...** to receive more information on the progress.

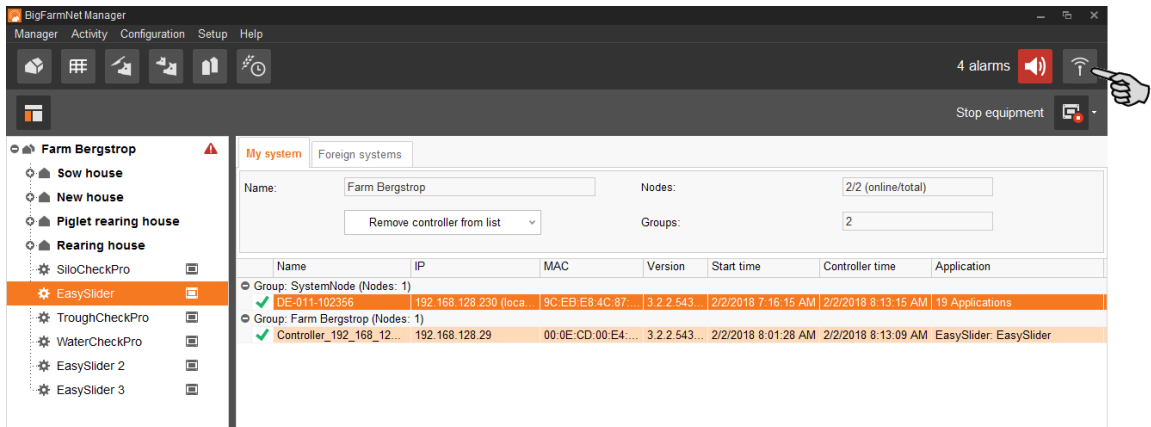
Successful installation is indicated by a checkmark  in the "Status" column.



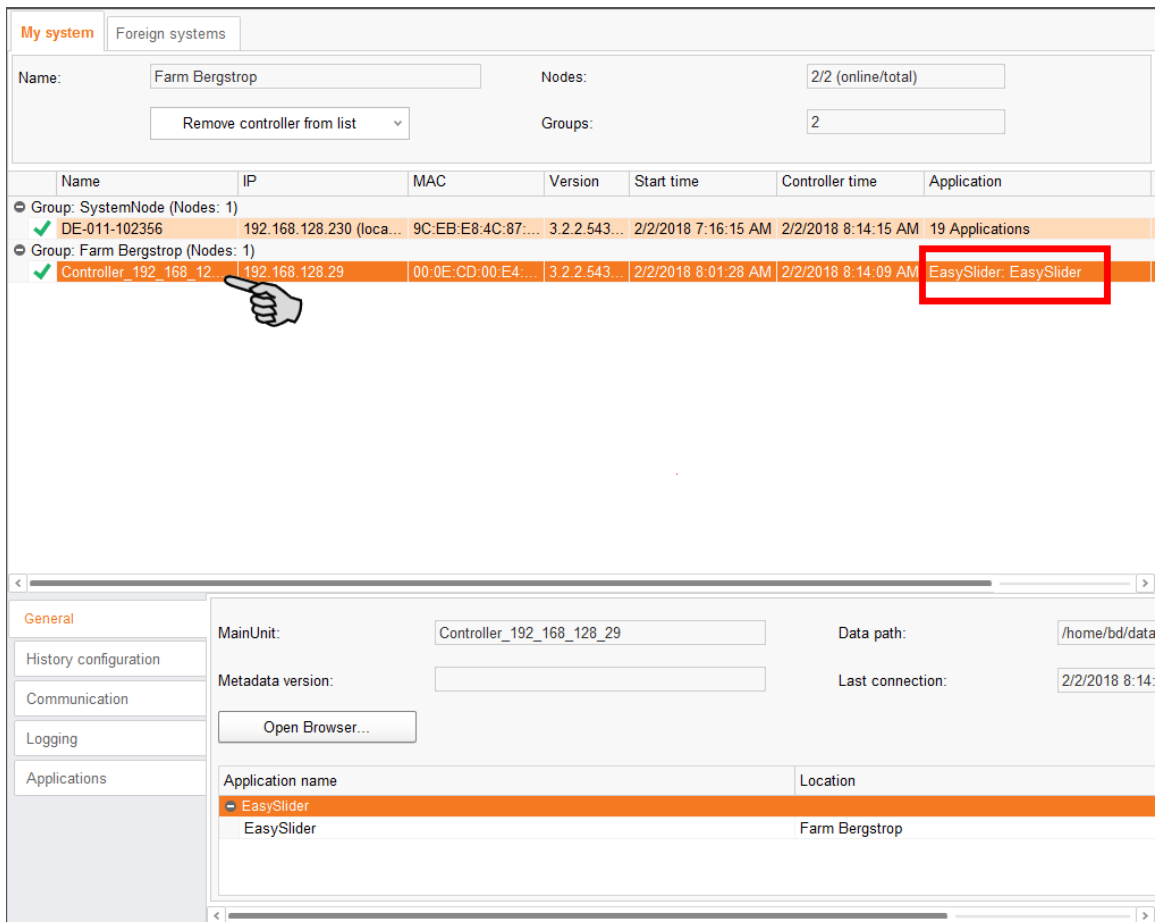
2.6 Configuring a group node

As the EasySlider application is created on the farm level, you need to configure a group node with an assigned location in the network to allow for data exchange with the control computer in the network.

1. Click on the network icon.

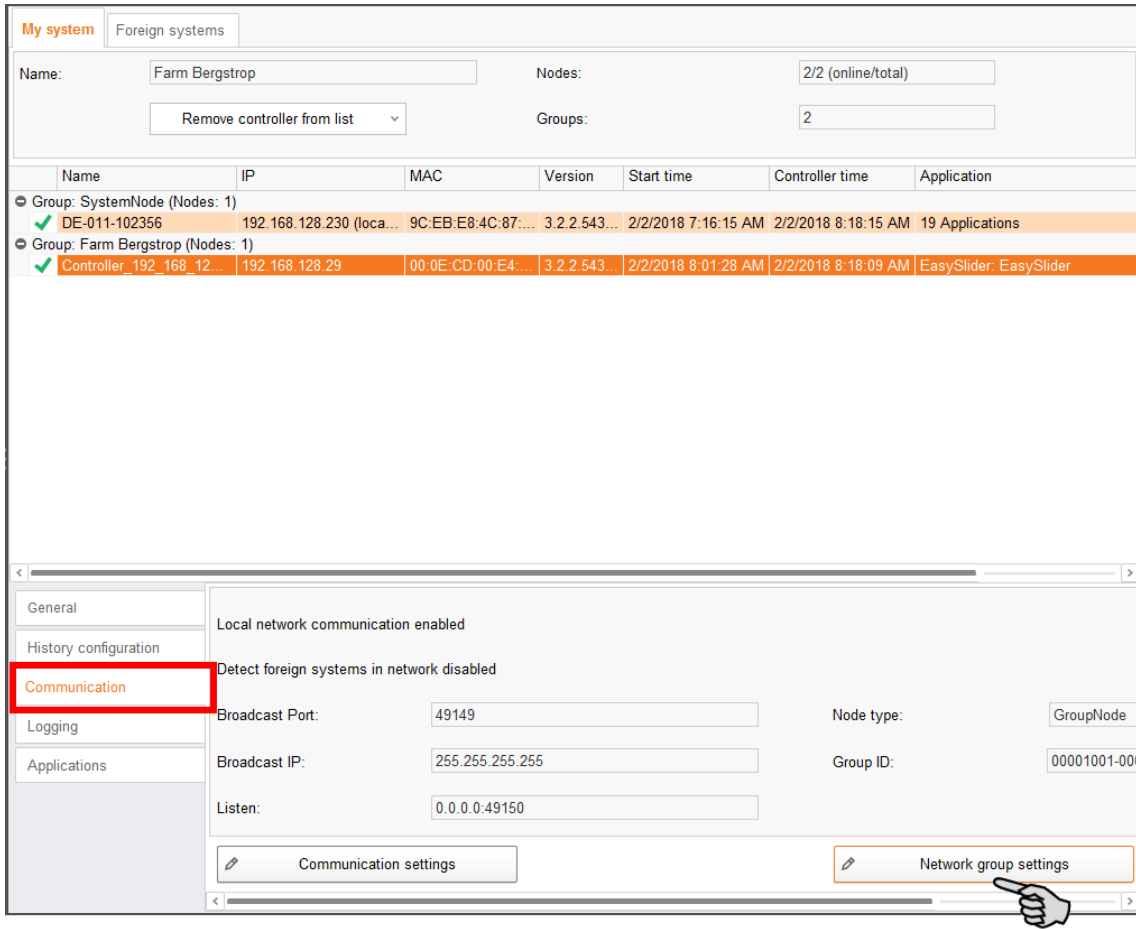


2. Click on the node of the farm level on which the EasySlider application was created.

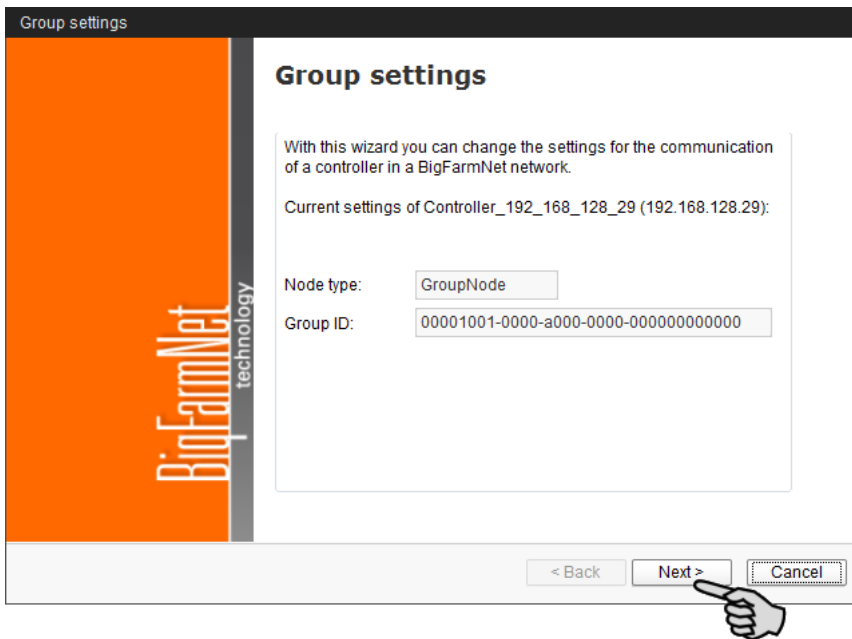


3. Click on "Network group settings" in the "Communication" category.

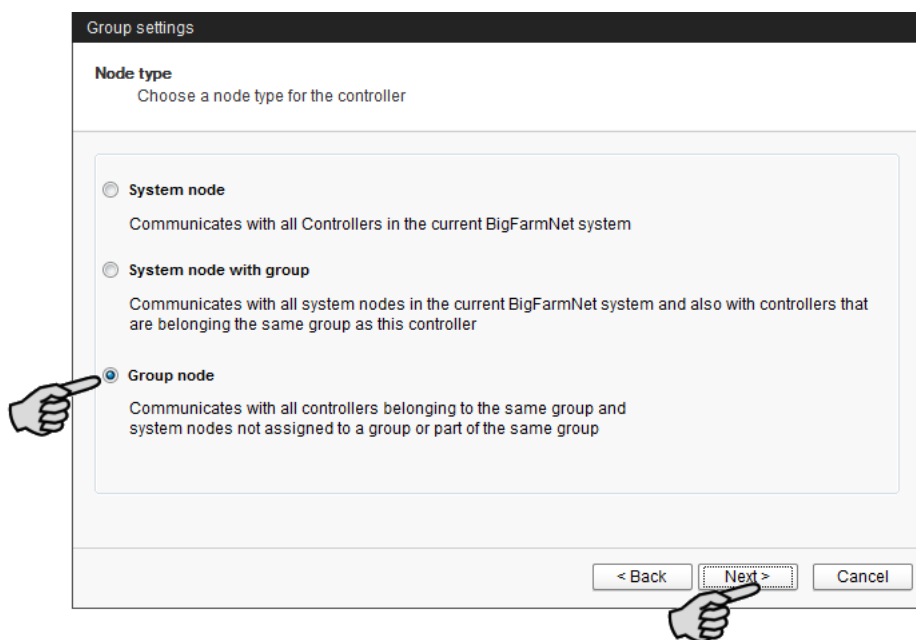
This opens the settings assistant.



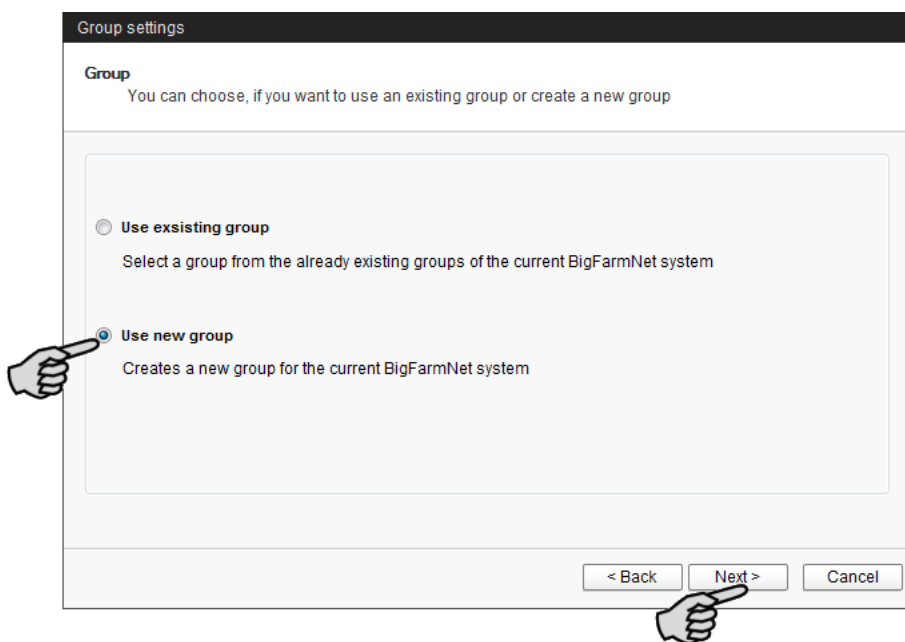
4. Make sure that the node type is "GroupNode" and click on "Next".



5. Select "Group node" and click on "Next".



6. Select "Use new group" and click on "Next".



7. Select "Use location as group" and select the correct location (house!) from the drop-down menu.

Group settings

New group
Create a new group for the controller

Use location as group
Choose a location of the farm as group for this controller

Farm Bergstrop - Sow house

Use individual group
Use an individual identifier as group for this controller
(Will be shown as "No Name" in table)

d7a7825e-ebe0-42ed-9a19-15e607c8a890

< Back Finish Cancel

8. Click on "Finish".

The application is now configured as group node on the house level.

3 Configuration of the system

3.1 Adding the control computer and the application

Before the system can be configured in accordance with the mechanical situation, the respective control computer and the application must be added to your farm system.

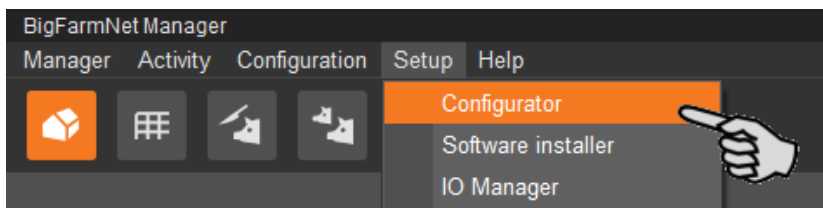


Do **not** use the Configurator to create the farm structure with houses, sections and pens for this system. Circuits and feed valves must be assigned to their corresponding location (house, section and pen) in the Composer, see chapter 3.2 "Configuring settings in the Composer", page 23, point 7. The farm structure is generated automatically as soon as the locations have been assigned in the Composer. This approach can save much time.

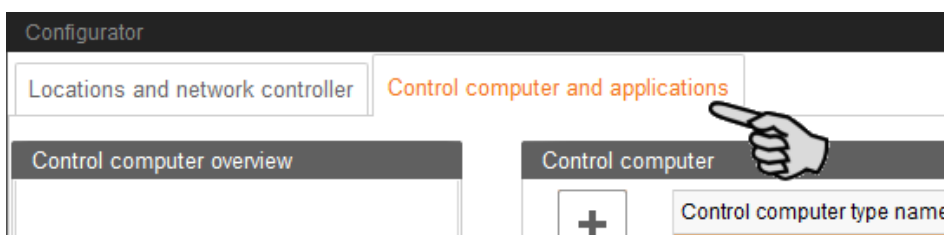
Proceed as follows:

1. Click on "Configurator" in the "Setup" menu.

This opens the "Configurator" window.

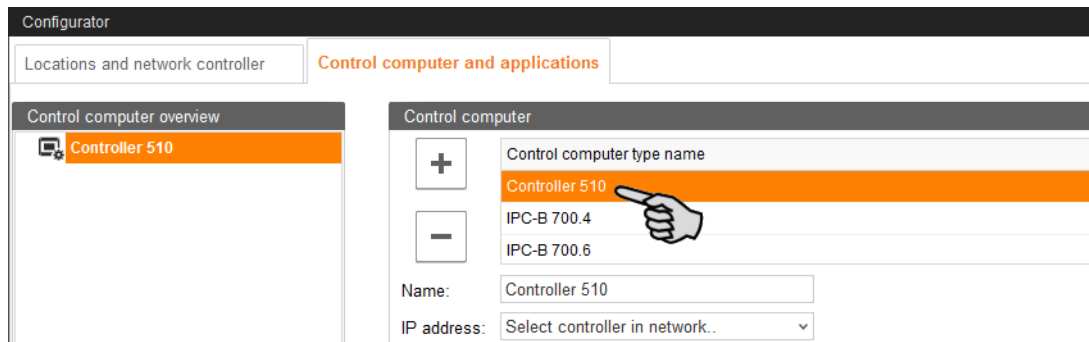


2. Click on the "Control computer and applications" tab.

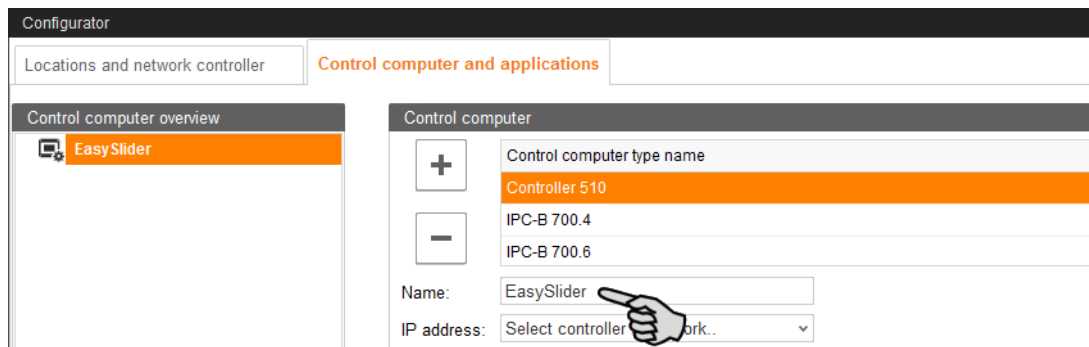


3. Select the correct control computer in the upper part of the window under "Control computer" and click on the plus button.

The control computer is now added on the left under "Control computer overview".



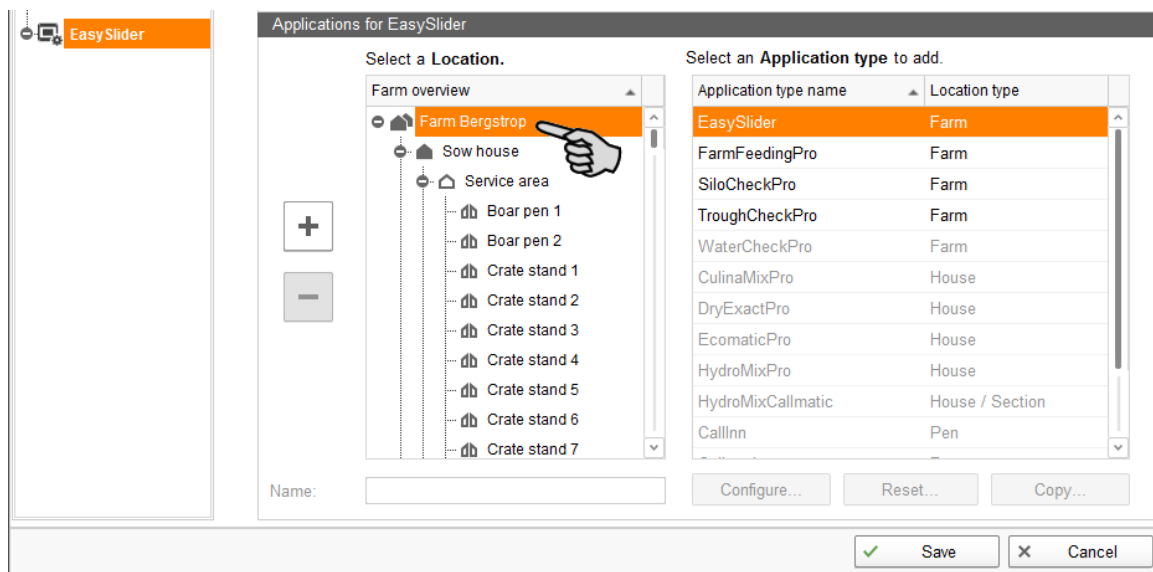
4. Enter a name for the control computer.



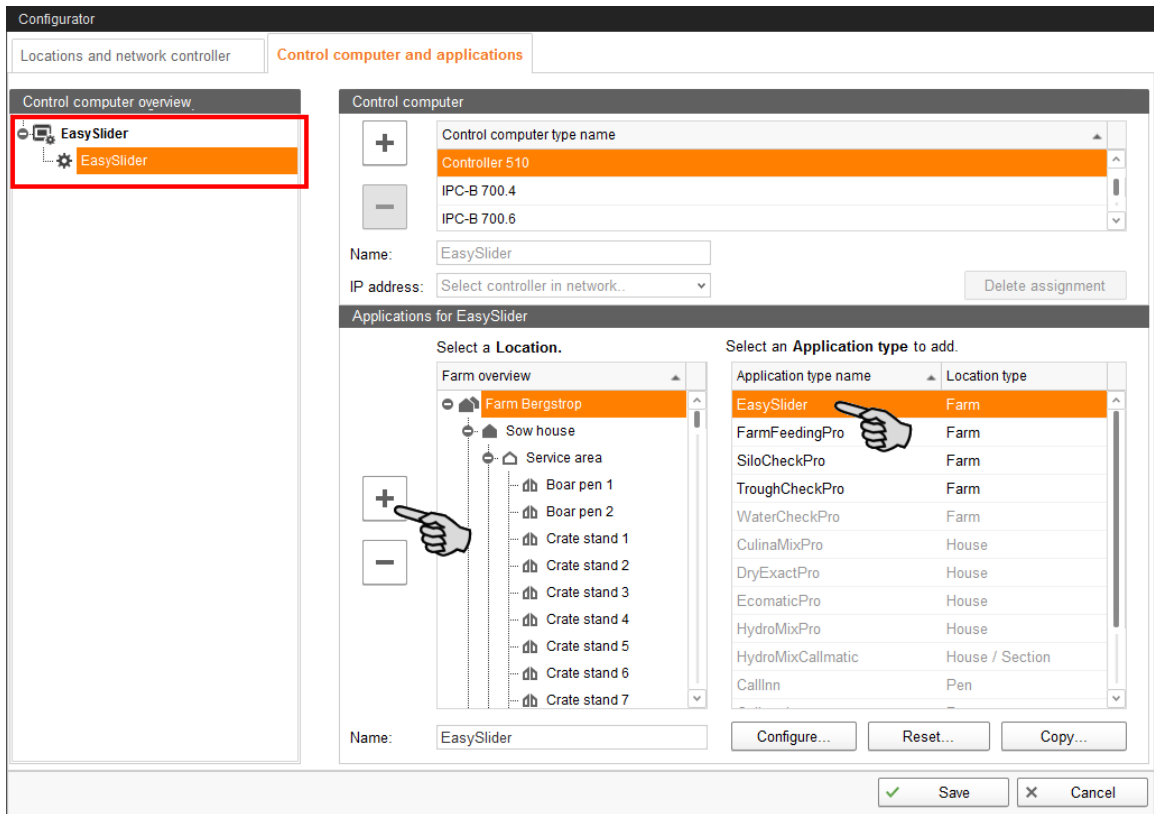
5. From the lower part of the window under "Application for...", select the location where the system is to be used.

The applications available for selection depend on the selected location.

The EasySlider application can only be added on the farm level.

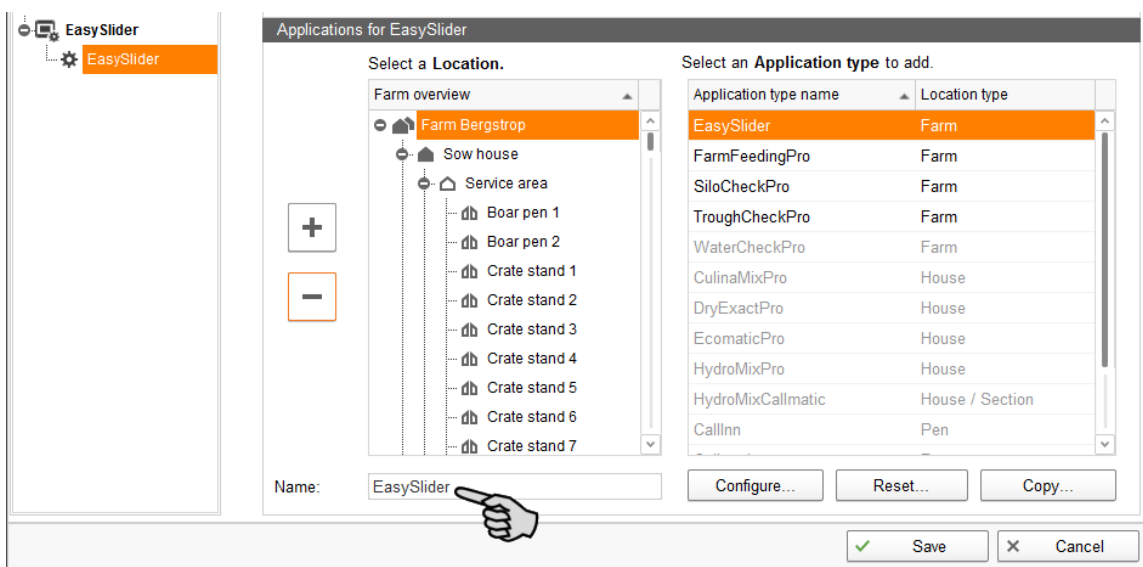


- Select the correct application in the table on the right and click on the plus button to the left.

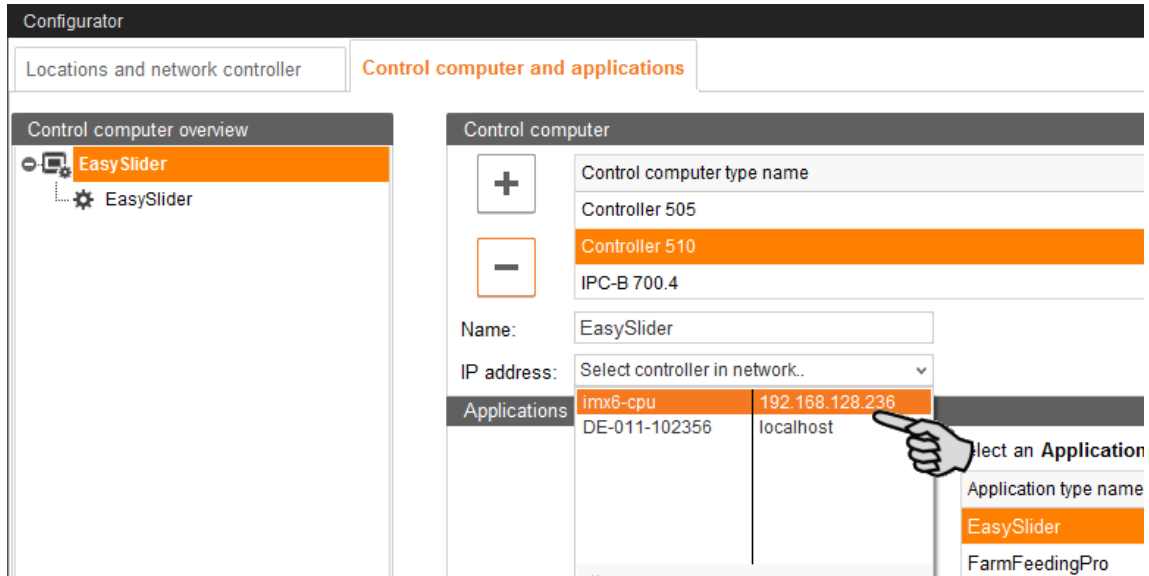


The selected application is assigned to the control computer on the left under "Control computer overview". In the structure, the control computer is displayed on the upper level and the respective application on the lower level.

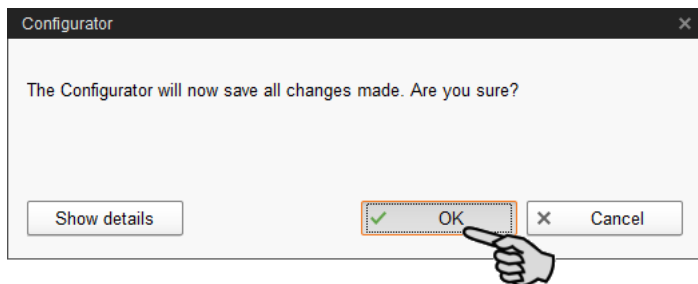
- Enter a name for the application.



8. Click on the level of the control computer in the left-hand part of the window under "Control computer overview".
9. Assign the corresponding IP address to the control computer, if known.
If the IP address has not been set up yet, you will need to add it later on.



10. Click on "Save" in the bottom command bar of the "Configurator" window after having configured all settings.
11. Confirm these settings by clicking on "OK".

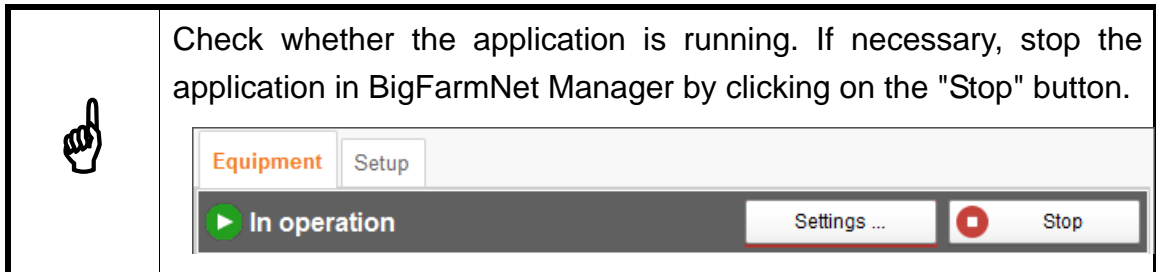


12. Confirm these settings again by clicking on "OK" in the next window.

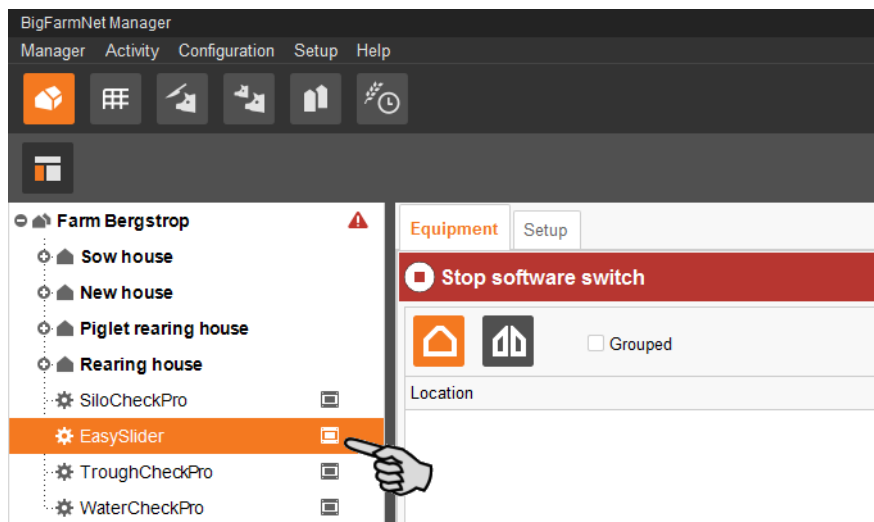


3.2 Configuring settings in the Composer

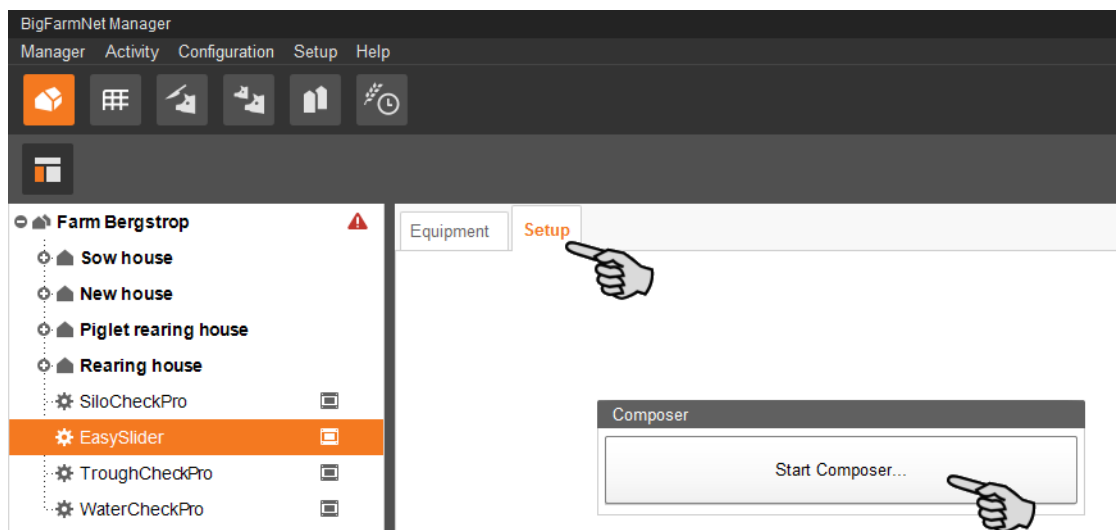
The Composer is used to configure the system according to the mechanical situation. All functions of the installed system must usually be defined once here. Proceed as follows:



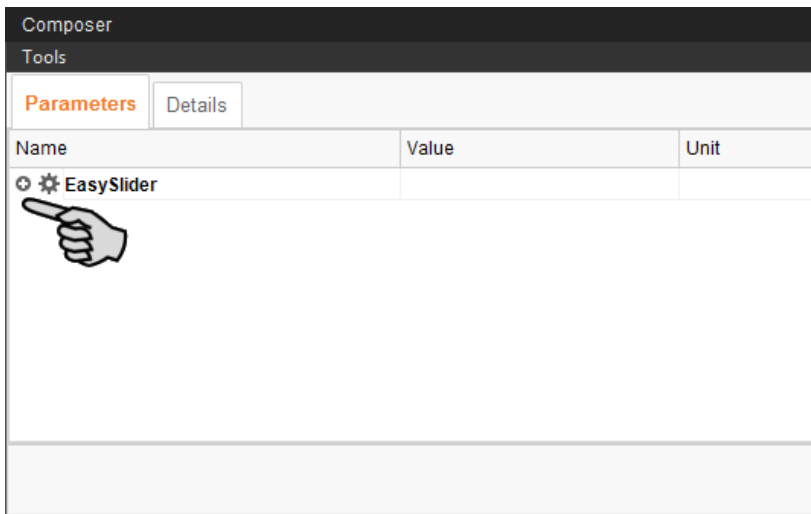
1. In the farm structure, click on the controller icon of the system you want to edit.



2. In the "Setup" tab, click on the "Start Composer" button.

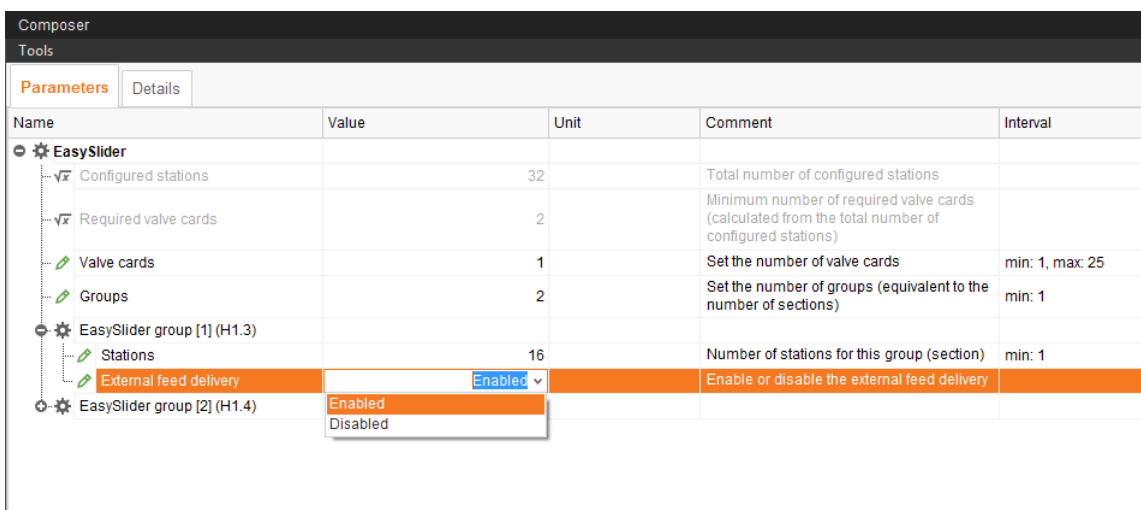


3. Click on the plus icon to see the different parameters.

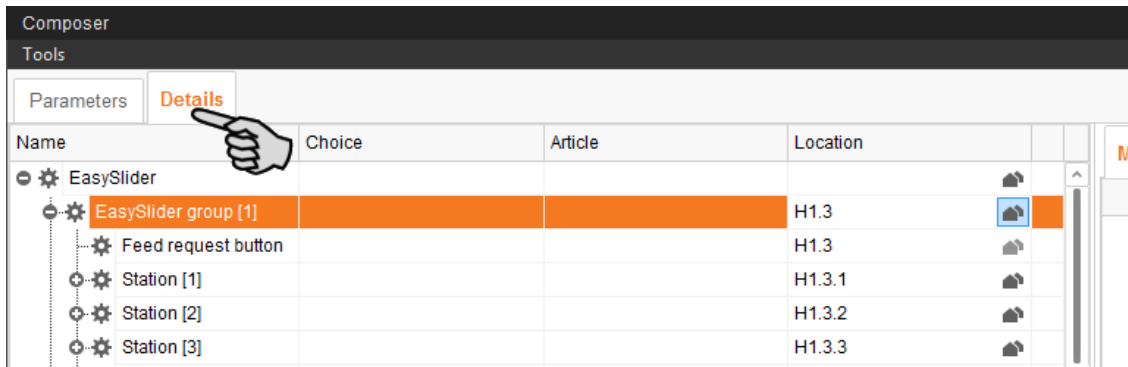


4. Define the following settings according to the installed EasySlider system:

- The number of groups is identical with the number of sections.
- The number of stations is identical with the number of feeding spaces per section.
- **External feed delivery:** Usually, a dry feeding system supplies the EasySlider hoppers with feed. With the new function "External feed delivery", the dry feeding system can receive a signal via the valve card's output and from a full sensor regarding when filling is completed. The inputs and outputs for starting and monitoring the external dry feeding system are selected in the IO Manager. For the start settings and monitoring of the dry feeding system, see chapter 4.1.6.

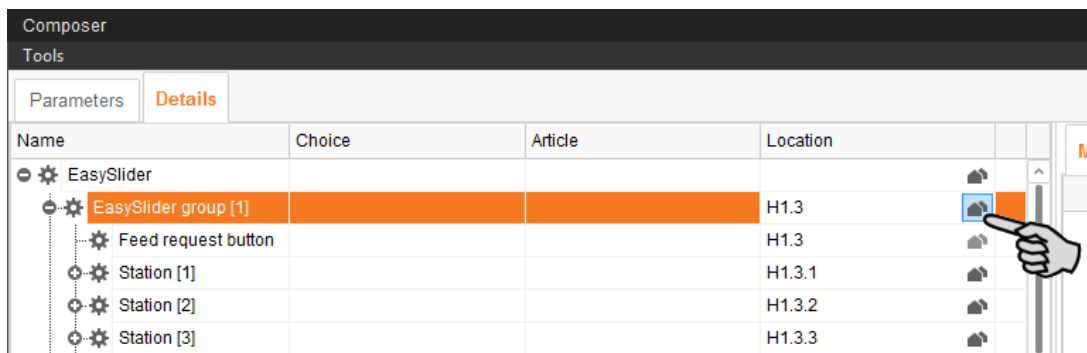


5. Click on the "Details" tab and open the different stations of the EasySlider groups by clicking on the plus icon.



6. Assign the exact installation location to each EasySlider station.

- a) If you want to define the location of the entire group (section), click on the house icon in the line "EasySlider group".

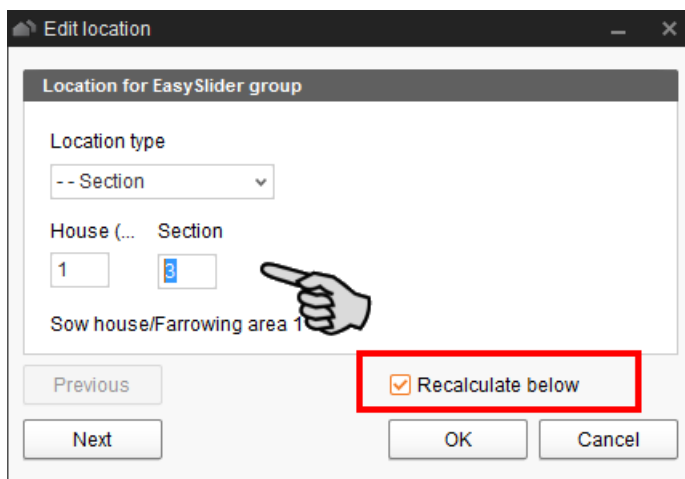


Or:

If you want to define the location of single stations, click on the house icon in the line "Station".

- b) Enter the correct location (in this example: for the group) in the next dialog window.

If the box "Recalculate below" is checked, all subordinate stations of the selected group are adjusted automatically.



- c) Click on "Next" to move to the next group.
 - d) After you have assigned a location to all groups and stations, confirm your inputs by clicking on "OK".
7. Click on "Save" to accept all settings for the Composer.

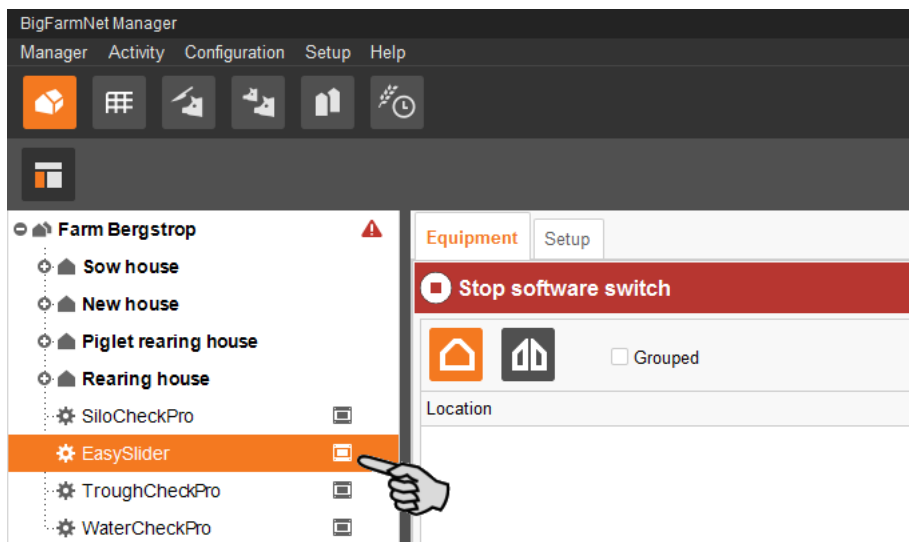


The locations intended for the system are automatically added to the farm structure after the settings have been configured in the Composer.

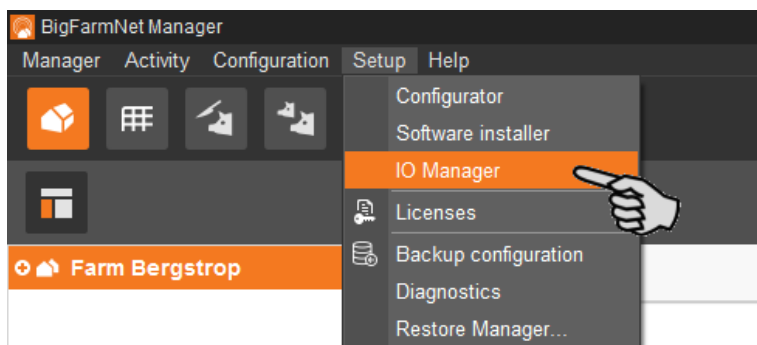
3.3 Setting up the IO Manager

The control is set up in the IO Manager. Assign the functions of the system that were defined in the Composer in the previous step to the IO cards.

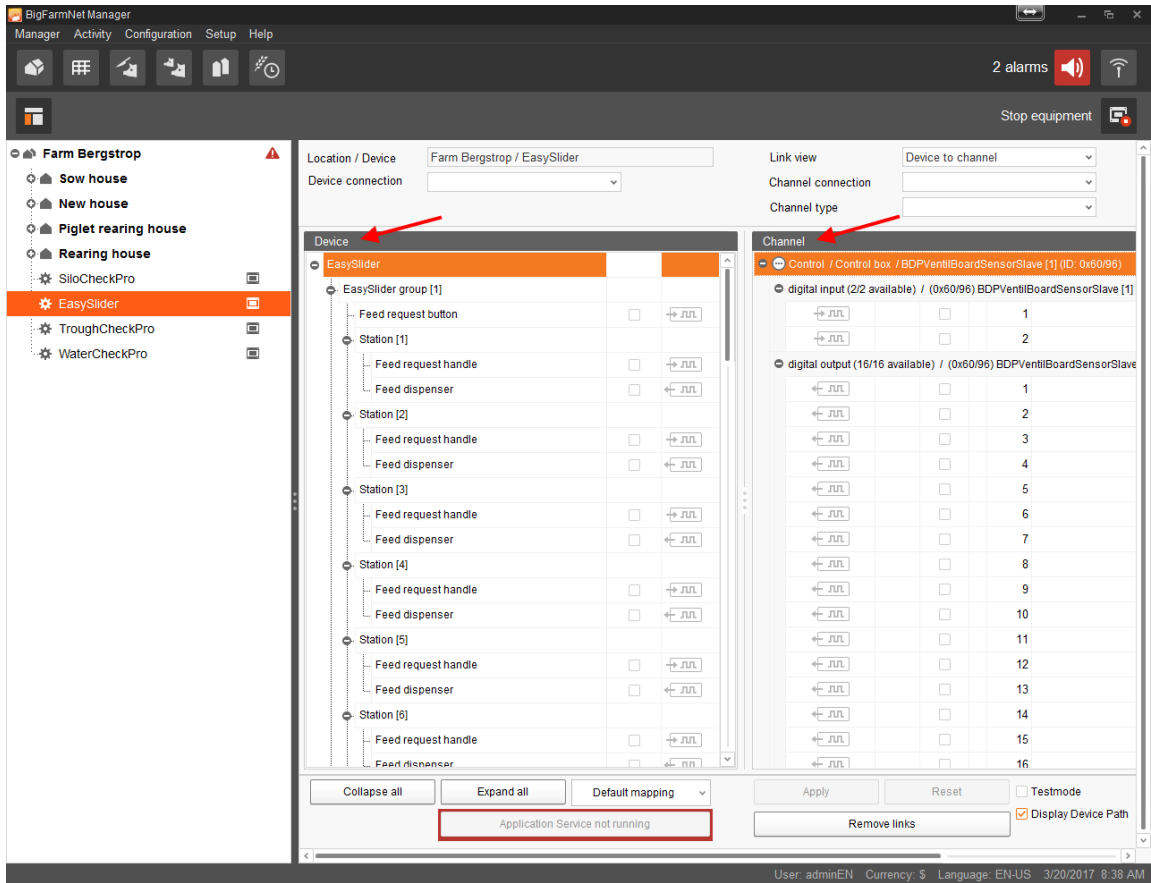
1. In the farm structure, click on the controller icon of the system you want to edit.



2. Click on "IO Manager" in the "Setup" menu.



The IO Manager opens in the application window. The left-hand part of the window shows the individual devices of the system under "Device". The right-hand part of the window displays the channels of the IO cards under "Channel".



The interfaces of the devices and the IO cards are indicated by the following icons:

- Digital output
- Digital input
- Analog output
- Analog input
- Counter input
- Serial interface

Connected devices and channels are indicated by dark gray icons and a green arrow. Example:

Devices and channels that are not connected are grayed out. Example:

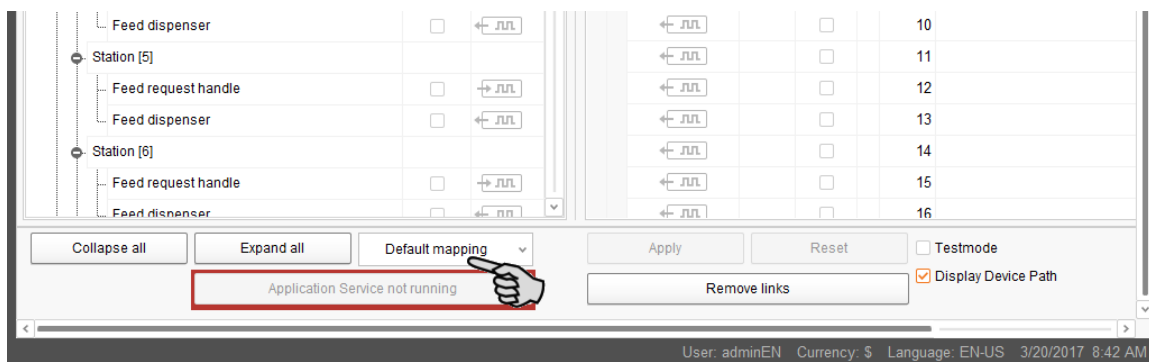
3.3.1 Creating links


Link the different devices with the corresponding IO card. The system supports the "Default mapping" function (button at the bottom of the window). You can thus create links either manually or by using the default mapping.

Default mapping

If wiring has been carried out according to the wiring diagram, click on "Default mapping" in the lower command bar.

The system now loads the default mapping saved according to the wiring diagram. The functions of the system are automatically assigned to the IO cards.

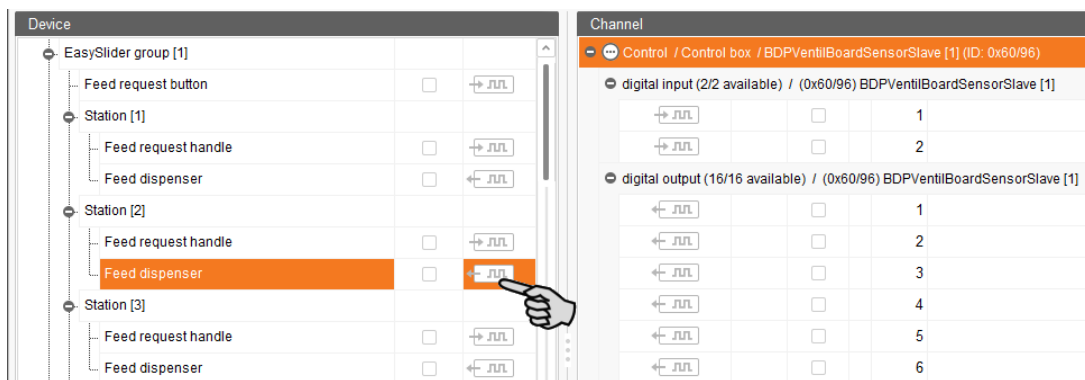




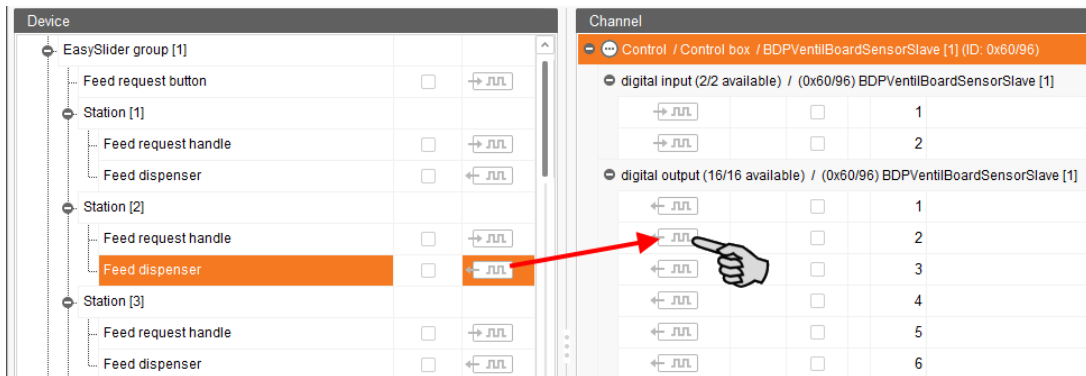
Make sure to check the established links by referring to the supplied wiring diagram.

Manual assignment

1. In the "Device" part of the window, click on the linking icon of the correct system component and hold the mouse button.

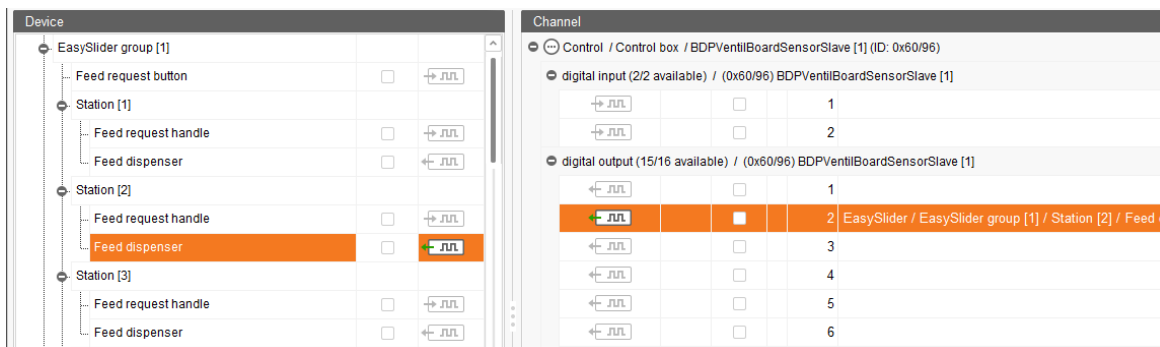


- Drag the mouse to the linking icon of the desired channel in the "Channel" part of the window on the right.




- Release the mouse button.

The system component and the channel are now linked.



- If you have created an incorrect link, right-click on the corresponding linking icon. Click on "Delete connection" in the context menu.


	<p>Checking links: Double-click on the respective device to mark the linked channel.</p>
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- Click on "Save" in the bottom command bar after having established all links.
- Click on "Restart application" in the bottom command bar to start the control.

3.3.2 Using the test mode

In the test mode of the IO Manager, all devices can be turned on and off to check the correct setup of the control before starting to operate the system.

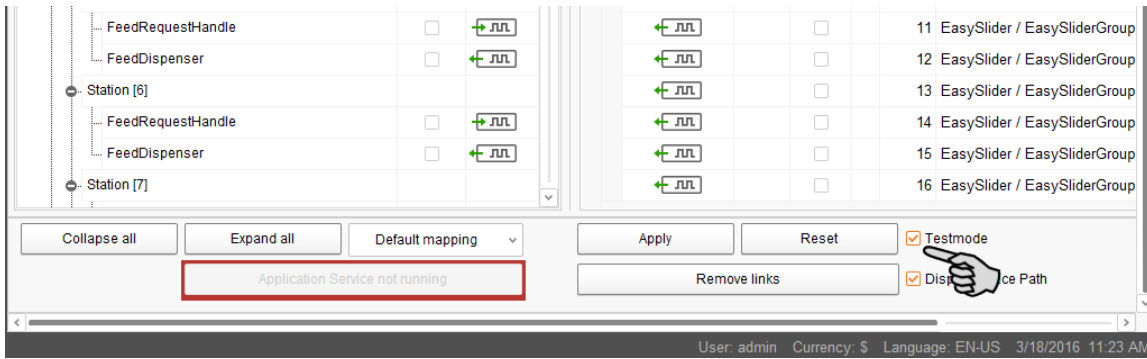
Proceed as follows:





Only service technicians may use the test mode. Devices may start in case the system is connected. Make sure that no persons or animals are located in or around the station while using the test mode.

Deactivate the test mode when finished.

1. Check the "Test mode" box in the bottom command bar.



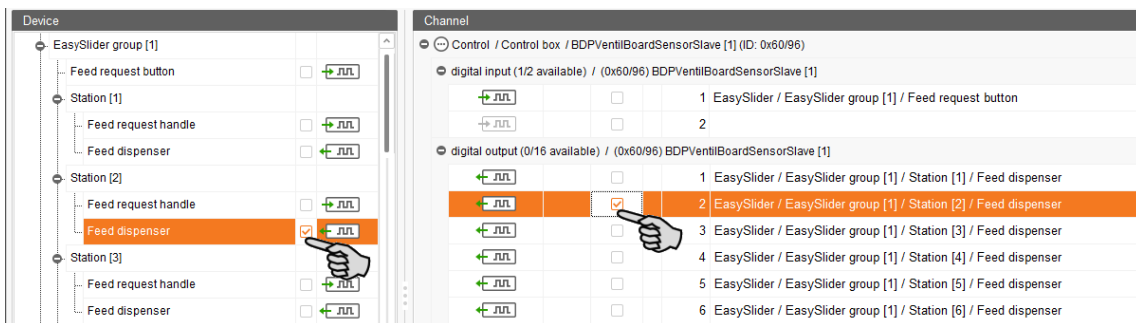
2. In the "Device" part of the window, double-click on the linking icon of the device you want to turn on.  

This marks the linked channel in the "Channel" part of the window on the right.

3. Click on the check boxes of the selected device and respective channel to activate them.

The actual device is now turned on.

If the actual device does not turn on or if another actual device is running instead, correct the links in the IO Manager or reconnect the outputs of the IO card. Always refer to the overview drawing of the IO card attached to the wiring diagram.



4. Turn off the device by deactivating the check box.
5. Exit the test mode by deactivating the check box "Test mode" in the bottom command bar.

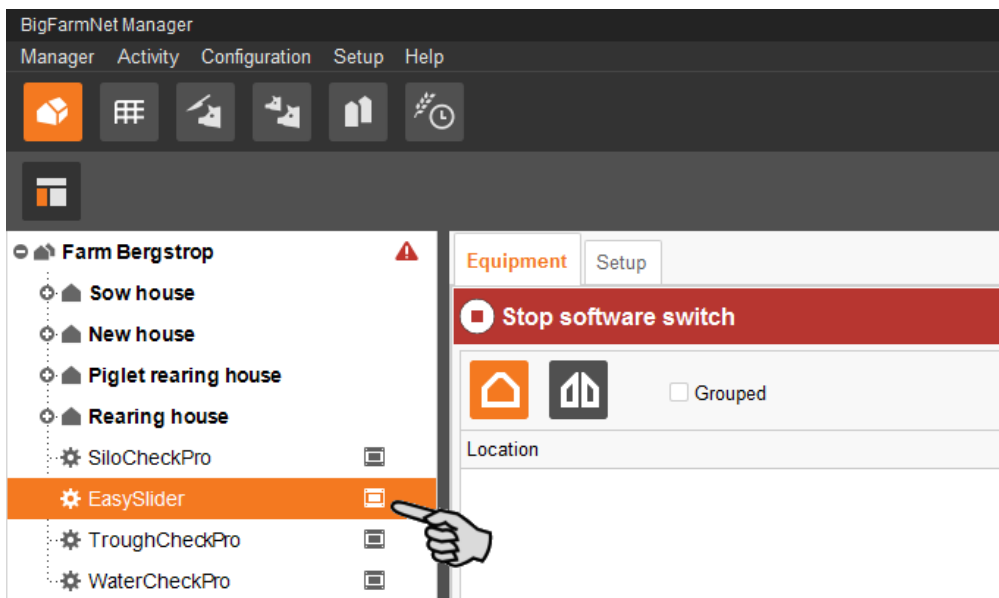
4 Configuration of the application

4.1 Configuring settings

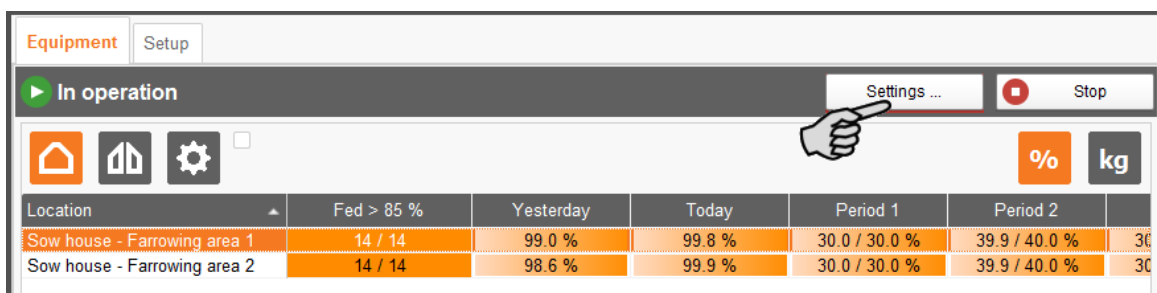
Settings regarding the application are configured under the "Equipment" tab. Parameters in the settings include the eating speed based on the parity or the amount of dispensed feed. The values in the settings can be changed as required at any time.

Proceed as follows:


1. In the farm structure, click on the controller icon of the system you want to edit.



2. In the tab "Equipment", click on "Settings...".



The dialog window "Settings" with its multiple categories shows all parameters of the system component you created beforehand in the Composer. These parameters are described in the following chapters. Define the corresponding values for the parameters. Change pre-set values, if required.



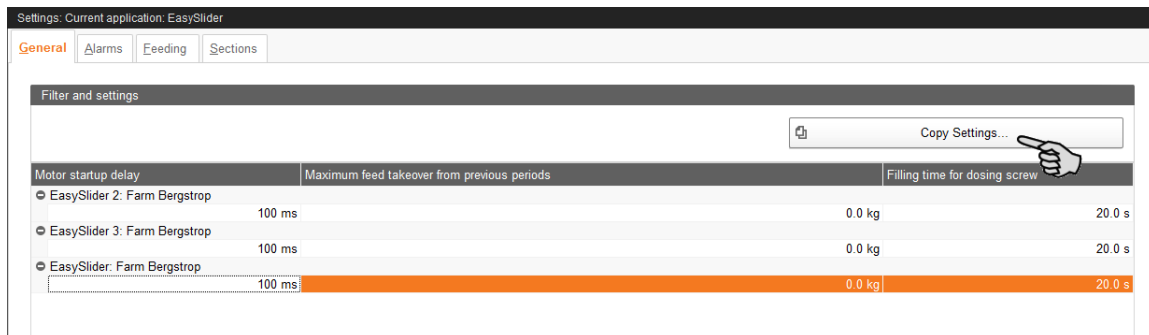
Tooltips available! Move the mouse pointer over input fields or parameters in tables to see detailed descriptions for this parameter.

4.1.1 Copying the settings of a system

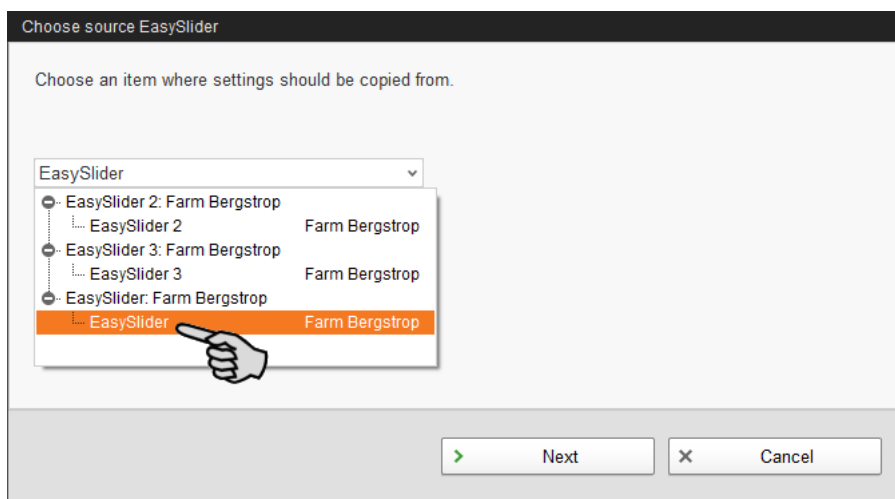
If multiple systems (applications) of the same type are to be configured with the same settings, you can define the settings for one system and copy them to other systems. The copy function is permanently available in the settings dialog.

Proceed as follows:

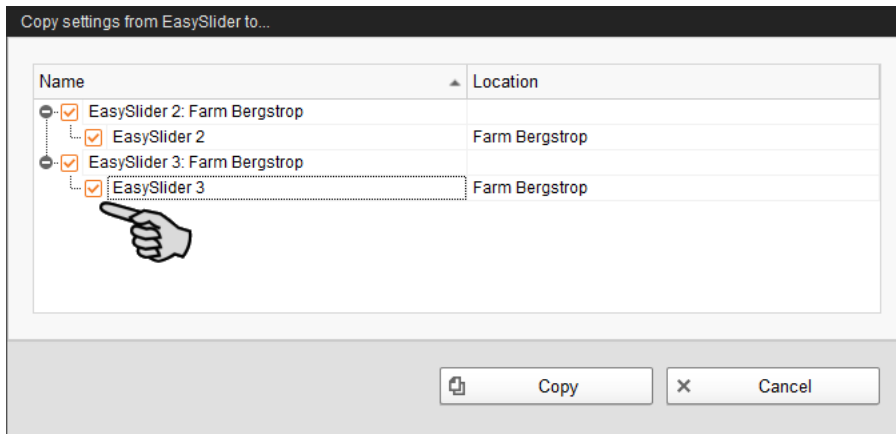
1. Configure the settings for one system.
2. Click on the button "Copy Settings..." in the top part of the window.



3. In the next dialog window, select the system whose settings you want to copy.



4. Click on "Next".
5. Select all systems to which you want to transfer these settings in the next dialog window.

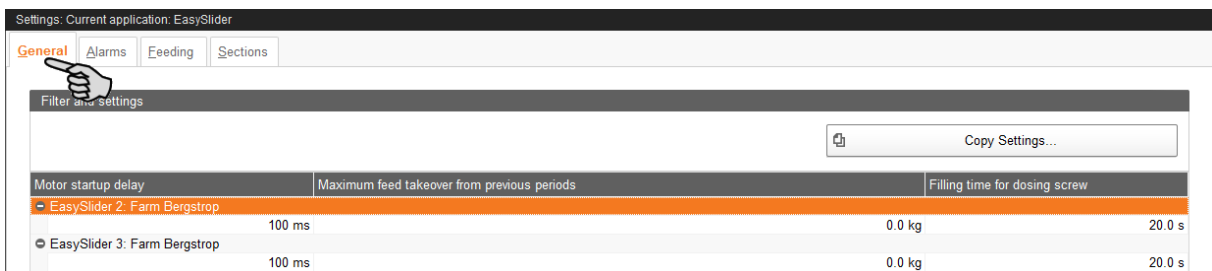


6. Click on "Copy". The settings are now transferred to all selected systems.

Only click on the "Save" button after having set all necessary parameters in the available tabs. Clicking on the "Save" button closes the entire settings dialog, which must be reopened to make further edits.

Saved changes are immediately applied to the respective system(s)!

4.1.2 General




- **Motor startup delay:** Never set the startup delay of the motor for the group switch to less than 100 ms.
- Use **Maximum feed takeover from previous periods** to define how much feed from previous periods should be dispensed additionally to the amount per period defined in the feed curve and the feeding time pattern.

Example: The sow is allowed 4 kg per period. The "Maximum feed takeover from previous periods" is set to 2 kg.

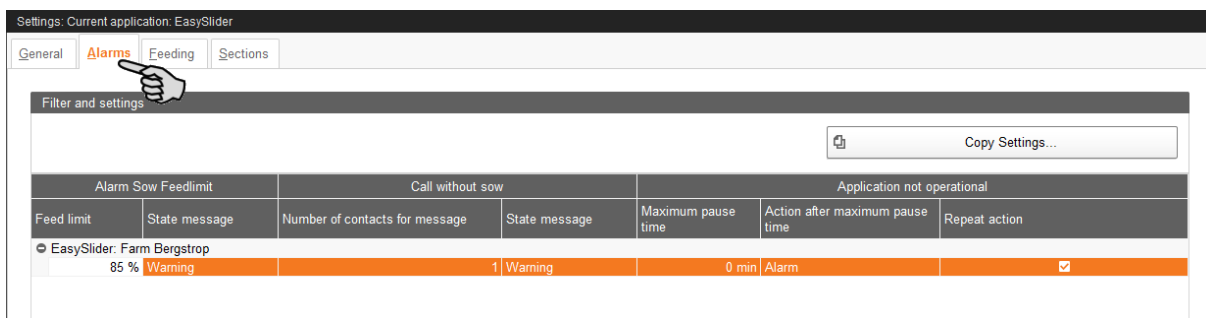
- If the sow only eats 1 kg of these 4 kg in the first period, a total of 3 kg can be dispensed additionally in the following periods, but only a maximum of 2 kg per period.

- In the second period, 4 kg of feed to which the sow is entitled + 2 kg "Maximum feed amount per period" = 6 kg of feed in total are approved for this sow and dispensed. The sow eats these 6 kg of feed.
 - The remaining 1 kg of feed to which the sow was entitled from the first period is transferred to the third period. In the third period, 4 kg of feed to which the sow is entitled + 1 kg "Maximum feed amount per period" = 5 kg of feed in total are approved for this sow and dispensed.
- **Filling time for dosing screw:**



Dispensing of the feed ration – the maximum amount of feed per period may not be higher than the volume of the dispenser. It is otherwise not possible to guarantee that all sows receive their feed ration.

4.1.3 Alarm



Alarm Sow Feedlimit		Call without sow		Application not operational		
Feed limit	State message	Number of contacts for message	State message	Maximum pause time	Action after maximum pause time	Repeat action
85 %	Warning	1	Warning	0 min	Alarm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- **Alarm sow feed limit:** Define a **feed limit** and select the alarm type (**status message**).
The status message is issued when the dispensed amount of feed is below the set feed limit at the end of the day. This setting applies to every animal of the same EasySlider unit.
- **Request without sow** means a situation in which an animal not registered by the system is in the pen. Define under **Number of contacts for message** how many request pulses for feed are necessary before an alarm (**state message**) is generated.

- **Application not operational**

Maximum pause time: If the application does not run for a time longer than set here (pause or error), an alarm or a warning (depending on what is set for "Action after maximum pause time") is issued. If the time is set to 0 minutes, there is no maximum pause time.

Action after maximum pause time can be set to be either an alarm, a warning or no action at all ("No").

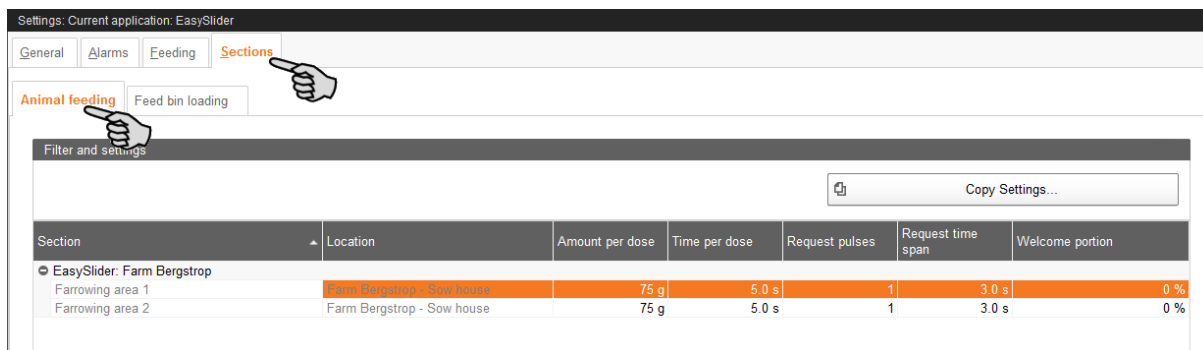
Repeat action: When this box is checked, the action (alarm, warning or no action) is repeated every time the maximum pause time expires.

4.1.4 Feeding



- Define the **eating speed** according to parity (number of times a sow has farrowed).

4.1.5 Sections – Animal feeding



- **Amount per dosing** is the calibrated amount dispensed within the **Time per dosing**.

The amount per dosing is calibrated as follows:

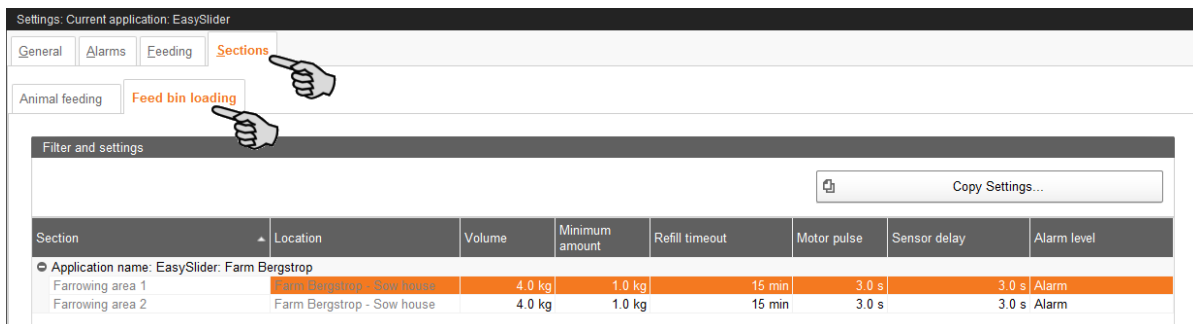
- Carry out e.g. 10 dosing processes with the desired dosing duration at three different dosing units.
- Weigh each dispensed amount.

- c) Determine the mean value by adding the dispensed amounts and then dividing them by the total number of dosing processes (in this example: 30).

The mean value is identical with the amount per dosing.

- **Request pulses** for feed dosing within a defined time period (**Request time span**).
- **Welcome portion**: A percentage of the sow's feed amount that is automatically dispensed at the beginning of the period. Such smaller amounts may be a trigger for the sow to realize that she can request feed again. If the welcome portion is set to a larger amount, this means that a minimum amount of feed is always dispensed into the trough. Any additional amounts of feed must be requested by the sow. The welcome portion can also be defined individually for each sow, see chapter 5.2 "Entering an individual welcome portion".

4.1.6 Sections – Feed hopper loading



Settings: Current application: EasySlider

General Alarms Feeding **Sections**

Animal feeding **Feed bin loading**

Filter and settings Copy Settings...

Section	Location	Volume	Minimum amount	Refill timeout	Motor pulse	Sensor delay	Alarm level
Application name: EasySlider: Farm Bergstrop							
Farrowing area 1	Farm Bergstrop - Sow house	4.0 kg	1.0 kg	15 min	3.0 s	3.0 s	Alarm
Farrowing area 2	Farm Bergstrop - Sow house	4.0 kg	1.0 kg	15 min	3.0 s	3.0 s	Alarm

As soon as the control receives a signal from the full sensor of the external dry feeding system, it will consider the hoppers to be filled with a **volume** of 4 kg of feed (default value). The sows start requesting their feed. As soon as a sow has reached its defined **minimum amount** of 1 kg (default value), the control emits the **motor pulse** so that the output is activated for 3 seconds (default value). The control then assumes that the dry feeding system has started filling the hopper and waits until the value **Refill timeout** is reached. Within this period, the control must receive a sensor signal indicating that the dry feeding system has filled all hoppers. If this is not the case, the control issues an alarm (**Alarm level**). The **Sensor delay** defines a delay time. The system waits for this delay time after starting the external filling system before checking the overflow sensor. This delayed request is necessary because the overflow sensor may still be active at the start and may only stop working with a delay. This is because feed may still remain on the chain.

4.2 Determining feeding times

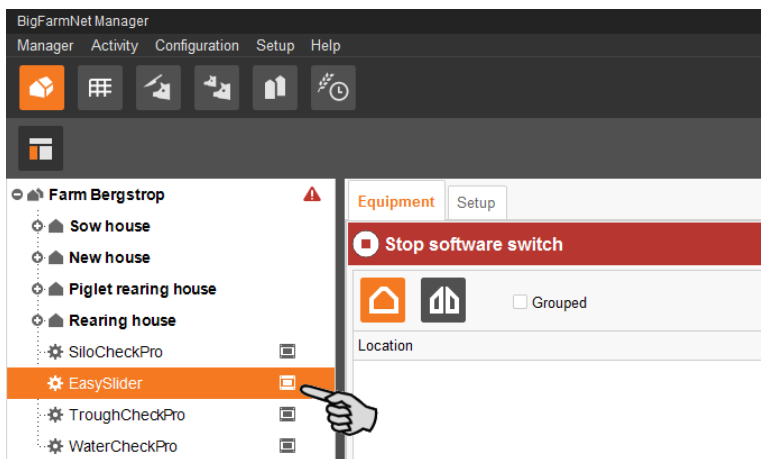
The feeding time is a specific period of the day in which the sow is entitled to a specific amount of feed. With these feeding times, the feeding day can be divided into smaller and uniform periods per section. Identical feeding times prevent that the sows become agitated because they keep eating at the same time, even if the dispensed amount of feed differs.

Up to five feeding times can be defined in each feeding time pattern. The daily ration set in the feed curve is divided into smaller portions for each feeding time. The days in the feeding time pattern refer to the feed curve days in the lactation phase. During this phase, the sow is in the "Lactating" state. Based on the number of days in the state, the EasySlider application determines one feeding day so that all sows in one section have the same feeding time, see chapter 5.4 "How does the EasySlider application determine the feeding day?", page 46.

When the sow is not in the "Lactating" state, the feeding time pattern always uses the day "0".

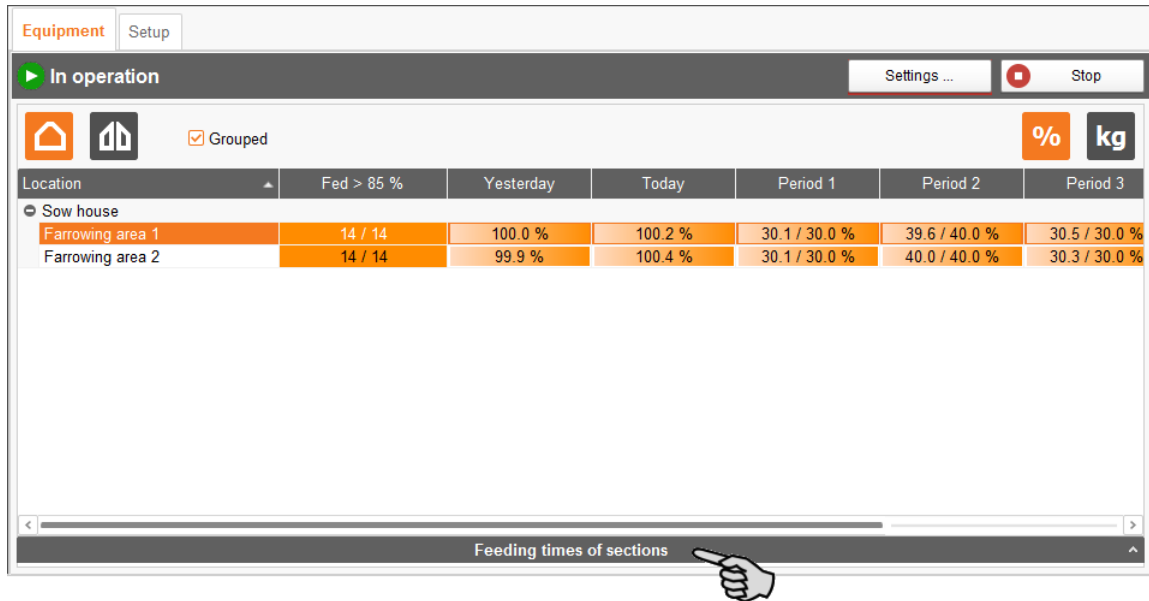
If you do not create any patterns with feeding times, the pre-set pattern "Default" is used automatically.

1. In the farm structure, click on the controller icon of the system you want to edit.

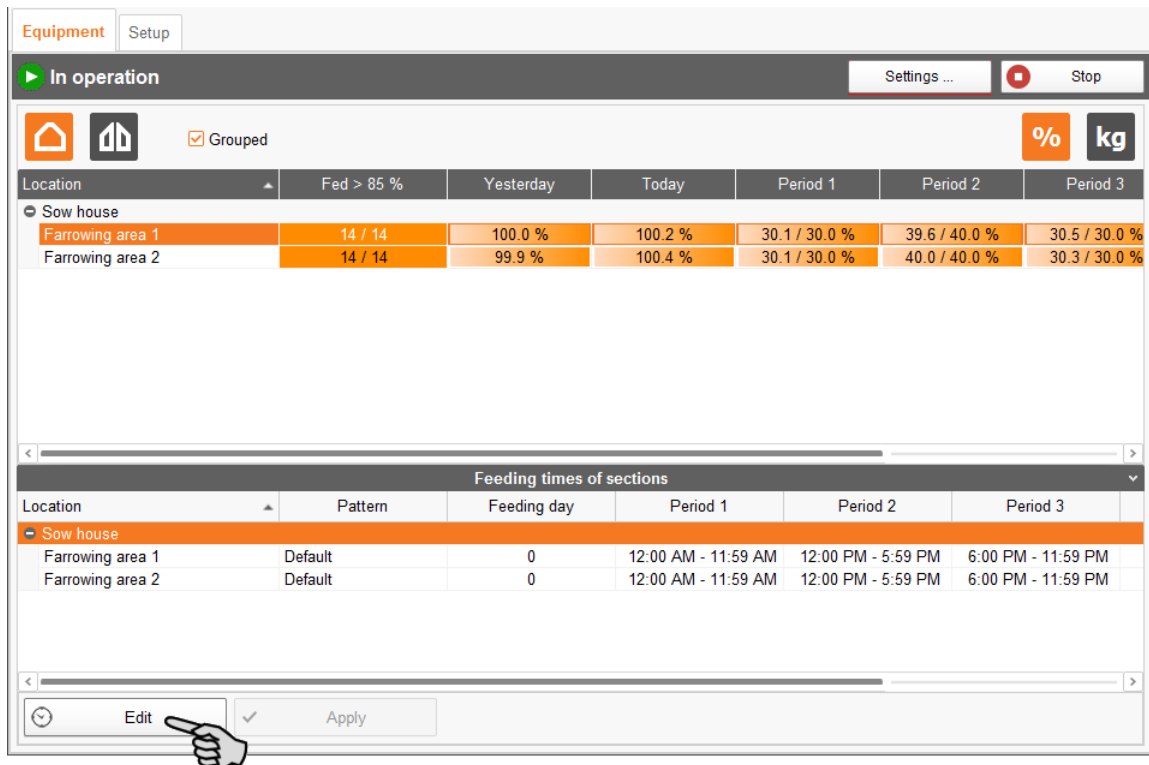


- Double-click on the lower command bar "Feeding times of sections" in the "Equipment" tab.

The different periods are now displayed.



- Click on "Edit" to add a pattern.



- In the dialog window "Feeding time patterns", click on "Add".

All time patterns you create will be displayed in this window later on. The pattern "Default" is pre-set and cannot be modified.

- In the next dialog window, enter a name for the pattern and click on "Add".

Feeding time pattern

Name: Feeding 1

Description:

From Day	To Day	Time Pattern

+ Add - Remove Edit time pattern

OK Cancel

- Enter the time period "From day - To day" and click on "Edit time pattern".

Feeding time pattern

Name: Feeding 1

Description:

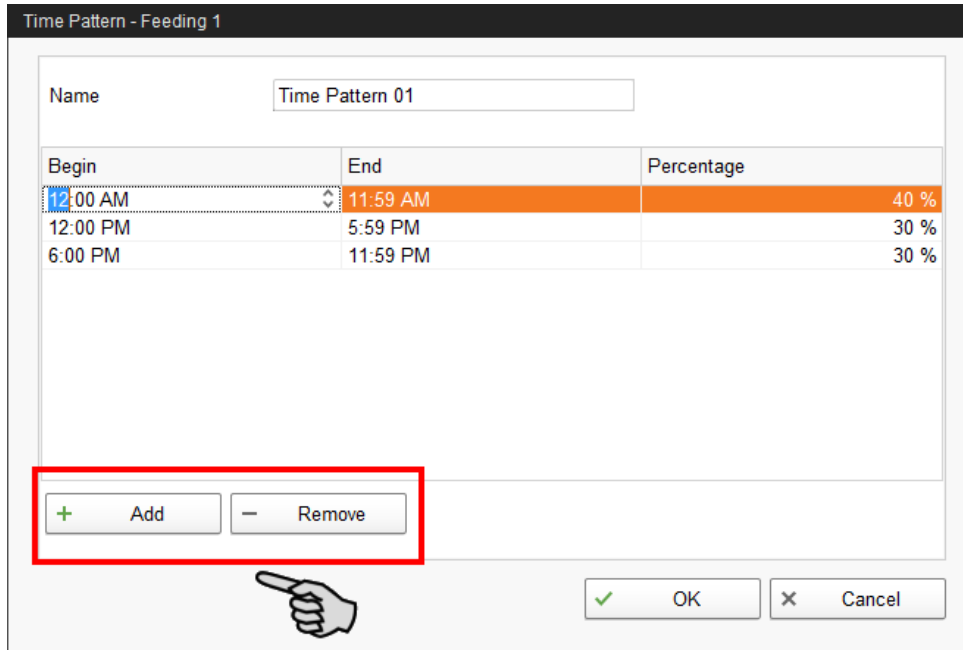
From Day	To Day	Time Pattern
0	0	Time Pattern 01

+ Add - Remove Edit time pattern

OK Cancel

7. Define the number of periods by clicking on "Add" or "Remove".

You may enter a maximum of five periods. The presetting includes three periods.



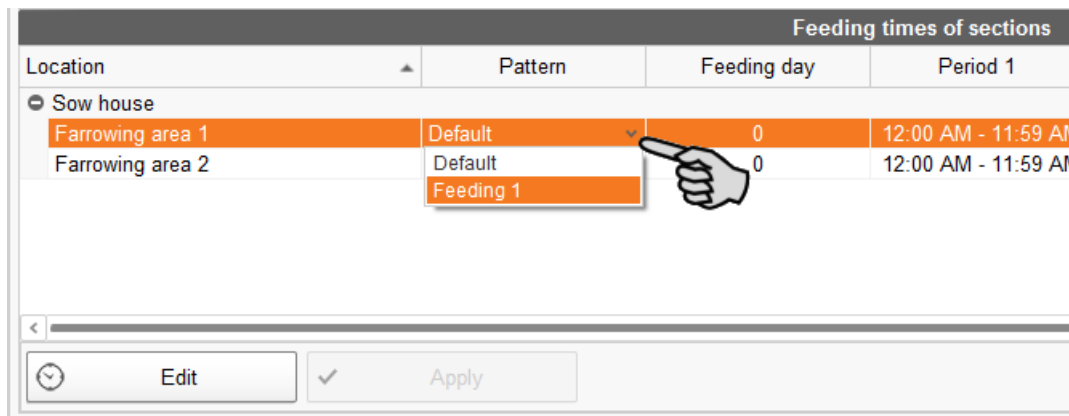
8. Define the times of day for each period and set the percentage amount of feed to be dispensed per period based on a total of 100 %:

- a) Enter the time of day either using your keyboard or the arrows pointing up and down in the corresponding input field.
- b) Enter the percentage per period in the corresponding input fields.

9. Click on "OK" in all dialog windows after you have configured all settings.

10. Under "Feeding times of sections", click on the desired location to which you want to assign the new feeding time pattern.

11. Click on the arrow pointing down under "Pattern" and select the correct pattern.




12. Click on "Apply" to accept the time pattern for this section.

Feeding times of sections							
Location	Pattern	Feeding day	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Sow house							
Farrowing area 1	Feeding 1	0	12:00 AM - 11:59 AM	12:00 PM - 5:59 PM	6:00 PM - 11:59 PM		
Farrowing area 2	Default	0	12:00 AM - 11:59 AM	12:00 PM - 5:59 PM	6:00 PM - 11:59 PM		

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Changes have not been saved! Please press apply.



5 Information for the user

5.1 Viewing feeding data

The view in the application window can be set either to section view or to pen view. Each view can also be shown grouped per location. Additionally, the feeding data can be shown as percentage or as absolute values.



Example 1: Section view, not grouped, percent values

This view summarizes the feeding data of individual sections. The feeding data is displayed as a percentage.


- The number of sows that was fed today based on the total number of sows is shown. The feed limit set previously in the settings is used as reference value, see chapter 4.1.3 "Alarm".
- The current day ("Today") and the previous day ("Yesterday") each show the actual percentage of requested feed.
- The different periods show the actual percentage of requested feed of the current day as well as the respective target value.

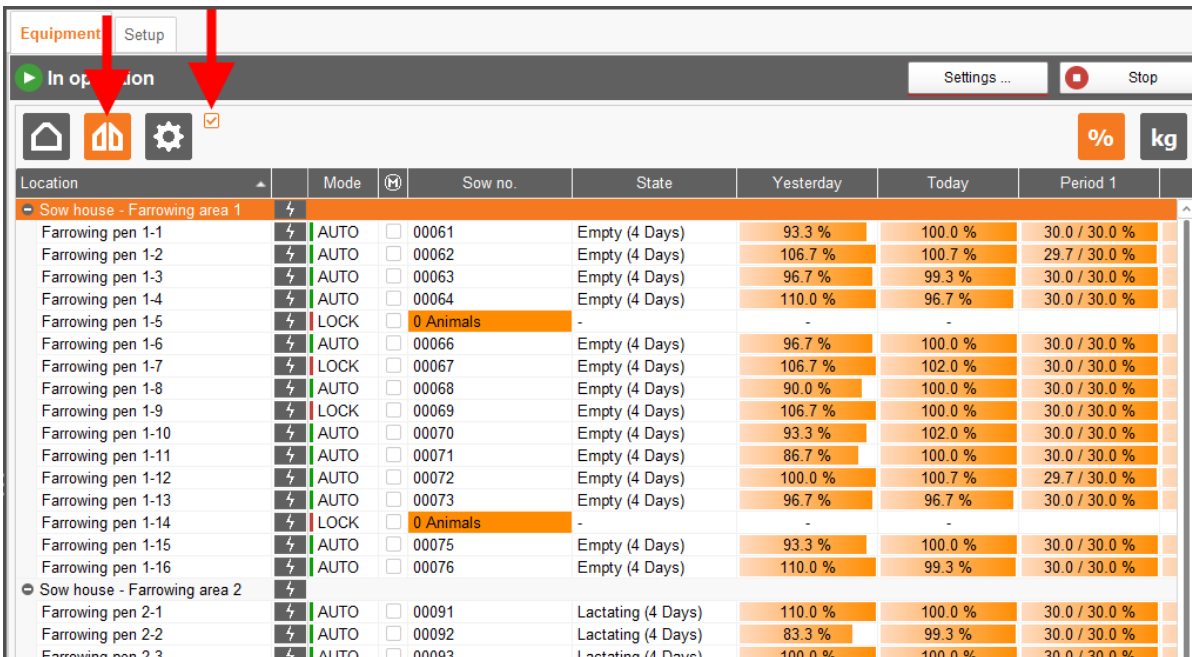
The screenshot shows a table with the following data:

Location	Fed > 85 %	Yesterday	Today	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period
Sow house - Farrowing area 1	14 / 14	-	-	30.0 / 30.0 %	40.0 / 40.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %	
Sow house - Farrowing area 2	14 / 14	-	-	29.9 / 30.0 %	39.9 / 40.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %	


Example 2: Pen view, grouped, absolute values in kg

This view shows the individual feeding data of each sow per pen. The feeding data is indicated as absolute value in kg.

- Both the sow number and the sow's current state are displayed.
- The current day ("Today") and the previous day ("Yesterday") each show the actual percentage of requested feed as well as the respective target value.
- The different periods show the actual percentage of requested feed of the current day as well as the respective target value.
- The column "Motor"  indicates whether feed is currently being dispensed.
- The column "Mode" shows the current state of the dosing unit (valve).
 - **AUTO**: normal mode – feed can be dispensed.
 - **LOCK**: locked valve




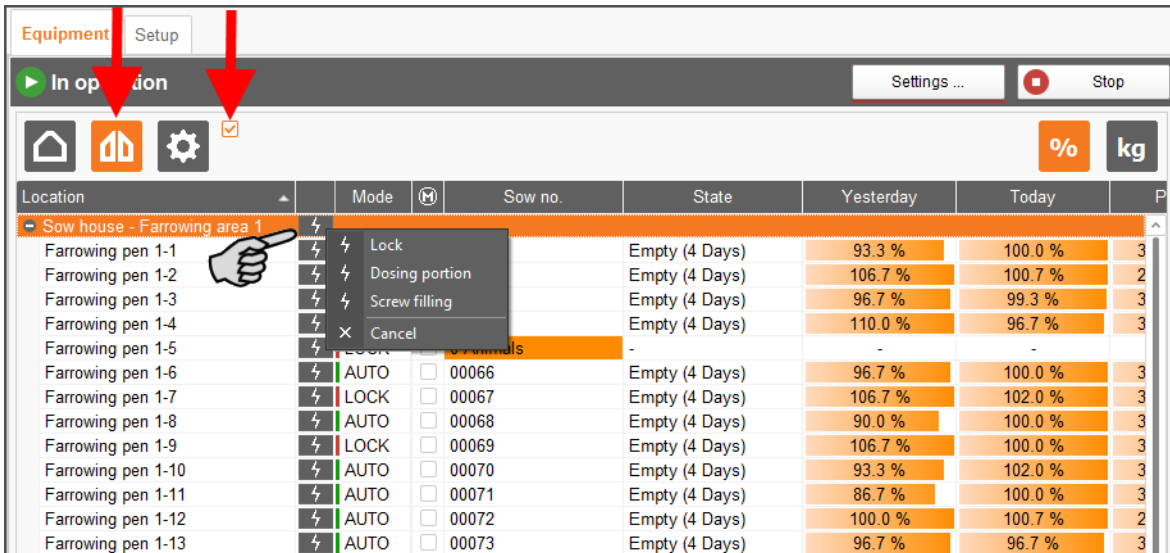
Location	Mode	Motor	Sow no.	State	Yesterday	Today	Period 1
Sow house - Farrowing area 1							
Farrowing pen 1-1	AUTO		00061	Empty (4 Days)	93.3 %	100.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-2	AUTO		00062	Empty (4 Days)	106.7 %	100.7 %	29.7 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-3	AUTO		00063	Empty (4 Days)	96.7 %	99.3 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-4	AUTO		00064	Empty (4 Days)	110.0 %	96.7 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-5	LOCK		0 Animals	-	-	-	-
Farrowing pen 1-6	AUTO		00066	Empty (4 Days)	96.7 %	100.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-7	LOCK		00067	Empty (4 Days)	106.7 %	102.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-8	AUTO		00068	Empty (4 Days)	90.0 %	100.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-9	LOCK		00069	Empty (4 Days)	106.7 %	100.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-10	AUTO		00070	Empty (4 Days)	93.3 %	102.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-11	AUTO		00071	Empty (4 Days)	86.7 %	100.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-12	AUTO		00072	Empty (4 Days)	100.0 %	100.7 %	29.7 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-13	AUTO		00073	Empty (4 Days)	96.7 %	96.7 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-14	LOCK		0 Animals	-	-	-	-
Farrowing pen 1-15	AUTO		00075	Empty (4 Days)	93.3 %	100.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 1-16	AUTO		00076	Empty (4 Days)	110.0 %	99.3 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Sow house - Farrowing area 2							
Farrowing pen 2-1	AUTO		00091	Lactating (4 Days)	110.0 %	100.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 2-2	AUTO		00092	Lactating (4 Days)	83.3 %	99.3 %	30.0 / 30.0 %
Farrowing pen 2-3	AUTO		00093	Lactating (4 Days)	100.0 %	100.0 %	30.0 / 30.0 %

The following actions are possible for each individual valve. Click on  to open the options:

- **Lock**: The valve is locked immediately. (Option only available in the **AUTO** mode.)
- **Automatic**: The locked valve is immediately put into operation again. (Option only available in the **LOCK** mode.)
- **Dosing portion**: The portion is dispensed immediately. (Option only available in the **AUTO** mode.)

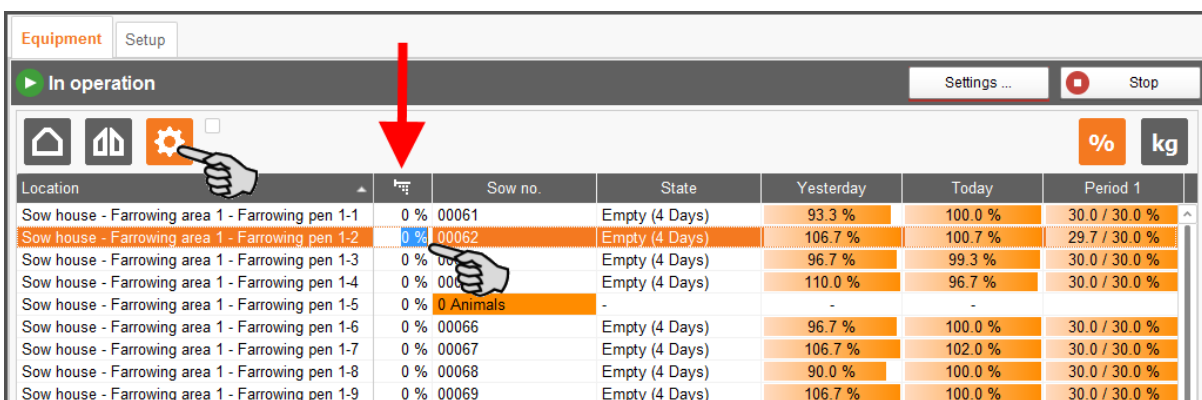
- Screw filling:** The auger is filled immediately. Advantage: The amount of feed required to fill the auger is not included in the sow's feeding statistics. The time the auger needs to fill the dosing unit can be defined in the settings under chapter 4.1.2 "General".

You may also carry out one action for all valves in a section, for example to lock all valves. On the section level, click on . Make sure you are using the correct view!

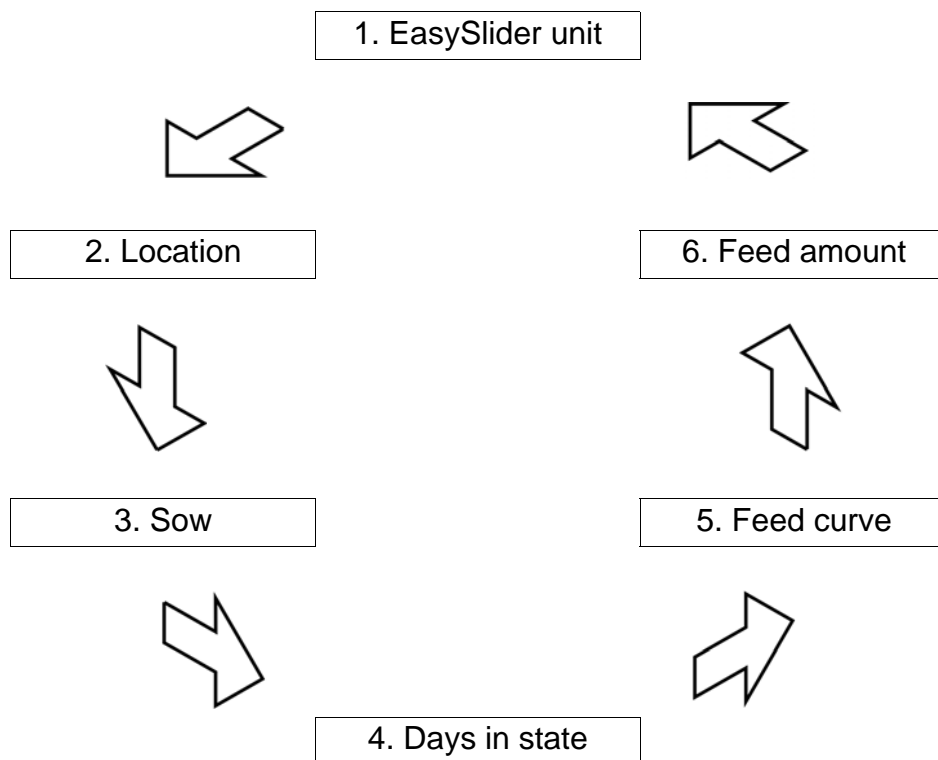


5.2 Entering an individual welcome portion

Click on the icon for quick settings to see the pen view including the column "Welcome portion". Define the individual welcome portion for each sow in this column. The value can be set to 100 % for sows which have not learned to use the request mechanism. The assigned feed amount is dispensed at each beginning of a period. However, the maximally dispensed amount should not exceed the hopper volume, see also chapter 4.1.5 "Sections – Animal feeding".



5.3 How does the EasySlider unit know how much feed to dispense?



1. Each EasySlider unit is assigned to a location (pen).
2. Each location (pen) houses one sow.
3. The sow is in a specific state (inseminated, pregnant, lactating, empty) and is assigned a feed curve.
4. The days in state define for how long the sow is in the specific state.
5. The status time is divided into individual curve days when defining the feed curve. Each curve day is assigned a specific amount of feed.
6. This amount is dispensed by the EasySlider unit.

Please find instructions on the following functions in the "BigFarmNet Manager – Sow Manager" manual:

- Defining feed curves
- Editing sow activities and changing the state



For feed dispensing, only the status day and the amount of feed are relevant. The feed composition is not taken into account.

5.4 How does the EasySlider application determine the feeding day?

To determine the feeding day, the EasySlider application calculates the median value based on the days in state of all sows that are housed in the respective section.

The following example shows how the EasySlider application proceeds to determine the feeding day.

Example:

A section houses 7 sows in the same state. However, the number of days in the state are different for each sow.

Sow no.	Status	Days in state
001	Lactating	4
002	Lactating	6
003	Lactating	4
004	Lactating	5
005	Lactating	6
006	Lactating	2
007	Lactating	4

The figures for days in state are sorted in ascending order. 2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 6


The median is the value in the centre, i.e. 4.

The general question for determining the feeding day therefore is:

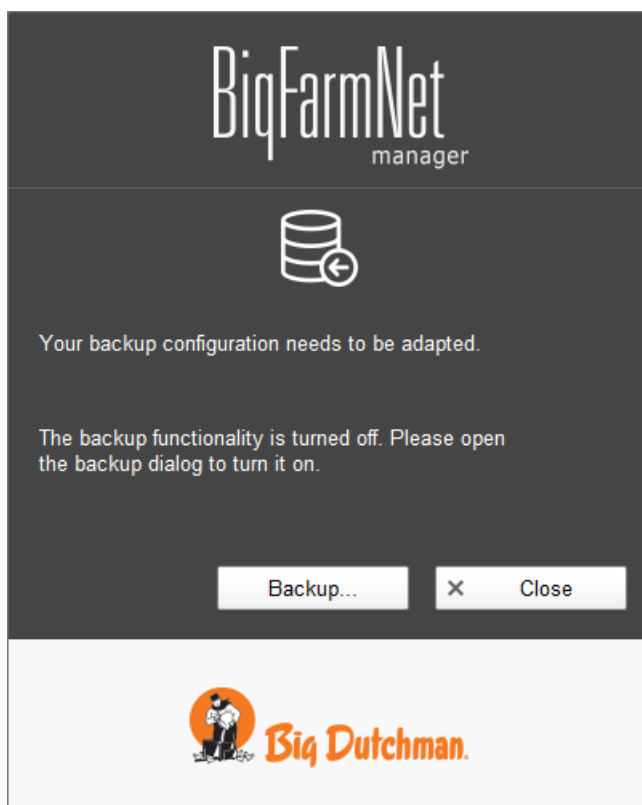
Which feeding times apply to 50 % of the sows in the section?

5.5 Data backup

From BigFarmNet Manager version 3.2.0, the following message regarding data backup configuration appears after installation or an update. If you only close this message, it will reappear after a short time.

	<p>The system requires an external storage location for data backup, e.g. a network drive, an external hard drive or a USB flash drive. As soon as an external storage location has been indicated, the message no longer appears, irrespective of whether automatic data backup has been enabled or disabled.</p>
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If an external storage location has already been defined before updating to version 3.2.0, the message does not appear at all.



We recommend data backups in regular intervals. In case of a data loss, the backup can then be used to retrieve saved data.

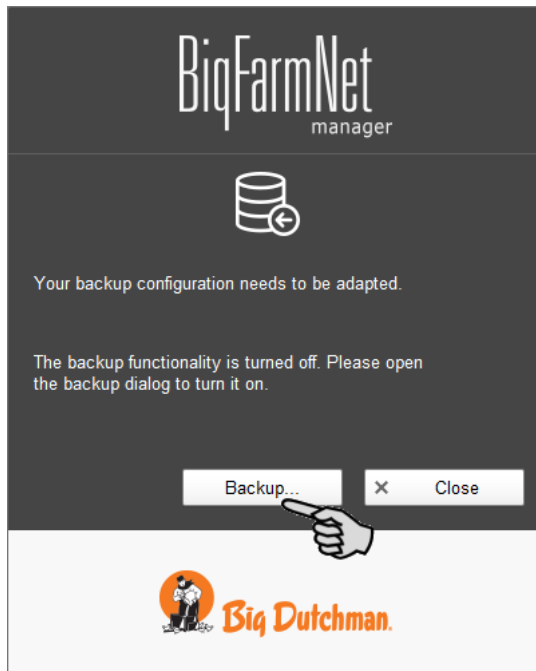
Remember that you can only retrieve the last data backup. Everything you have created or changed since then is not included in this backup. This means that the backup period should be determined depending on the amount of data you produce. You should find the ideal compromise between acceptable data loss and frequency of backups based on your individual needs.

The BigFarmNet Manager provides the following options for data backups:

- Manual backup, which you may carry out at any time when necessary.
- Automatic backup, for which you define a fixed backup period. The data is then backed up automatically according to the settings.

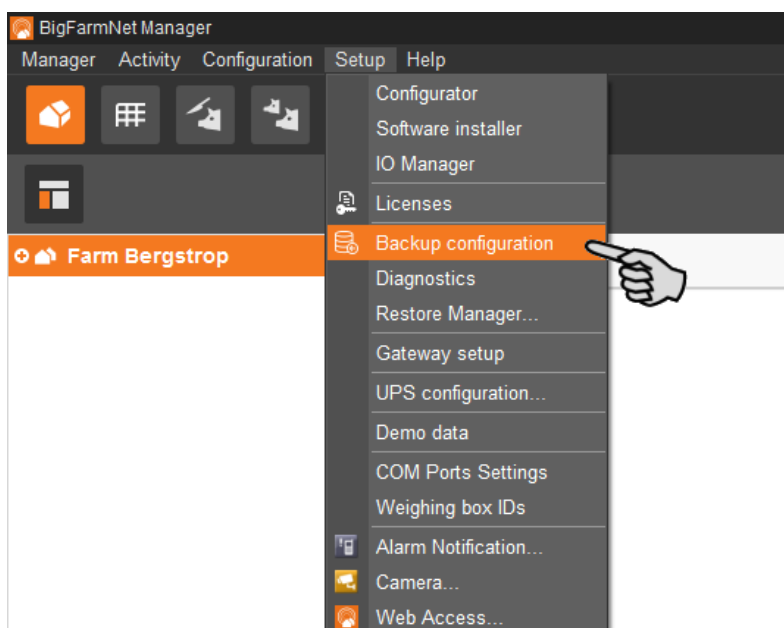
Open the settings dialog as follows:

1. Click on "Backup...".



OR

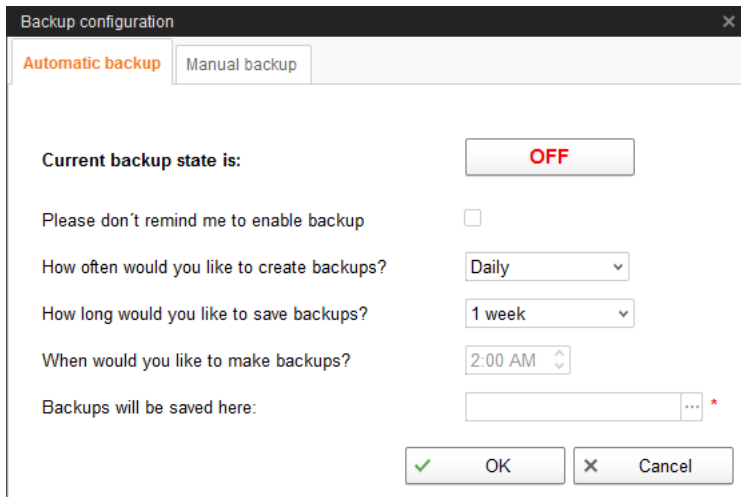
1. Click on "Backup configuration" in the "Setup" menu.



- In the window "Backup configuration", select the desired process using one of the two tabs:

Automatic backup

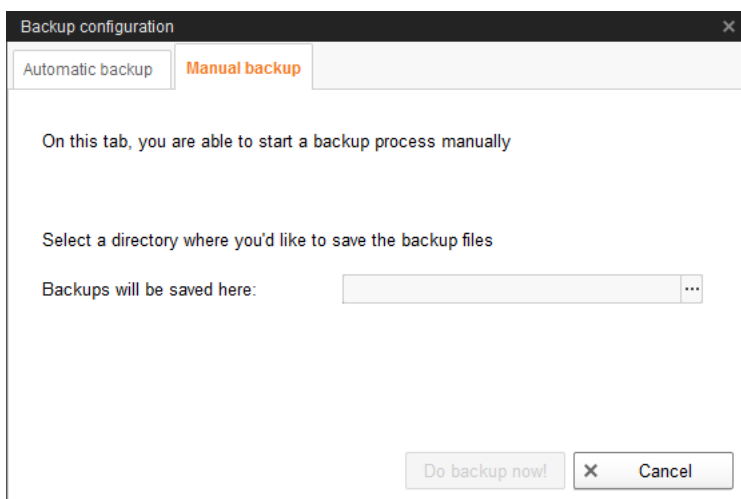
The automatic backup is pre-set to "OFF".



- Click on "OFF" to turn off the deactivation.
The button then switches to "ON".
- Determine the backup period.
- Select an external storage location.
- Click on "OK" to accept these settings.

Or:

Manual backup



- Select an external storage location.
- Click on the now active button "Create backup now!"

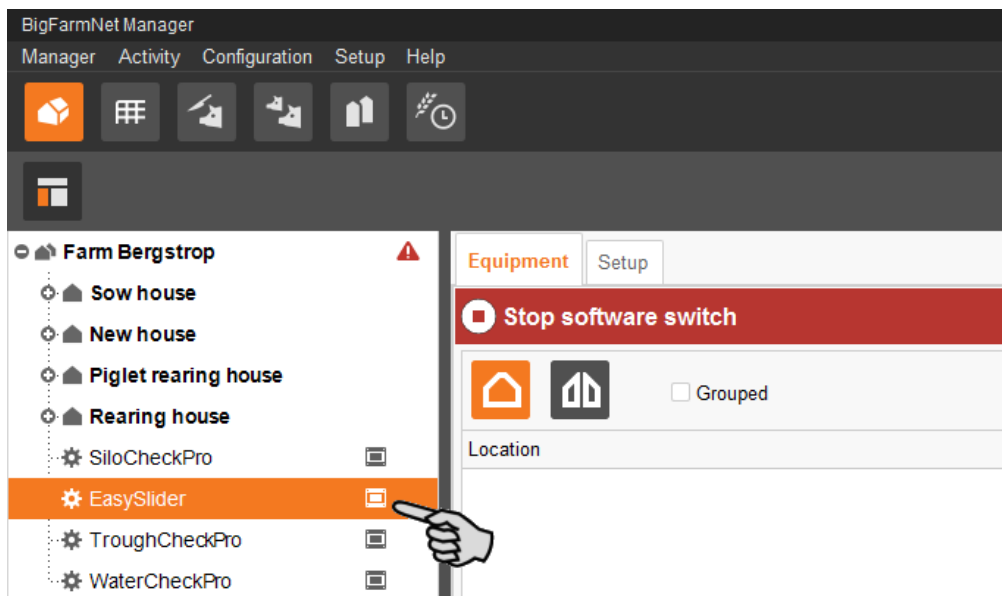
6 EasySlider statistics

In the EasySlider statistics, data is evaluated via the Sow Manager and the sow statistics. The extended overview regarding the sows' eating behaviour is a good option for monitoring.

Each sow's eating behaviour from the current day and up to six days back can be followed up on in the EasySlider statistics. For this time period, the amount of feed each sow has requested is also displayed as a curve. Additionally, each successful request for feed (i.e. feed was dispensed) and all requests where the sow was not entitled to receive feed are compared as a ratio in a diagram.

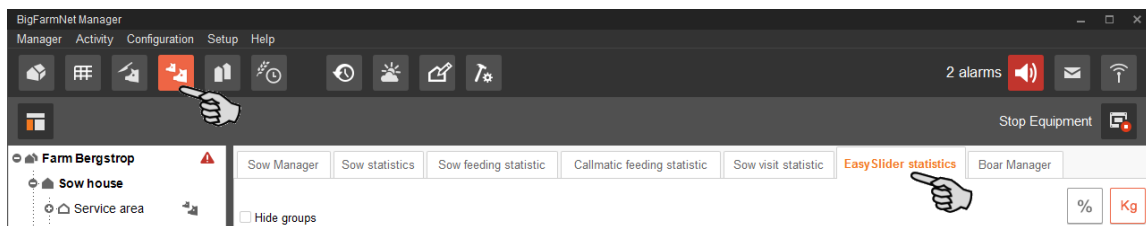
Data from the EasySlider statistics, dating back up to 50 days, can be exported as CSV file for further use. CSV files can be opened with a number of different spreadsheet programs.

1. Click on the EasySlider system in the farm structure.



2. Click on the management area "Sow Manager" and then on the tab "EasySlider statistics".

The data for the EasySlider statistics is displayed now.



3. Select the view:

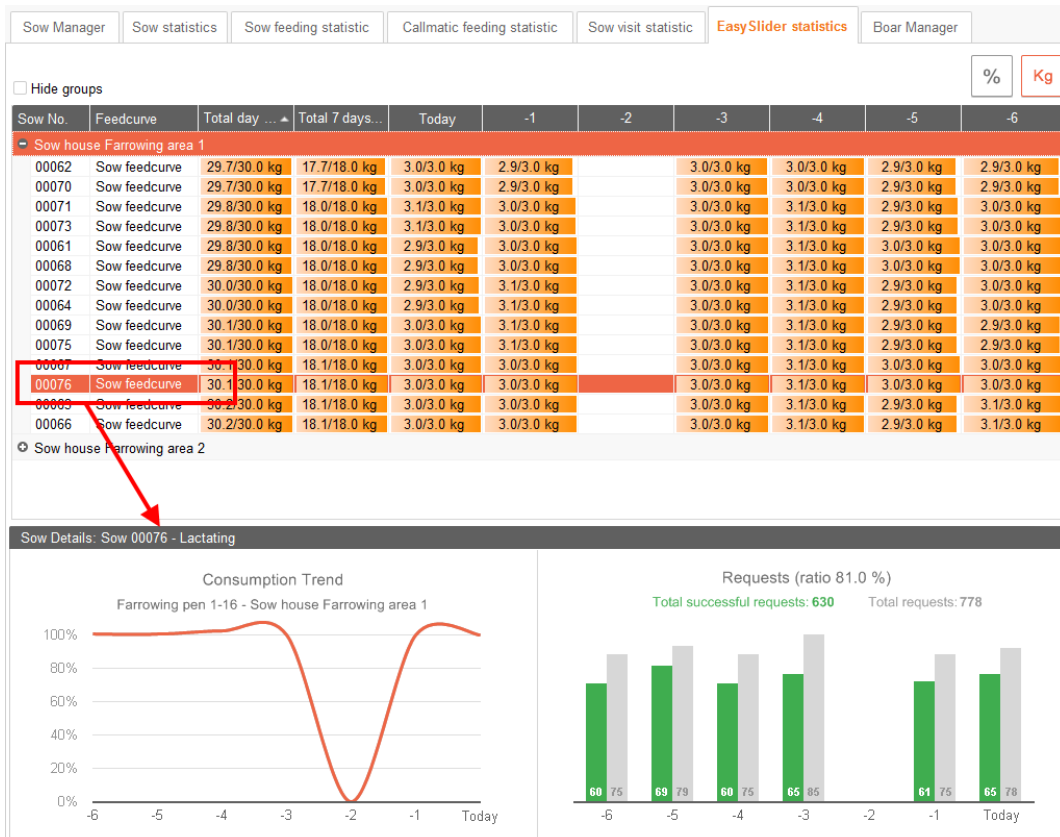
a) Check the box "Hide groups" to see the sows in one continuous list.

If the box is not checked, the sows are shown in groups per section.

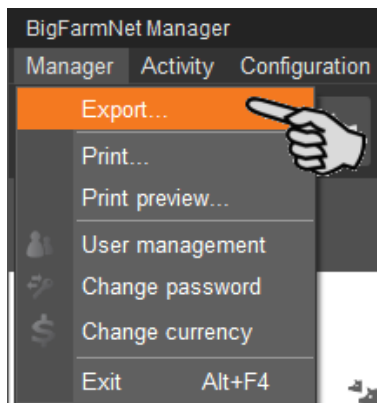
b) Click on the button "%" or "kg" to see the desired type of information.

Sow No.	Feedcurve	Total day ...	Total 7 days...	Today	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
- Sow house Farrowing area 1										
00062	Sow feedcurve	29.7/30.0 kg	17.7/18.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg
00070	Sow feedcurve	29.7/30.0 kg	17.7/18.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg
00071	Sow feedcurve	29.8/30.0 kg	18.0/18.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg
00073	Sow feedcurve	29.8/30.0 kg	18.0/18.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg
00061	Sow feedcurve	29.8/30.0 kg	18.0/18.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg
00068	Sow feedcurve	29.8/30.0 kg	18.0/18.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg
00072	Sow feedcurve	30.0/30.0 kg	18.0/18.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg
00064	Sow feedcurve	30.0/30.0 kg	18.0/18.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg
00069	Sow feedcurve	30.1/30.0 kg	18.0/18.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg
00075	Sow feedcurve	30.1/30.0 kg	18.0/18.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg
00067	Sow feedcurve	30.1/30.0 kg	18.1/18.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg
00076	Sow feedcurve	30.1/30.0 kg	18.1/18.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg
00063	Sow feedcurve	30.2/30.0 kg	18.1/18.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	2.9/3.0 kg
00066	Sow feedcurve	30.2/30.0 kg	18.1/18.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg	3.0/3.0 kg			3.0/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg	3.1/3.0 kg
+ Sow house Farrowing area 2										

4. Select the desired sow on which you want more information regarding the requested amount of feed or the feed requests.



5. To export the data (dating back up to 50 days) for further use, click on "Export..." in the menu "Manager".

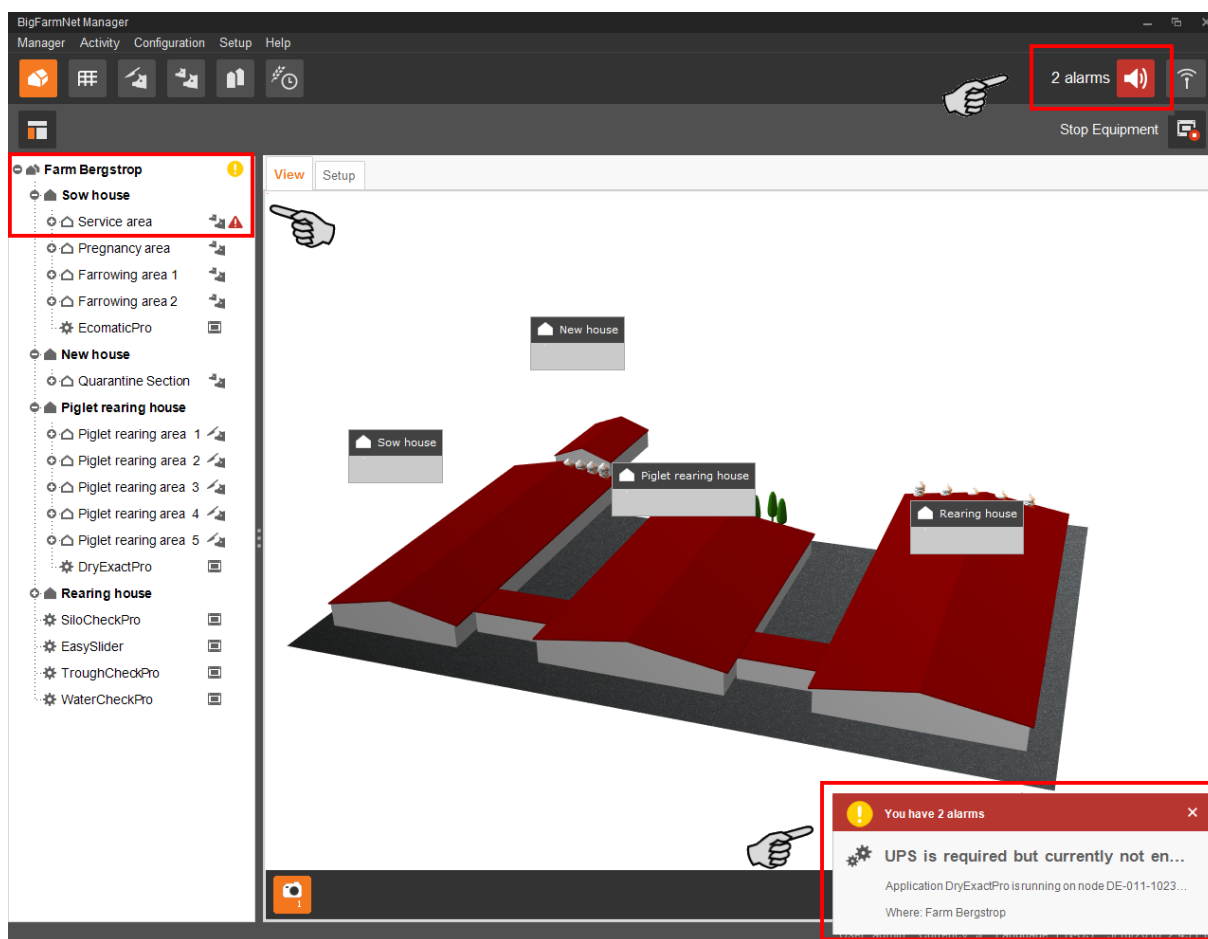


7 Alarm

An alarm is triggered when the set values are not met during operation or when there are malfunctions. Warnings are also counted as alarms. Alarms are first registered by the control computer. The control computer then sends the alarm message to the BigFarmNet Manager.

The BigFarmNet Manager indicates alarms as follows:

- Pop-up window: The window appears as soon as an alarm is registered, irrespective of the application the user is currently working in.
- Farm structure: Locations with a current problem are marked with a triangle in case of an alarm and with a circle in case of a warning.
- Tool bar: The number of alarms is shown next to the alarm icon.



Click on the pop-up window or the alarm icon in the tool bar to open the "Alarm" tab in the application window. The "Alarm" tab lists all active alarms and warnings.

If you click on a location with alarm or warning icon in the farm structure, the "Alarm" tab only shows problems active in the respective location.

Type	Categ.	Where	When
		Windows Auto Update activated	Farm Bergstrop
		UPS is required but currently not enabled	Farm Bergstrop

Filter

Category

Alarm

2 alarms








The different alarms and warnings are shown in a list and ordered depending on when they occurred. The table columns contain the following information:


- Type: Alarm type
- Category: Alarm category
- Alarm: Alarm cause
- Where: Location of the alarm
- When: Time of occurrence

Alarm types

Icon	Status	Description
	Active alarm	Not acknowledged: Cause still exists.
	Inactive alarm	Not acknowledged: Cause no longer exists.
	Deactivated alarm	Acknowledged: Cause still exists.
	Ended alarm	Acknowledged: Cause no longer exists.
	Active warning	Not acknowledged: Cause still exists.
	Ended warning	Acknowledged: Cause no longer exists.
	Info	Information about an incident that has occurred.

Alarm categories

Icon	Category
	Climate: temperature, humidity
	Control, IO connection or test (system-specific)
	BigFarmNet system or CAN bus
	Dry feeding
	Liquid feeding
	SiloCheck system
	WaterCheck system

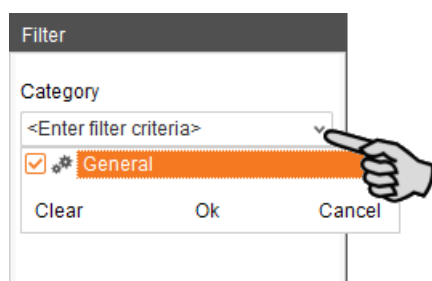
	Always eliminate causes for alarms in the "Climate" category first.
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7.1 Filtering alarms

Alarms can be filtered according to category as well as cause.

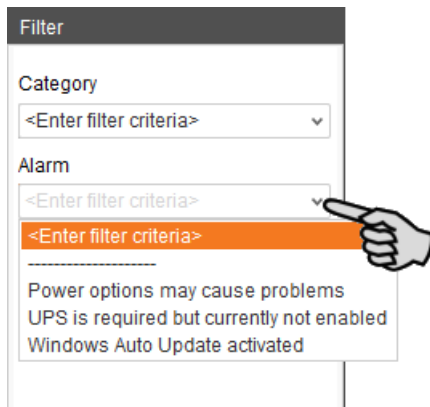
1. In the right-hand part of the window under "Filter", open the drop-down menu listing categories.

By default, all categories are selected.



2. Click on "Clear" to delete all check marks.
3. Check the boxes of the correct categories.
4. Click on "OK" to accept this selection.

- Under "Alarm", select the desired alarm cause from the drop-down menu.
The table then shows the desired alarms.

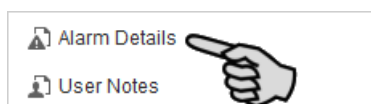


- To deselect the alarms, click on "Reset".
The table now lists all alarms.

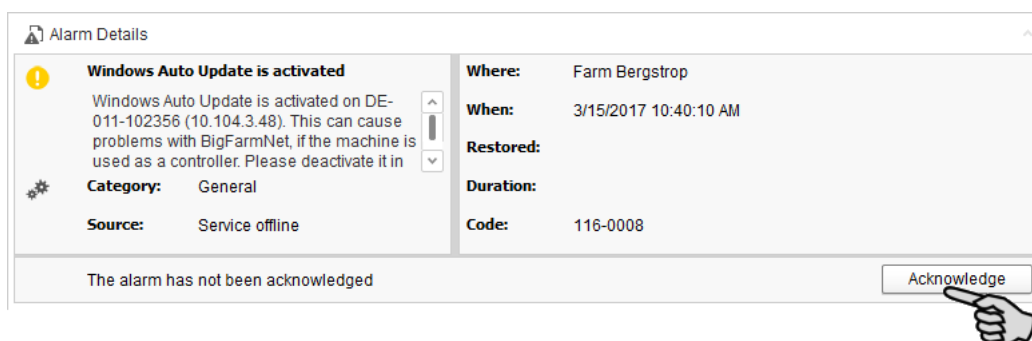
7.2 Acknowledging an alarm

Alarms can be acknowledged their cause has been eliminated. The alarm is marked with the corresponding icon (see alarm types) in the table and the system no longer requires action from the user.

- Click on the alarm you want to acknowledge to mark it.
- Click on "Alarm details" in the bottom part of the application window.



- Click on "Acknowledge".



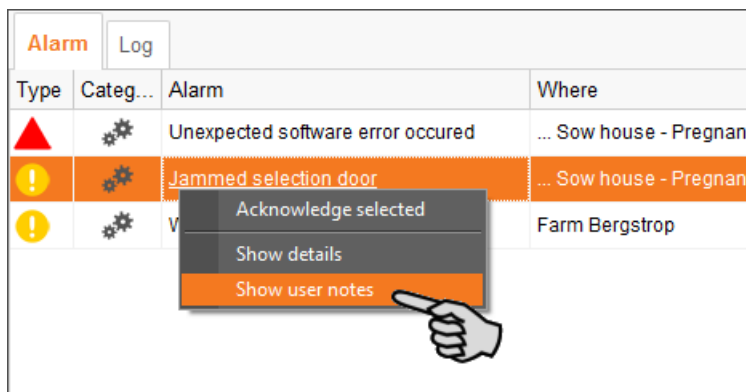
- Click on "Acknowledge" again in the next window.

5. If necessary, leave a note on the alarm.

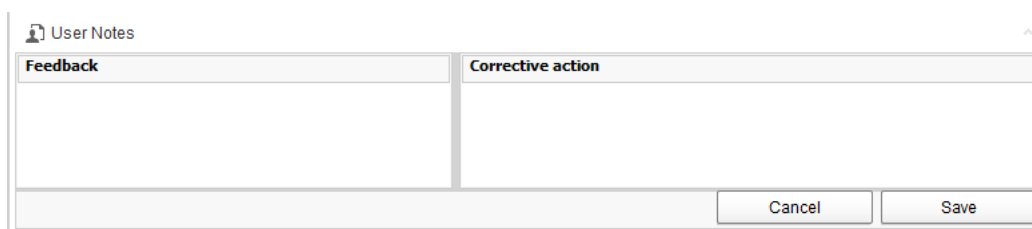
This note may be helpful to later eliminate similar alarms.

- a) Click on the alarm for which you want to leave a note to mark it.
- b) Right-click to open the context menu and click on "Show user notes".

The window "User notes" opens in the lower part of the application window.



- c) Enter your note into the field "Feedback" or "Corrective action".



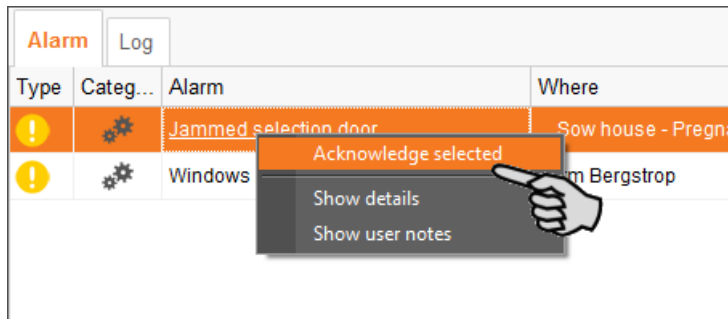
- d) Click on "Save".

Or:

You can also acknowledge multiple alarms at the same time. Use the following key combination to select the respective alarms:

- To select a group of consecutive alarms: Click on the first alarm, press and hold the Shift key and then click on the last alarm you want to select.
- To select multiple alarms individually: Press and hold Ctrl and click on each alarm you want to select.
- To select all alarms: Press and hold Ctrl and then press A.

1. Select one or more alarms.
2. Right-click to open the context menu and click on "Acknowledge selected".



3. Click on "Acknowledge" in the next window.

7.3 Alarm log

The "Log" tab shows all alarms which have occurred since initial operation of the BigFarmNet Manager on your farm.

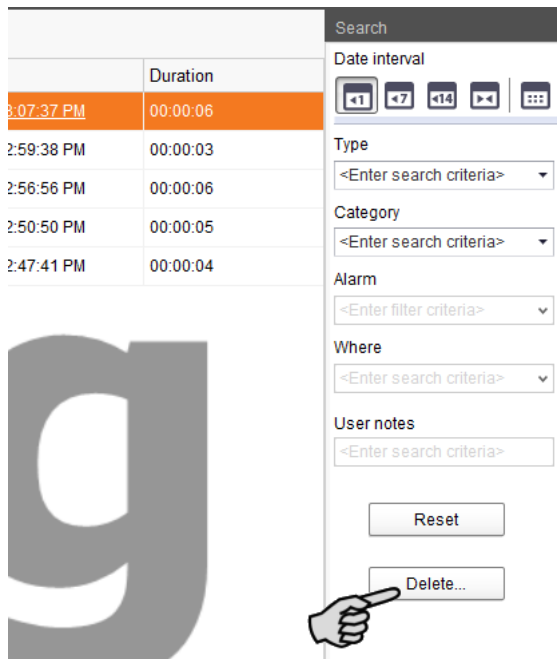


Use the search function to view selected alarms in this tab. The following search options are available in the right-hand part of the window under "Search":

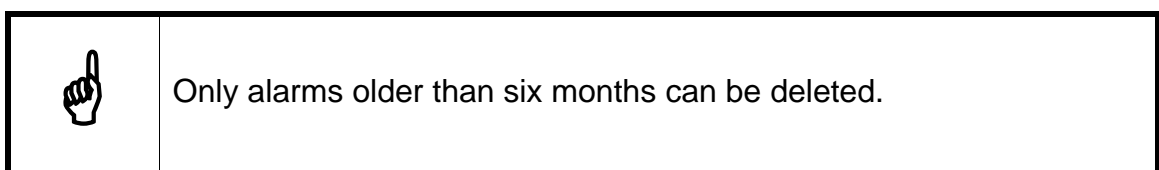
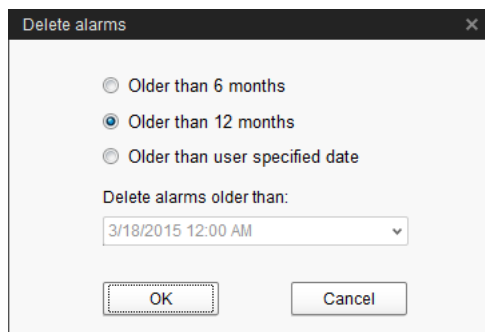
- Date interval: Time periods during which alarms may have occurred
- Type: Alarm type
- Category: Alarm category
- Alarm: Alarm cause
- Where: Location of the alarm
- User notes: provided user notes have been left

Deleting alarms

1. Click on "Delete..." in the right-hand part of the "Log" tab.



2. Click on the desired time period or enter a date.



3. Click on "OK".

All alarms of the selected time period are deleted, irrespective of whether specific alarms are currently selected via the search function.

7.4 Alarm Notification

Alarm Notification is a service that sends alarms via email. Alarm notification via SMS is currently not supported.

To use the Alarm Notification service via email, configure the service in BigFarmNet Manager. The following technical conditions must be met for email notifications:

- Internet connection
- running BigFarmNet Manager

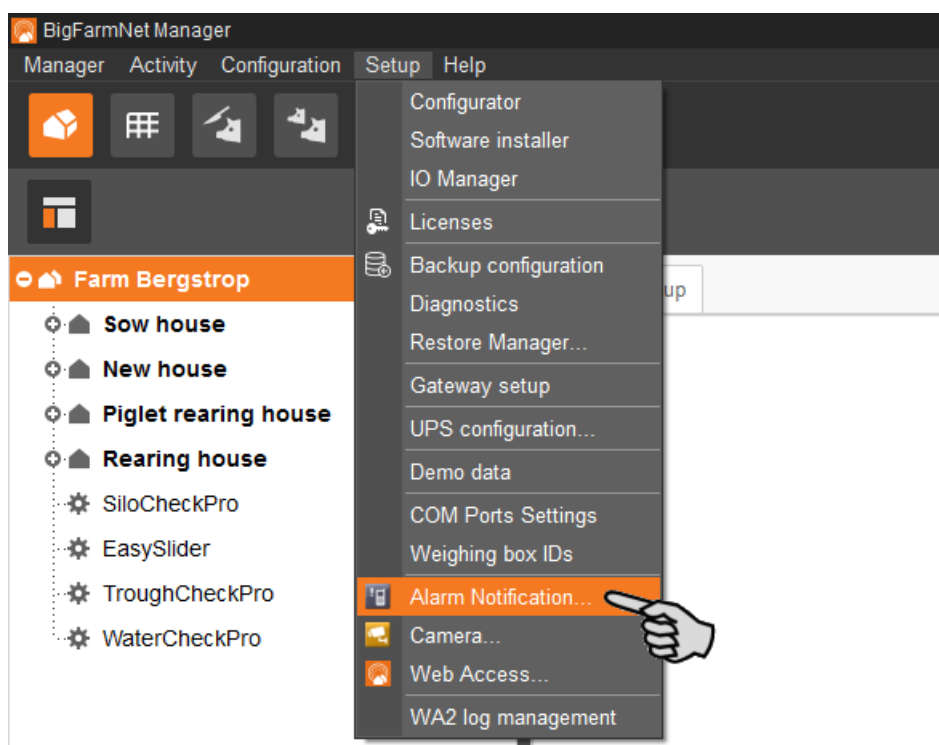


The Alarm Notification service cannot replace an autocaller! The service is merely an additional help.

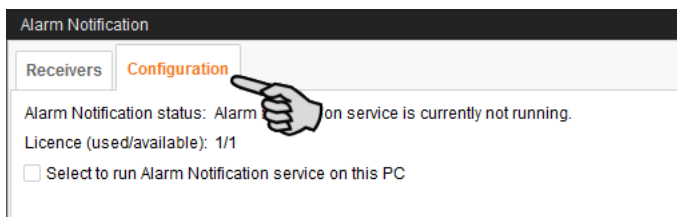
Carry out the following steps to set up the Alarm Notification service:

1. Click on "Alarm Notification" in the "Setup" menu.

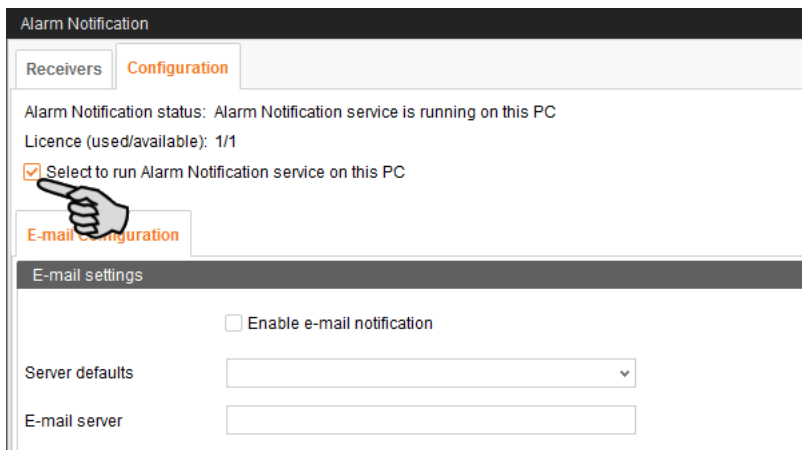
This opens the dialog window "Alarm Notification".



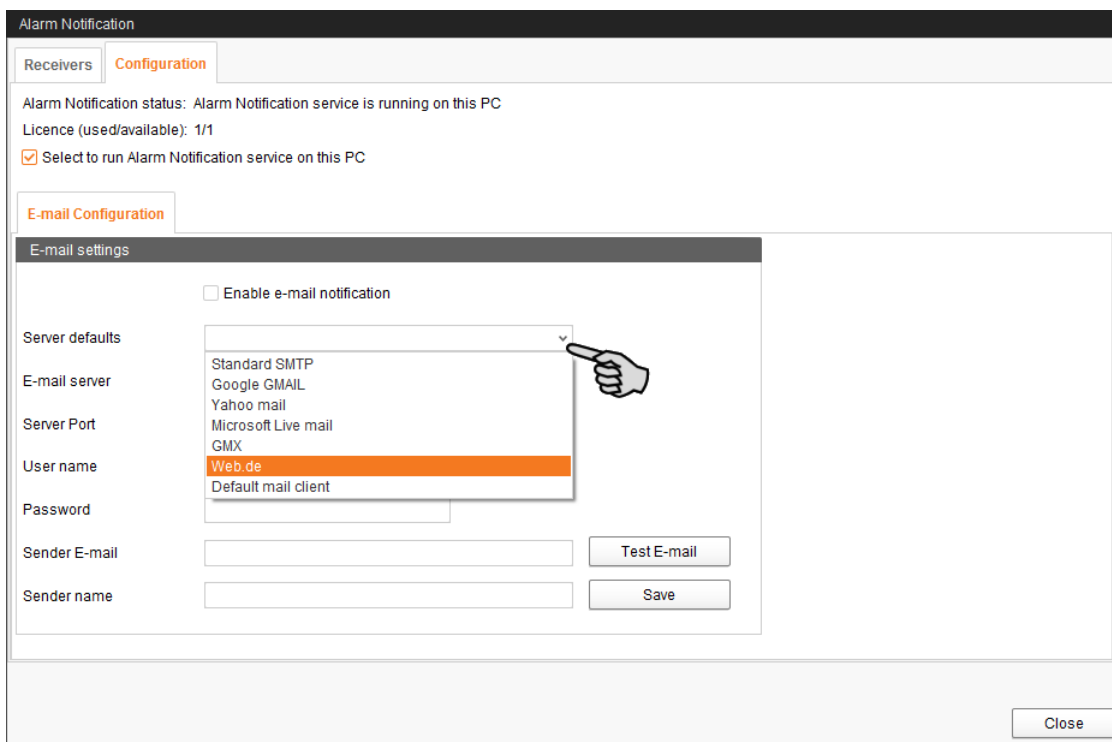
- Click on the "Configuration" tab in the dialog window.



- Check the box "Select to run Alarm Notification service on this PC".



- Click on the arrow pointing downwards next to "Server defaults" and select your server default from the drop-down menu.



As soon as you have selected a server default, the email server, the server port and the SSL are filled in automatically.

5. Enter the user name, the password and the sender email.
6. Check the box "Enable e-mail notification" to activate this function.

Alarm Notification

Receivers Configuration

Alarm Notification status: Alarm Notification service is running on this PC
Licence (used/available): 1/1
 Select to run Alarm Notification service on this PC

E-mail Configuration

E-mail settings

Enable e-mail notification

Server defaults: Web.

E-mail server: smtp.web.de

Server Port: 587 Use SSL

User name: Test 1

Password: ****

Sender E-mail: Test@web.de

Sender name: Farm Bergstrop

7. Click on "Test E-mail" to check the configuration.

Alarm Notification

Receivers Configuration

Alarm Notification status: Alarm Notification service is running on this PC
Licence (used/available): 1/1
 Select to run Alarm Notification service on this PC

E-mail Configuration

E-mail settings

Enable e-mail notification

Server defaults: Web.de

E-mail server: smtp.web.de

Server Port: 587 Use SSL

User name: Test 1

Password: ****

Sender E-mail: Test@web.de

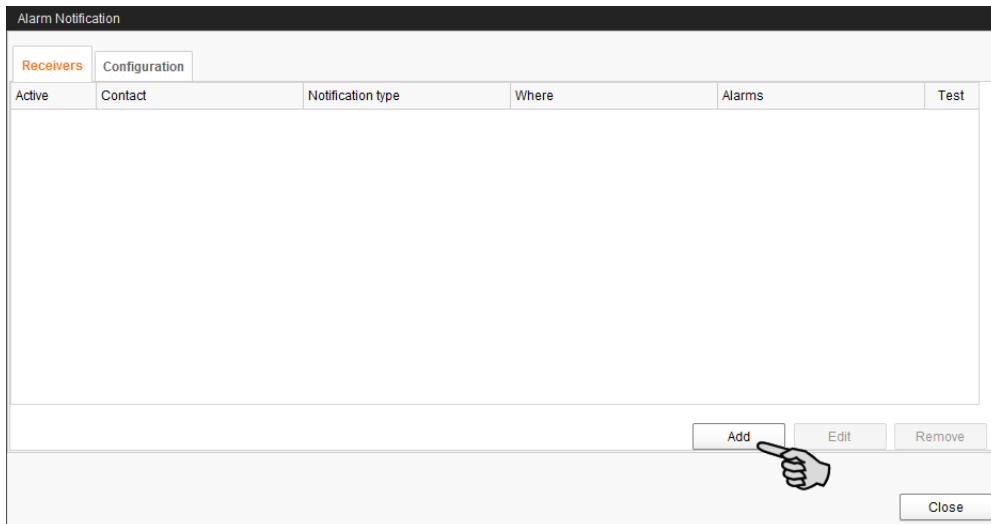
Sender name: Farm Bergstrop

8. Click on "Save" to accept all settings.

- Click on the "Receivers" tab.



- Click on "Add" to add a recipient.



- Enter the contact details in the next dialog window and select the correct language.
Alarm notifications via SMS are currently not supported.

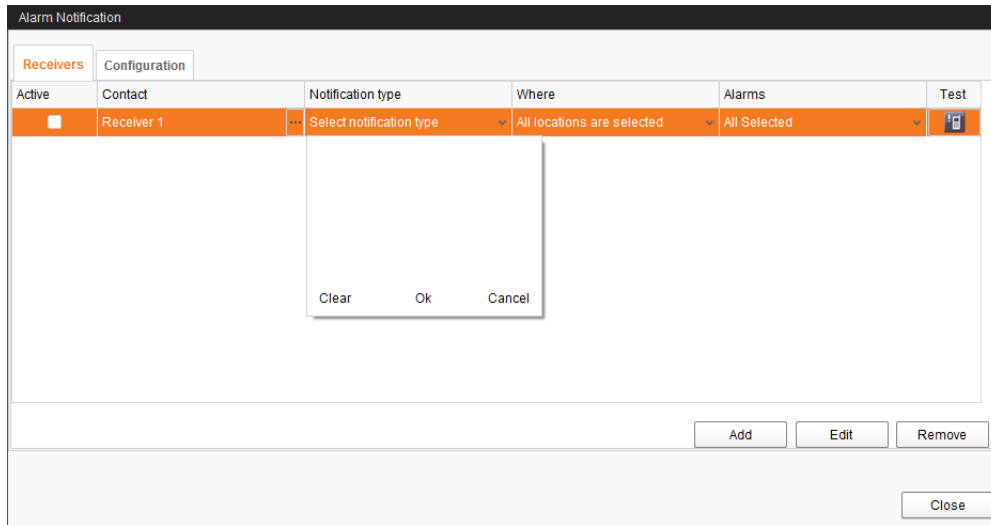
The screenshot shows a dialog window titled "Edit Contact" with the following fields:

- Name:
- Mobile no.:
- E-mail:
- Language:

At the bottom, there are "Ok" and "Cancel" buttons.

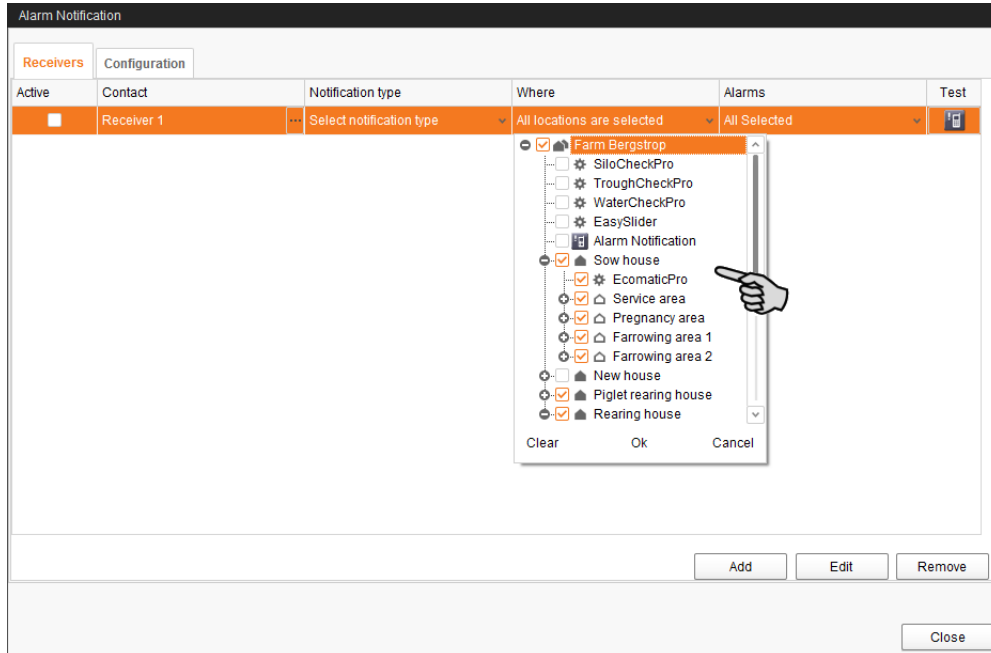
- Confirm your input by clicking on "OK".

- Click into the input field below "Notification type" and select "E-mail" from the drop-down menu.



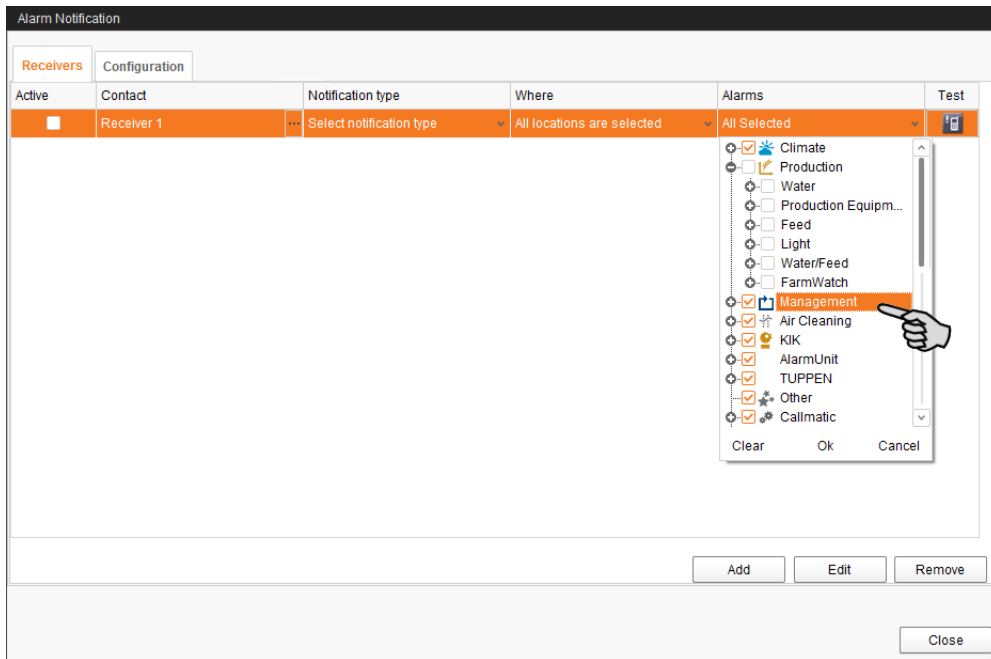
- Confirm your selection by clicking on OK at the bottom of the drop-down list.
- Click into the input field below "Where" and select the location for which you want to receive alarms.

You may select multiple locations.



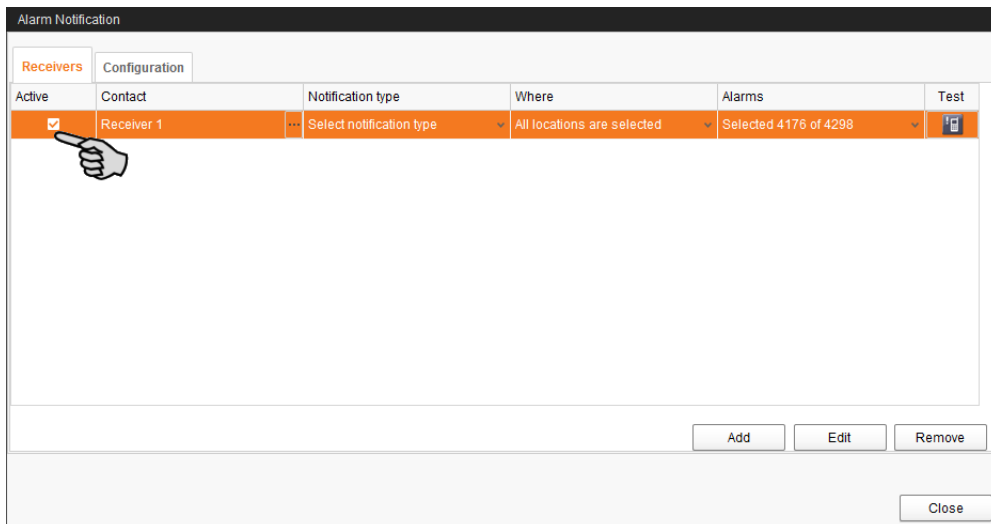
- Confirm your selection by clicking on OK at the bottom of the drop-down list.
- Click into the input field below "Alarms" and select which type of alarms the recipient should receive.

You may select multiple locations.

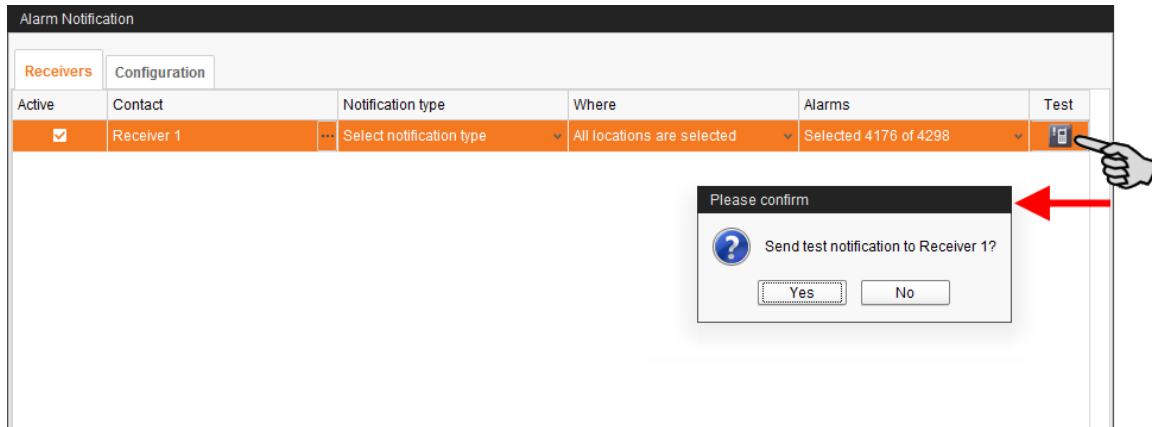


18. Confirm your selection by clicking on OK at the bottom of the drop-down list.

19. Activate the recipient for alarm notifications by checking the box below "Active"





20. Check the configuration of the recipient's data by sending the recipient a test notification:
- Click on the alarm notification icon.
 - Confirm the dialog for test notification by clicking on "Yes".



21. Click on "Close" after you have configured all settings.
This closes the dialog window.

7.5 System-specific alarms

The following table describes all possible alarms and warnings for EasySlider:

Category	Alarm	Description	Possible cause
	Animal daily ration	(0) animals have not consumed their daily ration.	Indicates the number of animals which have not consumed a sufficient amount of feed by the end of the day. The threshold for the minimum feeding amount is indicated as percentage and can be configured in the settings for the EasySlider application. see chapter 4.1.3 "Alarm", page 34.
	No animal in a pen	There are no animals in the pen, but the pendulum to request feed was actuated.	There actually is an animal in the pen which is requesting feed. However, this animal is not registered for this pen (station) by the system, see chapter 4.1.3 "Alarm", page 34.

8 Operation of the control computer



The EasySlider feeding system is controlled by the 510pro control computer with touch screen. The 510pro can be operated either centrally through BigFarmNet Manager or locally. Each 510pro can control a maximum of 16 CAN bus junction boxes. Up to 25 EasySlider units can be set up per CAN bus junction box. This means that one 510pro can control a maximum of 400 EasySlider feeding spaces.

Settings regarding eating speed, dosing and selection of feeding time patterns can be configured directly at the 510pro.

The control computer and the Manager PC are connected through the BigFarmNet software to ensure constant data exchange.

8.1 Technical data

Dimensions (H x W x D)	381 mm x 400 mm x 170 mm
Protection degree according to EN60529	IP 54
Supply voltage	115 V, 200 V and 230 V/240 V AC +/- 10 %
Supply frequency	50/60 Hz
Power consumption	75 VA
Network	2 network interfaces, 10/100 BASE+TX RJ 45
USB	2 USB interfaces, USB 2.0 type A, max. 4 GB
Ambient temperature	-10 to +45 °C (+14 to +113 °F)
30 punch holes for metric cable gland M 25 x 1.5	
Code no.	91-02-4041

8.2 Icons



Overview / Start screen



You are currently in the overview.



Settings menu



You are currently in the settings menu.



Alarm



An alarm is active.



You are currently in the alarm menu.



Feed curve



Logging out



Information on the settings parameter



Return to previous view



Open additional information or settings



Scroll up / down in selection





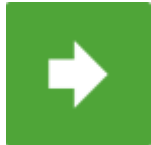
Expand structure



Collapse structure



Network configuration



Go to the next edit / settings window



Save input



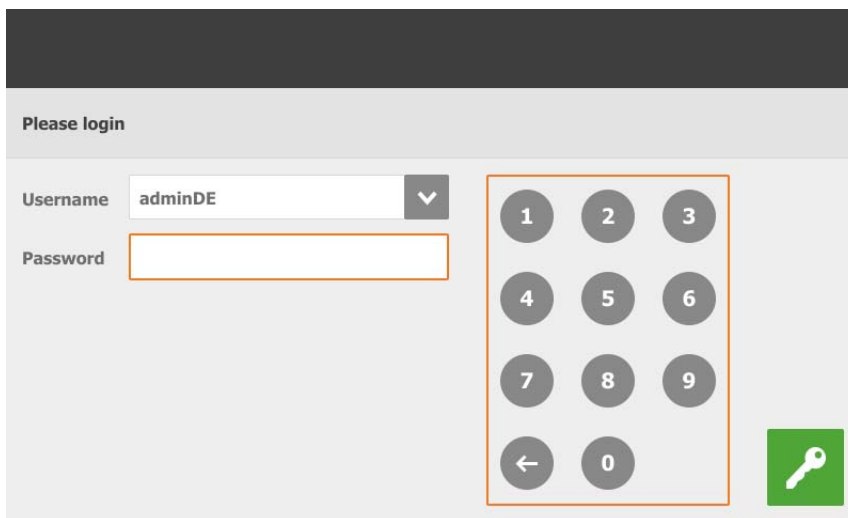
Logging in

8.3 Login

Log into the control computer using the login dialog.

The login dialog appears

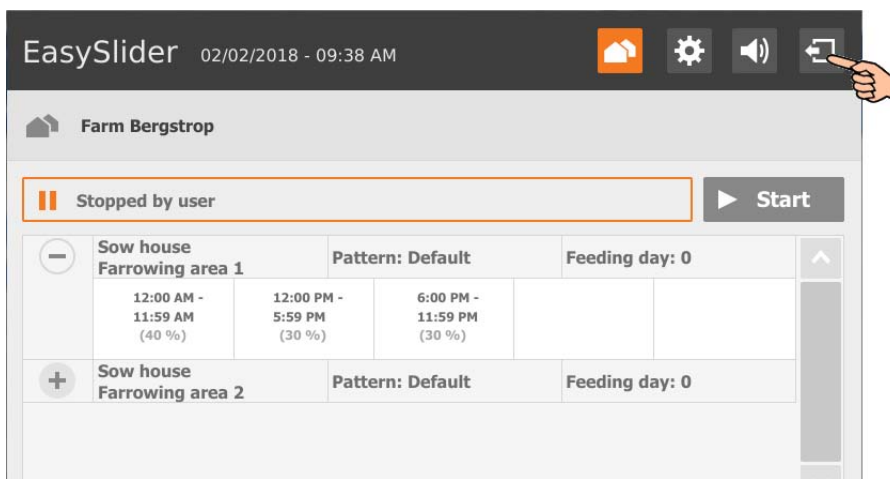
- automatically after the software has been installed successfully, when the application starts;
- automatically after a specific time without activity (automatic logout); or
- if you actively log out of the control computer.



The user name and the password are the same as when logging into BigFarmNet Manager.

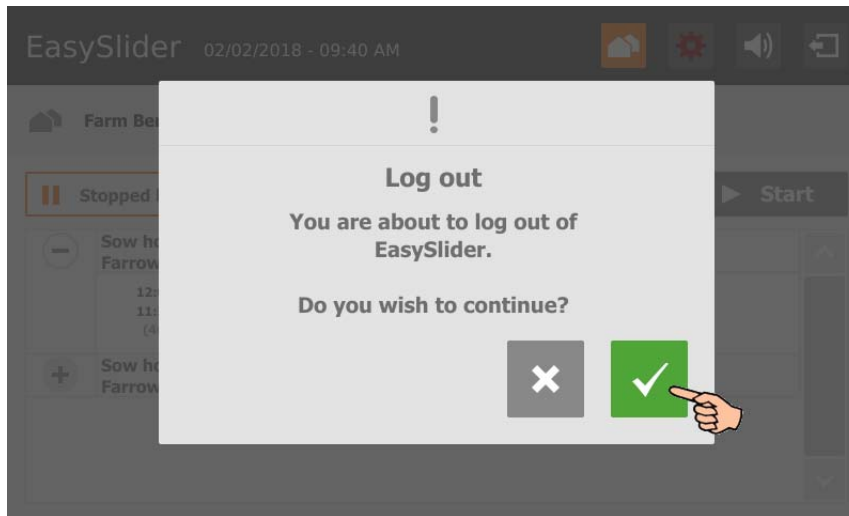
8.4 Logout

1. Tap on the "Logout" icon to log out.



2. Confirm that you are logging out.

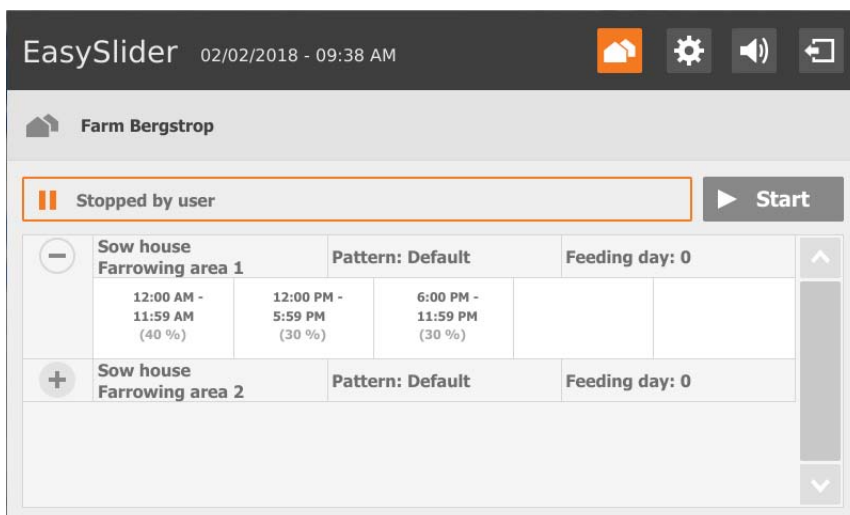
The login dialog appears on the display again.



8.5 Start screen

After logging in, the start screen shows the individual sections, including the following information:

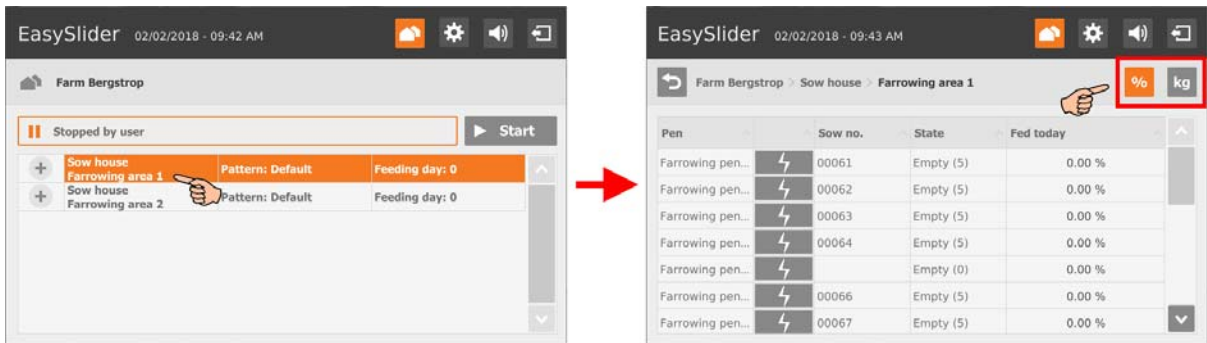
- selected time pattern;
- feeding day;
- number of defined feeding times in the time pattern (expand the structure by tapping on **+**).




Tap on **▶ Start** or **|| Stop** to start or stop the system.

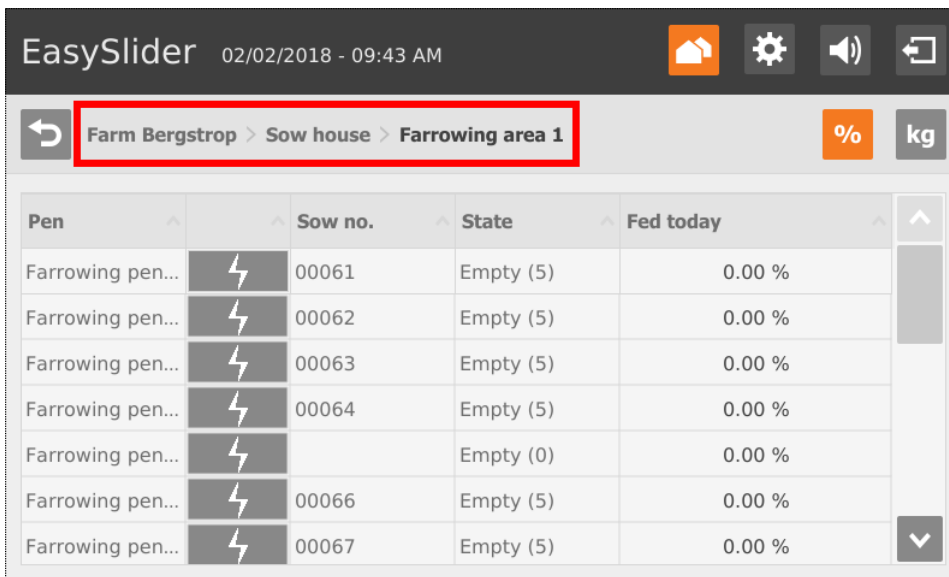
8.6 Pen view

Tap on the correct section in the start screen to open an overview of each pen's individual data. The feeding data can be displayed as percentage or as absolute values in kg, in the same manner as in BigFarmNet Manager.



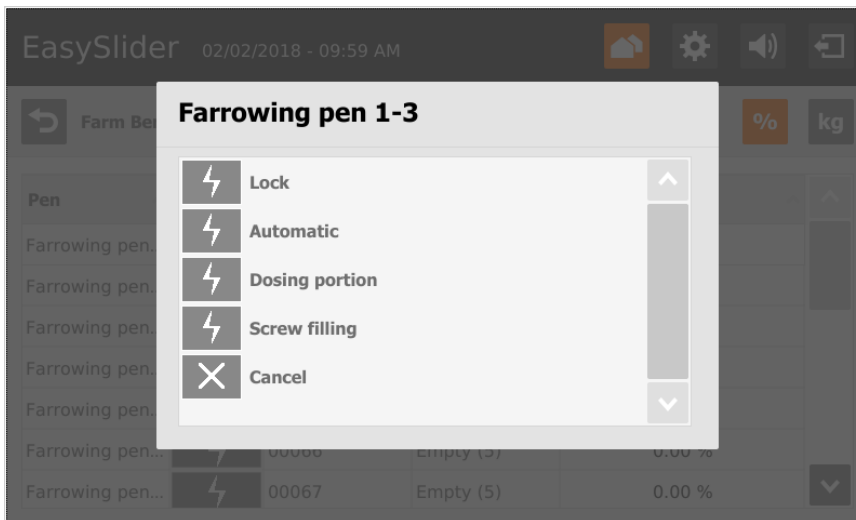
The location of the pen is displayed at the top.

Tap on  to return to the previous overview or the start screen.



8.6.1 Valve actions

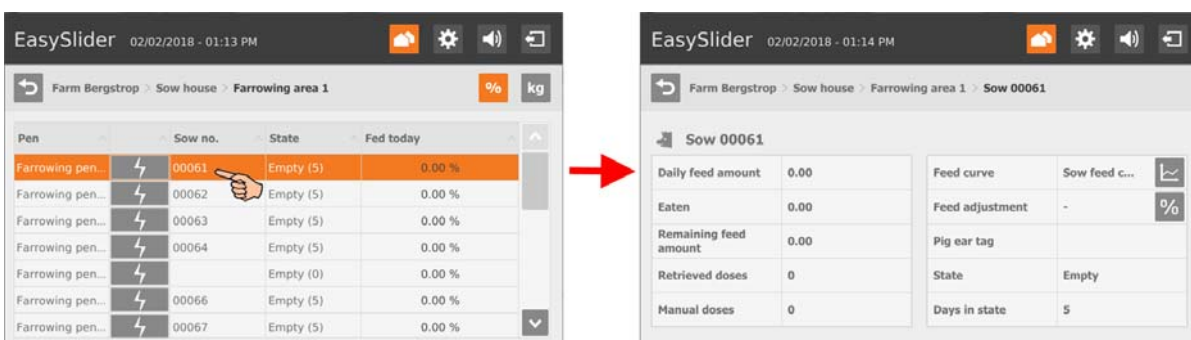
Tap on  to carry out one of the following actions for the valves in the pen view:



- **Lock:** The valve is locked immediately.
- **Automatic:** The locked valve is immediately put into operation again.
- **Dosing portion:** The portion is dispensed immediately.
- **Screw filling:** The auger is filled immediately. Advantage: The amount of feed required to fill the auger is not included in the sow's feeding statistics. The time the auger needs to fill the dosing unit can be defined in the settings under chapter 4.1.2 "General".
- **Cancel**

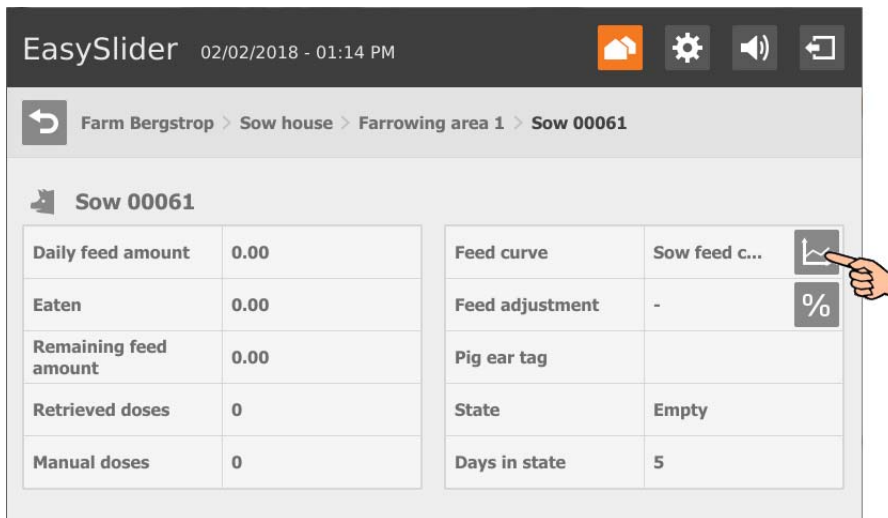
8.6.2 Sow data

You can retrieve the feeding data of each sow individually in the pen view. Additionally, you can change each sow's feed curve and define the feed adjustment.

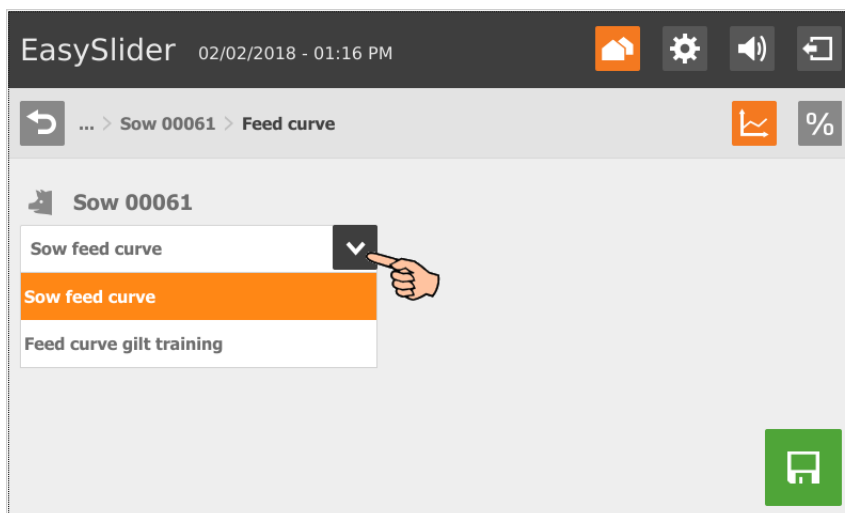



Selecting a feed curve

1. Tap on the feed curve icon.



2. Select the correct feed curve for the sow.



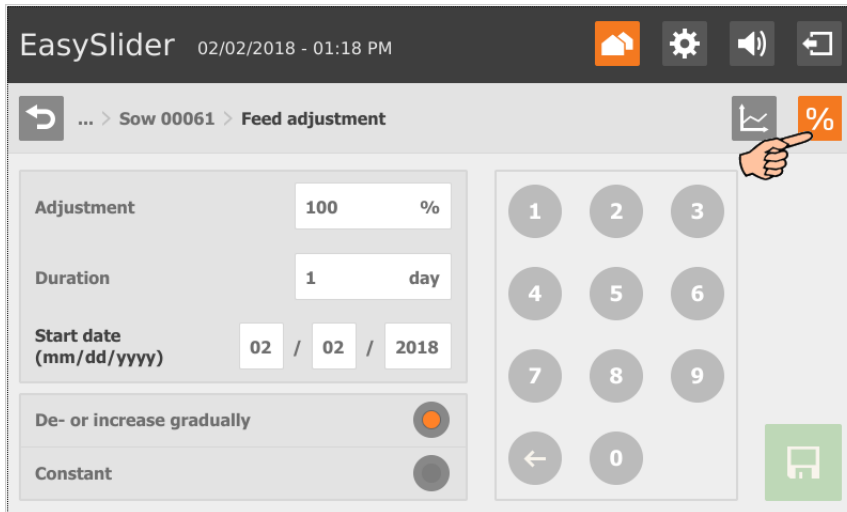
3. Save your inputs by tapping on .

Feed adjustment

Configure the following settings for feed adjustment:

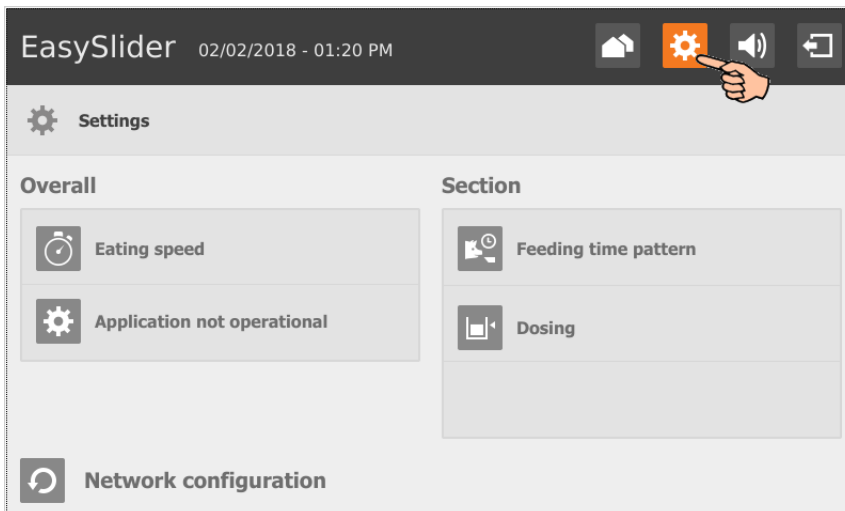
- **Start factor:** Defines by how much (percentage) the daily feed ration should be increased. If you enter 120 %, for example, the sow receives 20 % more feed than pre-set by the feed curve, starting from the date entered as starting date.
- **Duration:** The number of days for which the sow is to receive an increased amount of feed.
- **Start date:** Start of the increased feed amount

- **De- or increase gradually:** The increased percentage is reduced in daily steps until the sow is back to the feed amount pre-set in the feed curve.
- **Constant:** The specification made under "Start factor" is observed constantly for the number of days given under "Duration". This means that the sow will receive an increased feed amount for a specific time period.



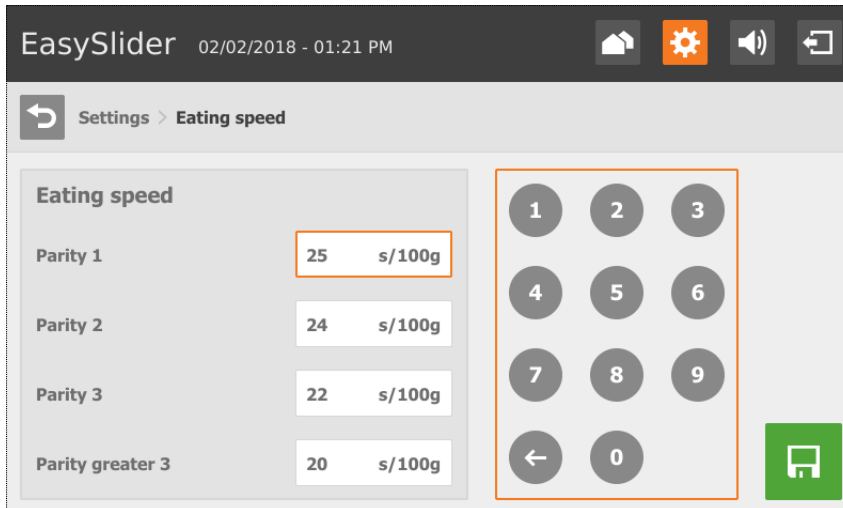
8.7 Settings


Tap on the cogwheel icon to switch to the settings menu. The following chapters describe the settings options.



8.7.1 Eating speed

1. Tap on "Eating speed" under "Settings".
2. Define the eating speed according to parity (number of times a sow has farrowed).



- a) Tap on the correct input field. This activates the numeric keypad.
 - b) Use the numeric keypad to enter the correct value.
3. Save your inputs by tapping on .

8.7.2 Application settings

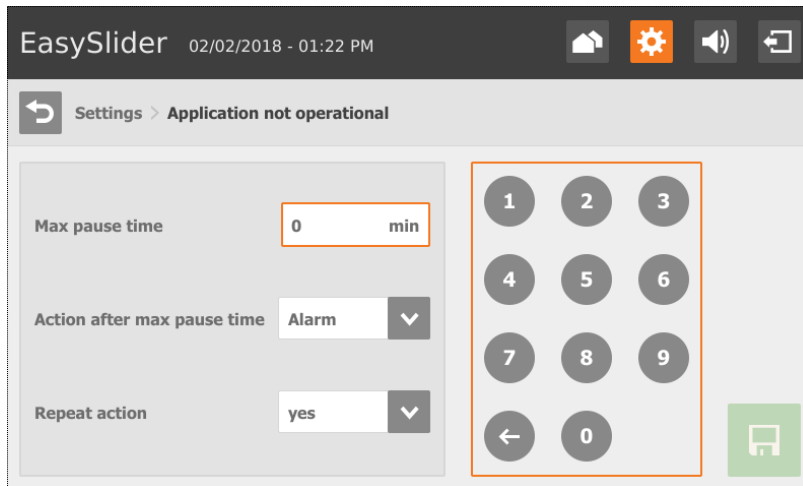
1. Tap on "Application not operational" under "Settings".
2. Define the system's alarm behavior for when the application is paused for a longer period or in error mode.


Maximum pause time: If the application does not run for a time longer than set here (pause or error), an alarm or a warning (depending on what is set for "Action after maximum pause time") is issued. If the time is set to 0 minutes, there is no maximum pause time.

Tap on the input field to enter the correct value using the numeric keypad.

Action after maximum pause time can be set to be either an alarm, a warning or no action at all ("No").

Repeat action: When this box is checked, the action (alarm, warning or no action) is repeated every time the maximum pause time expires.

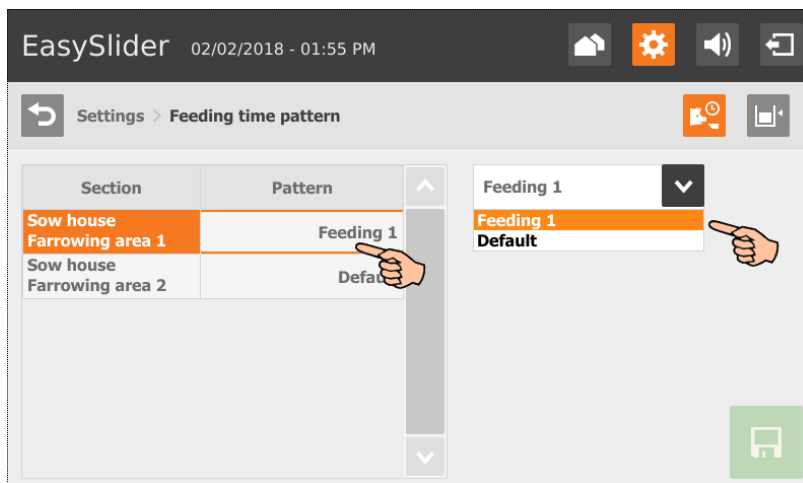


3. Save your inputs by tapping on .

8.7.3 Feeding time pattern (selection only)

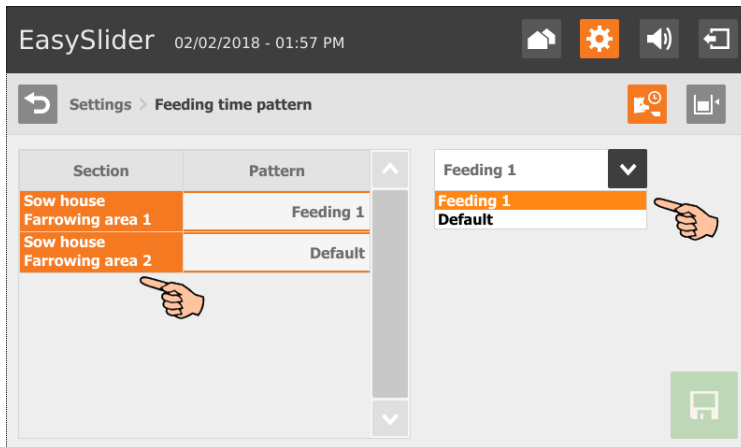
This setting only allows selecting the feeding time pattern you have created in BigFarmNet Manager beforehand, see chapter 4.2 "Determining feeding times".


1. Tap on "Feeding time pattern" under "Settings".
2. If you want to change the pattern for a specific section, tap on the correct input field and select the pattern.



OR

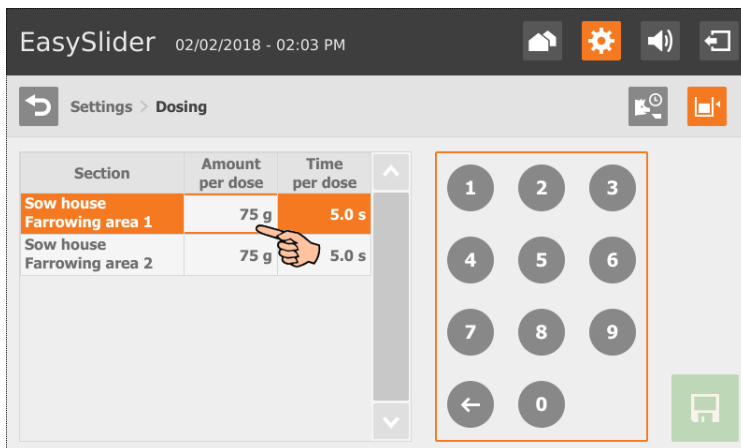
If you want to select the same pattern for multiple sections, tap on all sections and select the correct pattern.



3. Save your inputs by tapping on .

8.7.4 Dosing

1. Tap on "Dosing" under "Settings".
2. Tap on the input field to enter the correct value using the numeric keypad.




Amount per dosing is the calibrated amount dispensed within the **Time per dosing**.

The amount per dosing is calibrated as follows:

- a) Carry out e.g. 10 dosing processes with the desired dosing duration at three different dosing units.
- b) Weigh each dispensed amount.
- c) Determine the mean value by adding the dispensed amounts and then dividing them by the total number of dosing processes (in this example: 30).

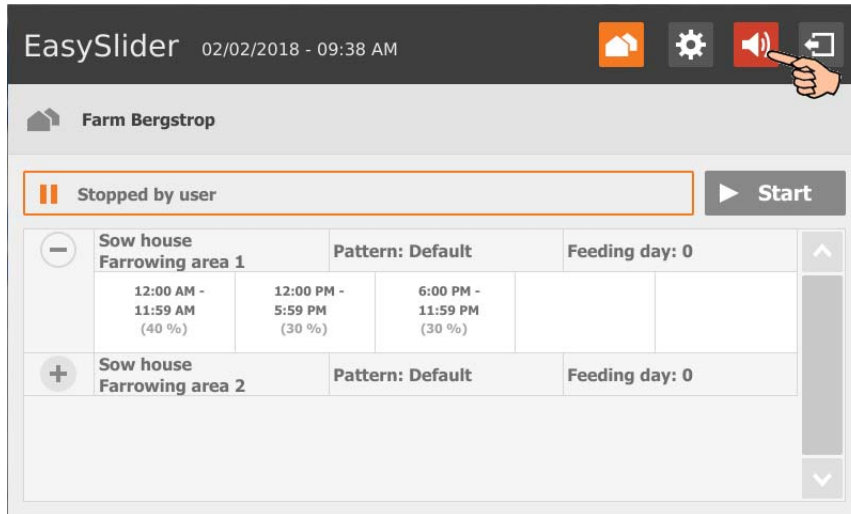
The mean value is identical with the amount per dosing.

3. Save your inputs by tapping on .

8.8 Alarms


If there is an active alarm or warning, the alarm icon is red.

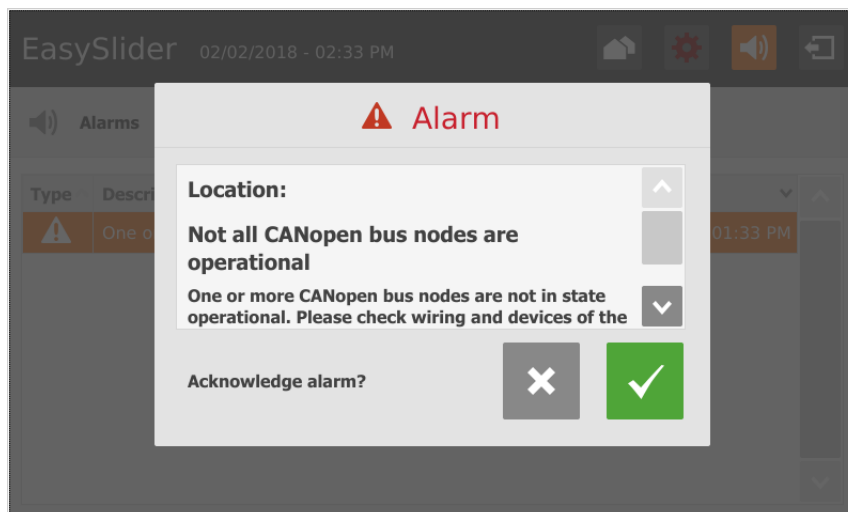
1. Tap on the icon to open the alarm menu.



The different alarms and warnings are shown in a list and ordered depending on when they occurred. The table columns contain the following information:

- alarm type, see chapter 7 "Alarm"
- alarm description
- time of occurrence

2. Tap on the correct alarm to read the full description and to confirm / acknowledge the alarm by tapping on , if necessary.



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