

Reporting Cow Related Health and Disease Events

This sheet can be used to record health events in real-time and then entered into the ICBF website or farm management systems. We recommend keeping it in your remedies cabinet so that events can be recorded as they happen which will help paint an accurate picture of herd health. This chart will help in future sustainability programs, aspects of which are focused on cow diseases.

This sheet focuses on cow diseases, events such as calving difficulty, stillborn, malpresentation and genetic defects should be recorded through Animal Events (for calving performance) and/or on the ICBF website, or on farm management software for other calving related events. If you have any questions on any aspect of recording, please contact ICBF **HerdPlus on 1850 600 900** or email **Health@ICBF.com**.

This system is based on farmer diagnosis of cow disease events. To ensure that we receive the most uniform data, we have compiled a list of symptoms associated with the various diseases listed at the bottom of the cow health and disease recording sheet.

Calving related:

Code	Condition	Health and Disease Event Description
AB	Abortion	Calf was born dead pre-term 1-7 months post-service.
ME	Metritis	Sometimes referred to as a "Dirty cow." Often manifest as a foul-smelling red-brown or watery discharge coming from the vagina. The cow may be depressed with sunken, crusty eyes, snotty nose, and decreased appetite.
RP	Retained Placenta	Placenta (the cleaning) was not expelled from the cow within 24 hours following birth.

Cow related health and disease events:

Code	Condition	Health and Disease Event Description
CD	Cow Down	Cow is lying down for more than 24 hours and will not get up.
GT	Grass Staggers/ Tetany	Excitable cow with twitching muscles and incoordination ("staggering gait"). Cows may become separated from the group, have a startled expression, show an exaggerated blink reflex, frequent grinding of the teeth, and periods of seizure activity.
LA	Lameness	Uneven weight bearing, short strides, arched back, lowered head carriage, abnormal foot placement, crossed forelimbs, reduced walking speed.
MA	Mastitis	Inflamed, hot, hard udder, loss of appetite, watery looking milk with flakes or clots in it, high somatic cell count (SCC), reduced milk production.
MF	Milk Fever	Teeth grinding, muscle tremors, stiff legs, straight hocks and paddling of the feet. Can progress to muscle weakness, and lying down with a characteristic S-bend in the neck.
PN	Pneumonia	Any cow that has been treated in response to one of more of the following clinical signs: increased respiratory rate/laboured breathing/open mouth breathing, snotty nose (a considerable amount of cloudy or greenish/yellow snot), and repeated coughing
SC	Scour	Any cow treated (including treatment with an oral electrolyte solutions) for repeated passing of loose (soup-like) or watery faeces, of normal or abnormal colour, with or without blood content

Cause of cull/death:

Code	Condition	Health and Disease Events Description
FL	Feet and Legs	Chronic lameness, or leg/foot injuries that causes problems in the herd
IF	Infertility	An animal that does not go into calf after multiple services
IJ	Injury	Injured to the point where further treatment is not suitable
LP	Low Production	Low milk, small calves, or multiple abortions decreasing her production value below her herdmates
AG	Old Age	A cow that has gotten too old to be productive
HP	Health Problems	Chronic illness which prevents her from performing or negatively affects the herd
BE	Behaviour/ Temperament	Aggressive cow, bad mother
TY	Poor Type	A cow with poor type, eg. Udders/feet
PC	Poor Condition	A cow that is consistently thin, or hard to maintain condition



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Veterinary Diagnosed Health and Disease Events: KE=Ketosis, LD=Left Displaced stomach/abomasum, RD=Right Displaced stomach/abomasum

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