

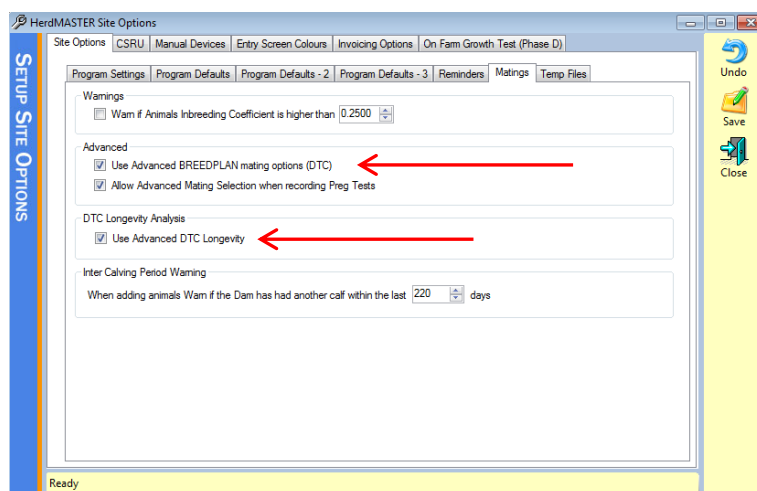
Submission of Days to Calving information to the Society

We have published numerous articles giving all the reasons why producers should measure “Days to Calving”, a genetic measure of reproduction that is provided for both bulls and cows. The good news is that the Society has many requests from producers whom are willing to submit the required information. In this article we look at the various options to submit the information to the Society. For the record, a complete cow inventory is kept and most important, is to provide the information for all mating’s, **especially the non-calvers**. The required file is submitted to the Society at the end of the season. All mating/reproduction information is required for example:

- Start and end mating dates
- Matings (AI, natural, observed, etc)
- Synchronisation events (if available)
- Embryo flush dates (if available)
- Embryo implant programs (if available)
- Pregnancy test results (if available)
- Extra events (eg shows, abortions, etc)
- Cow Mating Status’ Fate / disposals using specific BREEDPLAN codes (See below)

Using HerdMASTER

Step 1: Activate your DTC information in Setup | Site Options | Mating’s



Note if these options are not visible you will need to disable Small Stock on your Setup | Database | Configure Database (Licensing Tab)

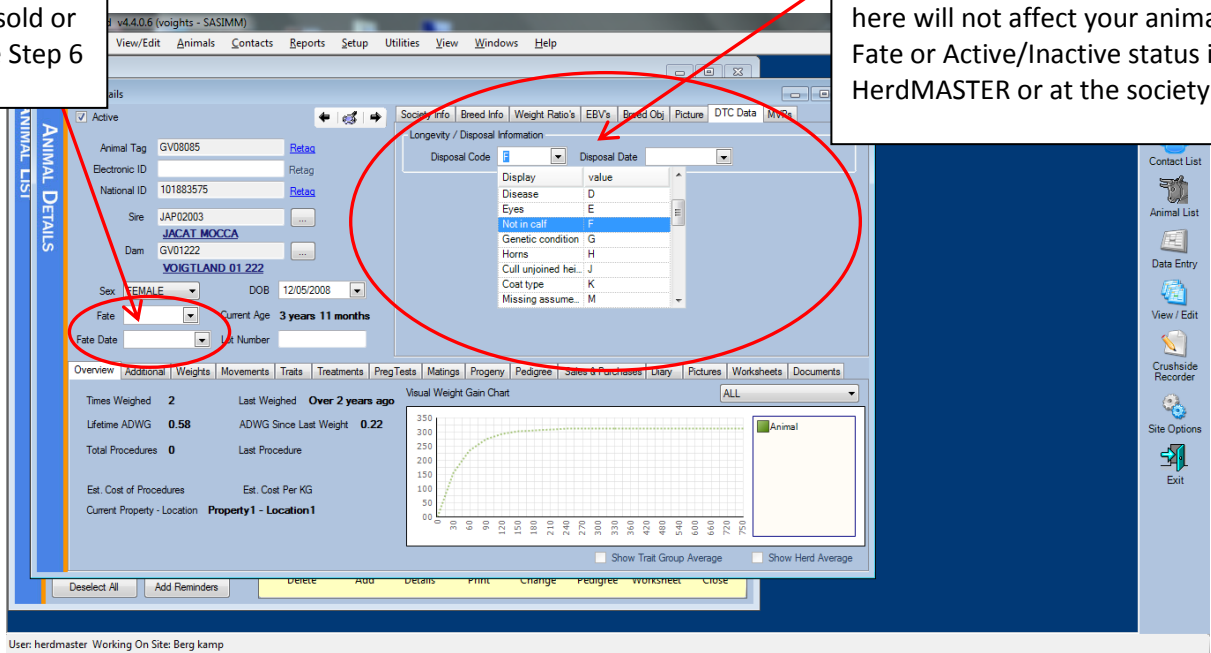
Step 2: Record the required mating’s in HerdMASTER using the Data Entry | Mating’s Option. Optionally record your Embryo’s and Embryo Flushes using View Edit | Embryo Inventory and Data Entry | Embryo Flushes Tests respectively. *Note you do not need to enter flushes in both places. If you use the embryo inventory to record embryos and implants you only need to record flush events with NO viable embryos in Data Entry | Embryo*

Flushes. If you don't use HerdMASTER to manage your Implants you can record all flush events in the Data Entry | Embryo Flushes.

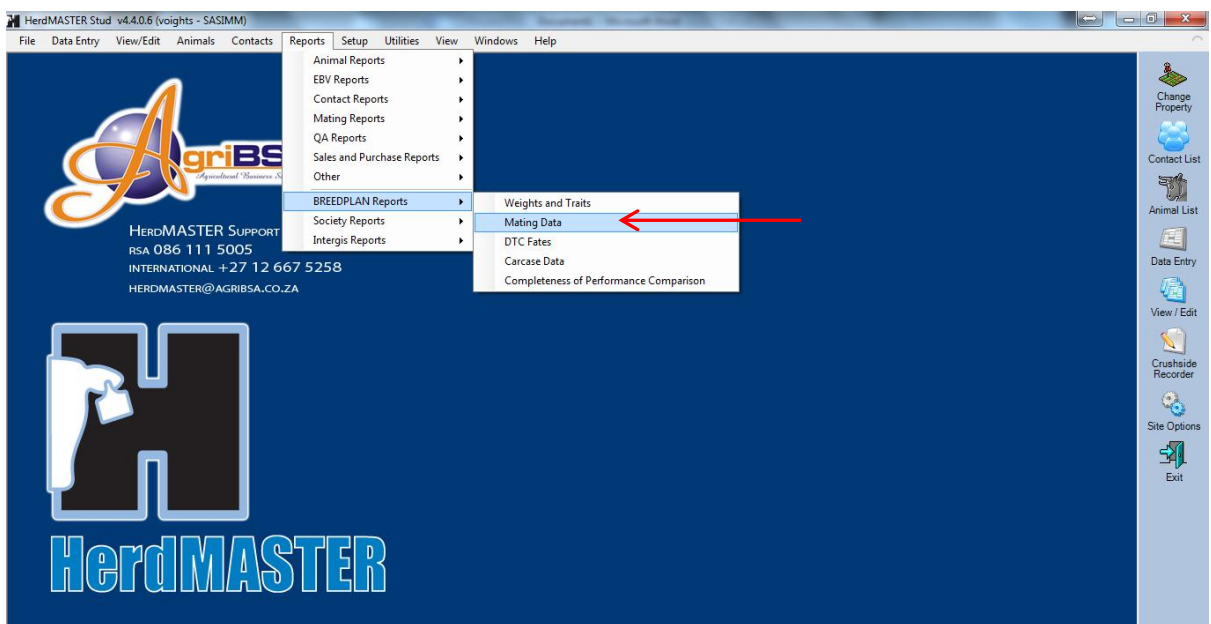
Step 3: Very Important – If required Record a disposal code and date under Animal Details. (note; F is for “not in calf”). Note, this disposal code does not “Fate or cancel” animals off the system. This is a separate process as per the below.

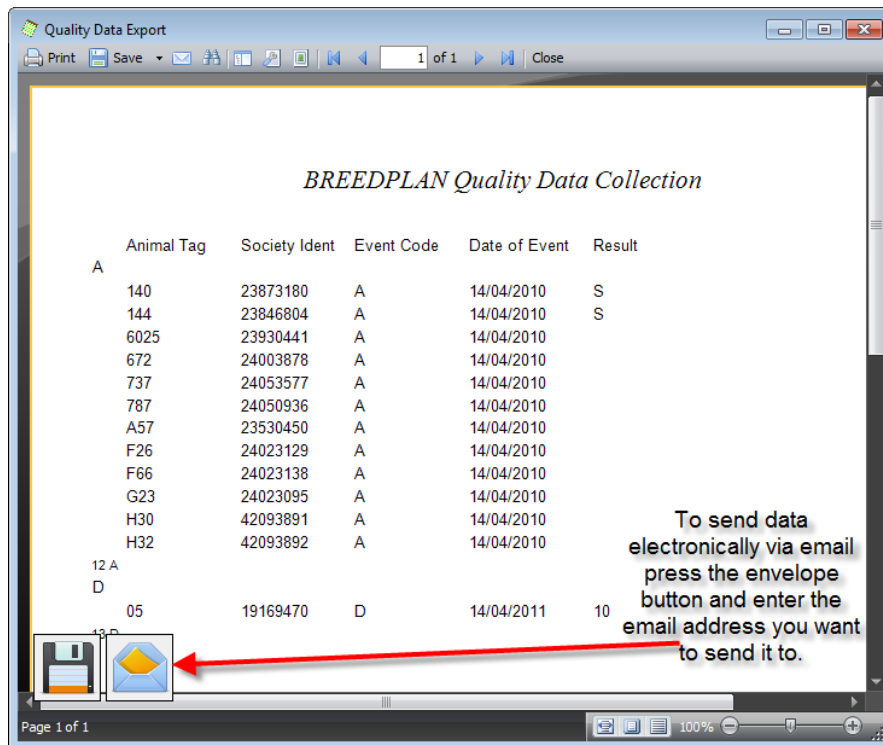
This is where you fate an animal when it is sold or culled. See Step 6

This is where you record DTC Fate information. Information recorded here will not affect your animals Fate or Active/Inactive status in HerdMASTER or at the society.



Step 4: Submit the data electronically to BREEDPLAN using the BREEDPLAN Reports | Mating Data Report.





Step 5 Submit DTC Status (Fates / Disposal Information) to BREEDPLAN

If you have recorded DTC Fates you will need to submit them separately from your Mating information. To Send your DTC Fates to BREEDPLAN use the same method as Step 4. Run the BREEDPLAN Reports | **DTC Fates** Report then click the Envelope to send the Report to BREEDPLAN electronically.

Step 6 Fating animals

This is a separate process to the above and animals are given the required Society fate code and date in the animal list screen. Electronic cancellations are sent using Reports | Society reports | Electronic cancellations. Use the same method that you send data electronically for other reports; once the report is generated click the Envelope Button to generate an email to send the society.

Here is a list of all the valid fates codes for BREEDPLAN that you will be able to record in the **Disposal code on the DTC tab.**

A = Cast for age
B = Sold surplus breeding female
C = Calving incident
D = Disease
E = Eyes
F = Not in calf
G = Genetic condition
H = Horns
J = Cull unjoined heifer surplus
K = Coat type
M = Missing assumed dead
P = Poor performance

Q = Appearance
R = Reproduction abnormality
S = Structural problem
T = Poor temperament
U = Udder or teat problems
V = Poor EBVs
W = Calved but failed to rear calf to weaning
X = Parasites
Y = Unknown cause
Z = Accident