Cow Sense® Product Support Bulletin

Treatment Classes

Treatment records are important not only to track the course of treatment for a sick animal, but also on a herd basis. Treatment records at this level enable us to identify animal health issues and design management practices to prevent or reduce costly problems. This is the purpose of the treatment classes in Cow Sense.

Treatment classes are fixed, and they appear on the Class dropdown on the Treatment Entry form. You must assign one of the eleven classes to every treatment. The established treatment classes provide consistency and the ability to analyze treatments across herds.

If you like, you may create additional descriptions of your own within any of the established treatment classes, and apply them to treatments with the Description dropdown. Define your descriptions under Enter Data > Define Groups > Treatments. Select the desired treatment class on the list at left by clicking to highlight it with your mouse. Then click in a new row in the grid at right. The class name appears in the left column. Type your desired description in the right column. Press the tab key to complete the entry and create a new row. The class will repeat with each entry until you change it on the left.

To delete a row, click the left edge of the grid so the row is highlighted, then press the Delete key. Click the "Show All" button to view all the descriptions you have entered, or click "Show Class" to view just the entries for the highlighted class at left.

For example, you may wish to keep track of branding, weaning, and replacement treatments within Processing. You would create a row for each of these entries with "Processing" in the left column of the grid and your description on the right. Then, when you choose "Processing" with the Class dropdown on Treatment Entry, each of your options for processing will appear in the Description dropdown.