Cow Sense® Product Support Bulletin

Multi-Sire Entry

Discussion: When you need to handle the situation when you run multiple bulls with a group of cows. You will still want to keep track of possible sires. This is especially necessary if you are planning on doing DNA testing for parentage verification.

1. To create the Multi-Sire Group go into Enter Data > Bulls > Enter Multi-Sires.

2. Create an ID for the group of bulls. For example if you had 2 bulls in the Jones pasture for the breeding season in 2007, you might give them an ID of "Jones 2007." This is just an example, but you must give the group some kind of unique ID.

3. Assign the multi-sire group a Status of Active and assign what Type of bull group they are (Herd, AI or Both).

4. The next requirement is to have a Date Formed. This is usually when they are put together for breeding. Later, you will need to enter a Date Removed when the bulls are split up. Even if you remove one bull or add one bull for whatever reason you will then need to setup a different Multi-Sire group.

5. Click on the "Assign Bulls" tab. A list of eligible bulls that you can assign to that group will be displayed. Just click on the ID from the "Available Bulls" list to select and then click the "Add" button. If you make a mistake in your selections there is also a "Remove" button that works in reverse of the "Add."

6. Once the bulls that belong to a group are assigned, you can click "New" if you want to create another Multi-Sire group or you can "Close" out. Any time you leave a record in Cow Sense, it is automatically saved.

After entering the Multi-Sire groups they can now select them from the drop down lists in the Breeding and Calving areas.

A Multi-Sire group must remain Active until you have assigned all the breedings and calves that they are possible sires of. Just like any other record in Cow Sense when the Status is changed to Gone, they can no longer be selected as sires when entering new breedings and calving data.