

Inventory - animal disposal record

Introduction

It is useful to have disposal recorded with a reason and date for culled or dead animals, not only to manage inventory but to use this information to evaluate longevity. It is essential to identify voluntary disposal reasons (i.e. due to poor performance, or poor breeding values) versus involuntary disposals such as “dead misadventure” or “injury” or death or culling for disease.

Animal disposal record

When culling is carried out it is important to record the date. Equally important is to record the date of death (if found dead), as accurately as possible. The death and culling codes are listed below, and can be selected when updating inventory.

Ewe death/ culling codes

Ewe fate code	Description
DM	Dead misadventure (e.g. fell in ditch, taken by fox)
DU	Dead unknown
DG	Died giving birth
DD	Dead disease (clostridial disease etc)
CI	Culled injury
CR	Culled feet and/ or leg soundness
CT	Culled poor teeth
CC	Culled to factory (prime lamb or cull ewe)
CU	Culled udder problems (including mastitis)
TT	Culled not true to type (defect)
CV	Culled breeding value

You or a technician

As a breeder you will be expected to record ewe death and culling records.