

MORTALITY RECORDS

Mortality Alphanumeric Code: letters 1-8

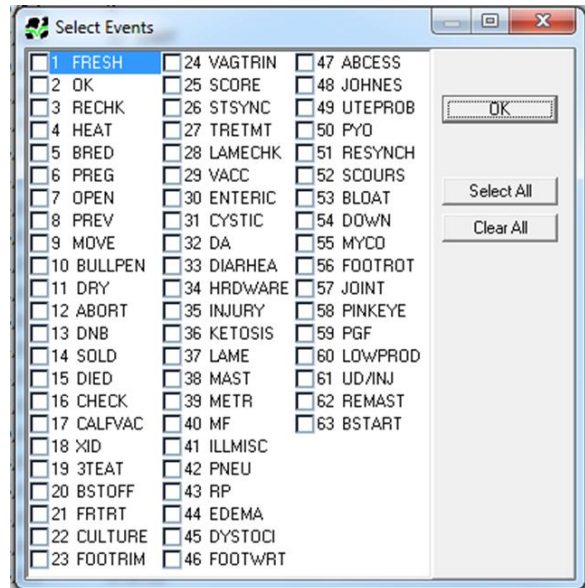
- 1-2) Category related to target area for intervention
- 3) Euthanized versus Death by natural causes (E/D)
- 4) Death certificate (Y/N)
- 5-6) Immediate/proximate disease related to cause-of-death
- 7-8) Underlying or intermediate disease process or causative factor if known

Death Themes & Categories

- Specific disease process as a stand alone problem
DZ: Specific disease such as HBS, metritis, etc.
- Traumatic injury
IC: Injury related to calving trauma
IJ: Injury such as spinal, stifle or hip damage
HE: Trauma due to human error
- Multifactorial failures linked to transition period
TN: Multifactorial transition/early lactation disease
or negative energy balance issues
- Feed management
FD: Feeding error
- Miscellaneous events not conducive to prevention
MS: Miscellaneous
- Undetermined
UN: Undetermined

Disease codes Immediate/Intermediate/Underlying Disease or Causative Factors

BK	Back injury
BL	Bloat (53)
BO	Bleed out/hemorrhage
CA	Cancer
CH	Choke
CC	Concrete flooring
CE	Cancer eye
DA	Left displaced abomasum (32)
DI	Diarrhea/Infectious gastrointestinal disease (33)
DW	Down cow (54)
DY	Dystocia (45)
ED	Edema (44)
FL	Fatty liver
FR	Footrot (56)
FS	Freestall/facility issues
FW	Footwart (46)
HB	Hemorrhagic bowel syndrome
HP	Hip displacement
HW	Hardware disease (TRP) (34)
HT	Heart pathology
IC	Ice
IN	Indigestion (30)
JN	Johnes disease (48)
KE	Ketosis (36)
LG	Leg injury
LM	Generic lameness--needs attributed to specific causative factor (37)
LV	Liver abscesses
MA	Mastitis (38)
ME	Metritis (39)
MF	Milk fever (40)
PA	Parlor issues
PE	Peritonitis
PN	Pneumonia (42)
RD	Right displaced abomasum
RP	Retained placenta (43)
SA	Sole abscess (47)
SE	Septicemia
SH	Shoulder injury
ST	Stifle injury
UI	Udder injury (61)
UL	Perforated gastrointestinal ulcer
UT	Uterine tear (49)
VT	Vaginal trauma



Example 1: Hemorrhagic bowel syndrome sudden death

DZDYHBxx

- DZ = Specific disease to target for intervention
- D = Died of natural causes
- Y = Death certificate completed with necropsy findings
- HB = Hemorrhagic Bowel Syndrome as the immediate cause of death
- xx = No relevant underlying or intermediate disease processes

Example 2: Failure to treat/heal lameness due to a chronic sole abscess

DZENLMSA

- DZ = Lameness failure related to hoof care
- E = Euthanized
- N = No death certificate completed
- LM/37 = Generic lameness as the immediate cause of euthanasia
- SA/47 = Sole abscess as the disease process underlying the lameness

Example 3: Severe calving trauma leading to euthanasia

ICEYVDY

- IC = Injury related to calving trauma
- E = Euthanized
- Y = Death certificate completed with necropsy findings
- VT = Vaginal trauma as the immediate cause of death
- DY/45 = Dystocia as the underlying cause of death

Example 4: Back injury leading to euthanasia

IJEYBKFS

- IJ = Traumatic injury
- E = Euthanized
- Y = Death certificate completed detailing sequence of events underlying the injury
- BK = Back injury affecting the spinal cord
- FS = Injury related to freestall issues

Example 5: Early postpartum death related to multiple diseases

TNDYSEDA

- TN = Multifactorial transition cow/early lactation disease problems
- D = Died of natural causes
- Y = Death certificate completed with necropsy findings and history of disease
- SE = Septicemia as the immediate cause of death
- DA/32 = Displaced abomasum representing an intermediate disease process

Example 6: Late lactation death due to choking on foreign material

MSDYCHxx

- MS = Miscellaneous event
- D = Died of natural causes
- Y = Death certificate completed with necropsy findings
- CH = Choke
- xx = No relevant underlying or intermediate disease process