

Editing Records in PAM's Paddock Activities Diary – Version 4 and beyond...

In Version 4 we introduced some major enhancements to the editing system in the Paddock Activities Dairy. Let's start with a refresher course on adding records in the Add Wizard ...

Adding Records

When you add records, you can record all related information in the one pass.

To illustrate these changes, let's consider a crop planting record which has crop and variety details (planting rates etc), fertiliser information and machinery information.

You select the paddock, then enter the crop details, hit "Next", enter the fertiliser information, hit "Next" and enter the machinery information... then hit "Save"... All parts of this crop planting record are saved together ... all sharing the same "job number" behind the scenes.

Or... In a more complex add session you could enter data for a number of paddocks at once. If you sprayed 5 paddocks with the one spray rig using the same tank mix on the same day, all these records could be added in the one add session... and all these records would have the same "job number".

Records with same job number are shown with the same coloured background on the main Paddock Activities Dairy screen.

Chemical	Units /100L	Conc. Factor	Units per Ha	Total Units	Cost per Unit	Targets	Batch Number	Cost per Ha
2.4.D.B.	2.00L	1.0	1.000 L	248.02 L	\$20.00/L	(space)		\$20.00
Activator	4.00L	1.0	2.000 L	496.04 L	\$7.25/L	N/A		\$14.50

Editing Records

#1 Now when you choose to edit information in the Paddock Activities Dairy, the whole job (that is all records with the same job number) is re-displayed in the wizard, enabling you to edit any part of the original job. So you will now see the "Next" and "Back" buttons. Before Version 4, you could only edit one part of the original record at a time...

#2 If you have recorded the same job across more than one paddock (like in the case of the tank mix across 5 paddocks above) you can choose to separate or disconnect the paddocks. Why? – Let's say you recorded the above spray job as if all 5 paddocks received a uniform treatment, but in fact, one of the 5 paddocks had a slightly different tank mix for some reason. To rectify the records, you would highlight (select) the paddock that received the different treatment and click "Edit" or double click on the record.

#3 The job date is displayed on the edit wizard so you can alter it if required.

As this edit wizard is now used to convert planned activities to actuals, budgeted activities to actuals and to apply recommendations to plans or actuals, the ability to alter the record date is essential and therefore is placed on the edit wizard for your convenience.

Advanced use of the edit wizard.

By clicking on the “Areas” button, you can make changes to the paddocks or cropped areas that were originally selected when the original record was made.

This has special significance when you are converting budgets or recommendations to plans or actuals...

Take a recommendation for example. Let’s say you have a recommendation that was supplied to you for a particular problem in a particular crop in a particular paddock. Eg. Stripe rust in the Wheat crop in the Back Paddock.

You can use this recommendation record and apply it to as many other wheat paddocks as you want to... on whatever dates you choose.

You could convert (or apply) the recommendation to a Plan, print out the Spray Order for the corrective measures, print out the special “Map Report for the Plan...”

The screenshot shows a software interface with a menu bar (Data Entry, Reports, Utilities, Configuration, Precision Maps, MultiClient, Individual Animals, Help) and a toolbar with various icons. Below the toolbar, there is a 'Year' dropdown set to '2003' and buttons for 'Add...', 'Edit...', 'Convert', 'Filter...', '..to Season', 'Tools', 'Reports', and 'Close'. A calendar on the left shows dates from July to April. A 'Reports' dropdown menu is open, listing several options. The option 'Map Report for Selected Plans...' is circled in red. Below the menu, there is a table with columns for 'Area (Ha)' and 'Rate'. The table contains two rows of data:

Area (Ha)	Rate
29.48	67.25
67.25	67.25

Below the table, there is a section titled 'Recommendations' with columns for 'Applic', 'Starting Date', 'Do By Date', 'Re-Check', 'Paddock', 'Crop', 'Item', 'Area (Ha)', and 'Rate'. The first row of data in this section is:

Applic	Starting Date	Do By Date	Re-Check	Paddock	Crop	Item	Area (Ha)	Rate
				Farm				