



## Stock Return Categories System - Help Note

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## Introduction

The Stock Return Categories feature in PAM has been requested to cater for situations where

- stock numbers in paddocks are very hard to keep accurate (eg. In pastoral areas), and
- the way stock classes are defined by the station manager or head stockman differs from the way the stock classes are defined by the company accounting and livestock inventory systems.

**By using this feature you can effectively have two parallel livestock reconciliation systems.**

The PAM clients who requested this feature refer to the two parallel systems as their

- Paddock Book, and
- Stock Return

For example, the user can keep a track of tally changes within special animal categories and sub-categories (Stock Return Categories) which are at the same time described by the property manager as a mixed mob (Paddock Book Mobs).

## Important Information:

Before you can set up your list of Stock Return Subcategories, you must first set up your normal Categories. (Configuration -> Livestock Categories and Mobs). At the Category level, both the Paddock Book and the Stock Return system share the same titles. So, in fact you can only create Stock Return Subcategories as at the Category level, both the standard (Paddock Book) and the Stock Return categories are identical.

## Activation

### **Turn on Stock Return Categories feature**

Configuration -> Customise Your PAM Program -> Livestock tab ->

Place a check in  Turn on Stock Return Categories

## Activated Features:

**Data Entry:** When the Stock Return Categories feature is activated, fields to record the Stock Return Sub Categories appear in certain activities in the livestock diary, these activities include:

### **Purchases**

**Agisted Stock Away**

**Alter Mob Numbers**

### **Sales**

**Agisted Stock Return**

**Births**

### **Transfers in & Out**

**Agistment In (Income)**

### **Reporting:**

'Stock Return Report' is added to the Livestock Reports sub menu.

'Paddock Book Reconciliation' is added to the Livestock Reports sub menu.

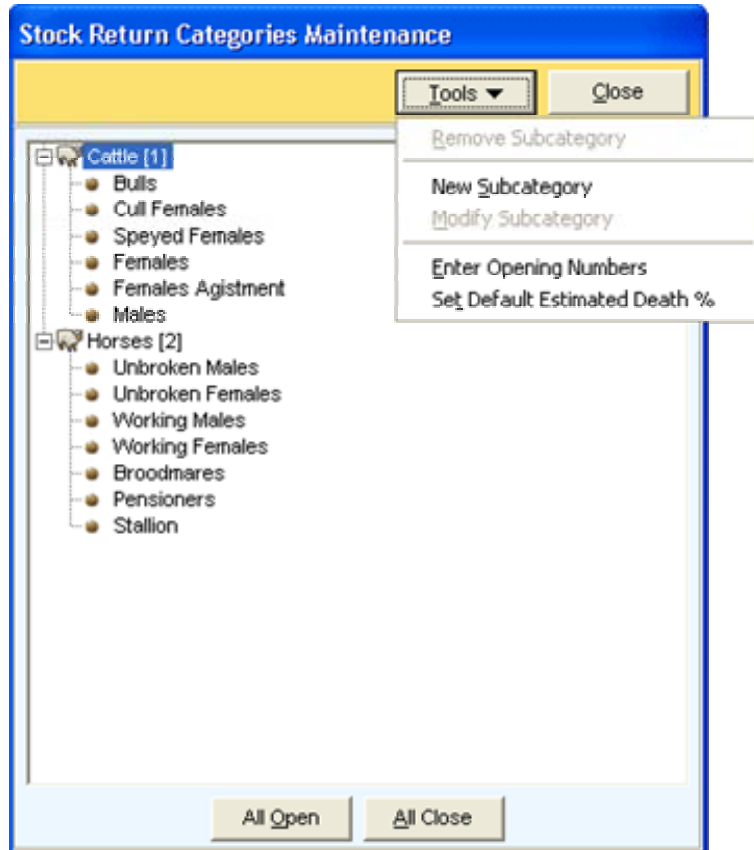
**Configuration:** The configuration menu item 'Stock Return Categories' can be found under the configuration menu.

**Configuration:**

Configuration -> Stock Return Categories

The tools menu in the Stock Return Categories Maintenance Screen has the options needed to add and initialize the Stock Return Subcategories.

- Remove Subcategory: Delete the selected Stock Return Subcategory.
- New Subcategory: Open the Stock Return Subcategory add dialog (see below).
- Modify Subcategory: Edit an existing Stock Return Subcategory.
- Enter Opening Numbers: Enter the number of animals in the Stock Return subcategory at a certain date.



**New Stock Return Subcategory:**

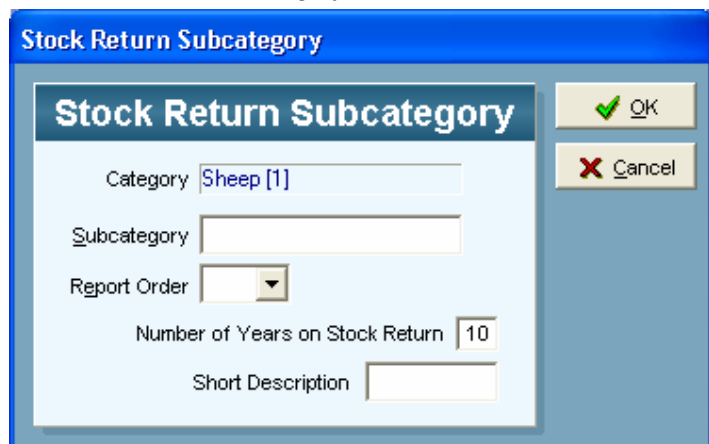
Highlight the category of the animal then select: Tools -> New Subcategory.

Enter the Subcategory name for the stock class. Enter the order you would like this subcategory to be shown in the stock return report.

The number of Years on Stock Return field allows you to restrict the number of ages that will be listed in the Stock Return Report.

For Example: If you enter 10, you will see 10 rows for this Sub-Category in the Stock Return.

Any animals older than 10 years would be grouped together with the 10 year old animals.



**Enter Opening Numbers:**

Setting up your opening numbers is a very important task. The opening number of the animals in the subcategory is OF THE DATE shown at the top of the screen...

Only when entering transactions (Sales, Purchases etc) after this date will you be able to use this Stock Return Categories feature.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Stock Return Categories" with a sub-header "Opening Numbers". Below the sub-header, there is a label "Opening Numbers at" followed by a dropdown menu showing the date "1/07/2003". To the right of the main content area are two buttons: "OK" with a green checkmark and "Cancel" with a red X. The main content area contains a table with the following data:

	Category	Subcategory	Age	Opening
▶	Cattle	Bulls	2003	7
	Cattle	Bulls	2002	41
	Cattle	Bulls	2001	25
	Cattle	Bulls	2000	28
	Cattle	Bulls	1999	10
	Cattle	Bulls	1998	1
	Cattle	Bulls	1997	0
	Cattle	Bulls	1996	0
	Cattle	Bulls	1995	0
	Cattle	Bulls	1994	0
	Cattle	Cull Females	2003	135
	Cattle	Cull Females	2002	2964
	Cattle	Cull Females	2001	692
	Cattle	Cull Females	2000	0
	Cattle	Cull Females	1999	0
	Cattle	Cull Females	1998	0
	Cattle	Cull Females	1997	0

**Set Default Estimated Death %:**

Using the Cattle Station Features in PAM enables you to enter estimated deaths. Typically station managers will not accurately know their mortalities, but they can estimate them with some confidence.

When you enter estimated deaths in the Livestock Activities Diary, you enter a total number for a given Sub-Category. PAM will automatically allocate those deaths to the different age groups within that Sub-Category ... however to to guide PAM in allocating the deaths this screen allows you to enter the default proportion of deaths for each age group... They are entered as a percentage ... so the total of the percentages column should be 100.

**Age Column:**

The number of rows in this column it is set by the Number of Years on Stock Return field when you configured the Stock Return Sub Category earlier.

Please Note: As the age column starts at zero, if you added the Stock Return Subcategory with a number of years in stock return as 10 the greatest number in the age column would be 9.

Percent: This field allows the user to set default percentages for their estimated annual deaths.

The screenshot shows a software dialog box titled "Stock Return Categories" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, there is a section titled "Estimated Death Percentages". Below this title is a "Select Category" dropdown menu currently set to "Sheep". To the right of the dialog are two buttons: "OK" with a green checkmark icon and "Cancel" with a red X icon. The main area of the dialog contains a table with three columns: "Subcategory", "Age", and "Percent". The table lists 10 rows for "Sub Sheep" with ages from 9 down to 0, all with a "Percent" of 0.0%. There is a small blue arrow icon in the top right corner of the table and a scroll bar on the right side.

Subcategory	Age	Percent
Sub Sheep	9	0.0%
Sub Sheep	8	0.0%
Sub Sheep	7	0.0%
Sub Sheep	6	0.0%
Sub Sheep	5	0.0%
Sub Sheep	4	0.0%
Sub Sheep	3	0.0%
Sub Sheep	2	0.0%
Sub Sheep	1	0.0%
Sub Sheep	0	0.0%

## Data Entry Examples:

### Entering a Sale

When the Stock Return Subcategory setup is completed, you will find new fields in the Livestock Sales Add Activity Wizard to record the associated Stock Return Subcategory information. You may have to scroll across in the 'Sales Details' window of the Add Activity window to access the fields for the Stock Return Subcategories.

Avg. Weight (Kg)	Dressed Weight	Total Weight (Kg)	Price per Kg	Skins per Head	Total Price per Head	Total Value	Yield	Stock Return Subcategory	Age
.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	45.0	\$56.00		\$18.00	\$2,520.00	0.0	Cull Ewes	2003

Should the setup not have been completed for the stock sub category being sold, then the Stock Return Subcategory data field will not be present.

### Entering a Purchase

When the Stock Return Subcategory setup is completed, you will find new fields in the Add Activity Wizard to record the associated Livestock Purchase Stock Return Subcategory information. The Stock Return Subcategory fields are conveniently highlighted yellow. Should the setup not have been completed for the stock sub category being sold, then the Stock Return Subcategory data field will not be present.

Purchases for Thursday, 11 September 2003

**Tips**

**Livestock Purchases**

Enter the number of stock purchased, where they have come from and the price paid per Head. Miscellaneous costs (eg. Freight costs) are to be entered as a total for all the mobs purchased. Click the "..." button to assign a Mob Code for the Purchased Stock.  
You will find the new mobs in the "Yards"

**Purchases**

Miscellaneous Costs: \$0.00 for all Mobs

Mob Code	Description	Stock Return Subcategory	Age	Number Purchased	Avg. Mob Weight (kg)	Destination Paddock
F-93-PUR-01C	EWE HOGGETS	Cull Ewes	2003	50	0	*Yards* : *Common*

Total Purchases : 50 head at \$0.00 per Head (Avg.) (excluding Miscellaneous Costs)

Tools: +, -, ✓, ✗

Help (F1) Job Notes Back (F5) Next (F8) Finish Cancel

Note: If the Stock Return Subcategory fields not be present then things to check would be:

- the date of the start numbers for the Stock Return Subcategory
- check that the Livestock Subcategory has been linked to the Stock Return Subcategory

**Reporting:**

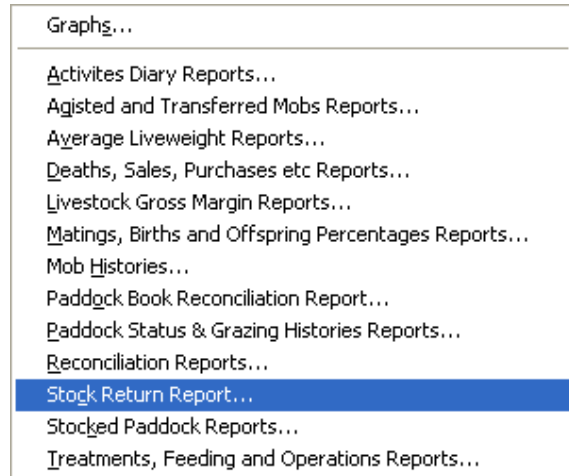
**Stock Return Report**

Reports -> Stock Return Report.

This report shows number alterations for all selected subcategories for a pre-defined date.

Included are the opening and closing figures and the additions and subtractions for the activity types groups by the sub category.

Each sub category has its figures totaled and the report has grand total information at the bottom.



Headers for Stock return Report Shown here:

Stock Return For the Month of July, 2003 Herd: Cattle

YEAR OF BIRTH	OPENING STOCK FOR MONTH	ADDITIONS		SUBTRACTION		ADDITIONS			SUBTRACTIONS			CLOSING STOCK
		Transfers In	Purchases	Transfers Out	Sales	Brandings	Re-Muster	Re-class to	Re-class from	Rations	Mortality	

**Paddock Book Reconciliation Report**

Reports -> Paddock Book Reconciliation Report

Headers for Paddock Book Reconciliation Report Shown here:

Paddock Book Reconciliation

STATION: Fairport

Paddock Name	Area Ha	STUD SHO	Grand Total	Mob	Est Wgt
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Stock Return Subcategory
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This report show the number of stock on hand as at the date selected. Each Stock Return Subcategory will have its own column to give stock numbers for each paddock in the selected farm. If two Stock Return Subcategories belong to the same Livestock sub category then the columns for the two Stock Return Subcategories will not be separated to indicate that they are of the same Livestock subcategory.