

## IMPORTING MEASUREMENT DATA TO TOPSTUD

Many studs are now receiving fleece tests from their testing house on disk or by email. As long as the sheep is actually listed on TOPSTUD, then this information can be imported and converted across to TOPSTUD electronically without you having to retype all the information.

To import measurement data to your TOPSTUD program is simple if the correct file extensions and format of the files are in place.

TOPSTUD IS ABLE TO IMPORT AND CONVERT MEASUREMENT DATA FROM COMMA DELIMITED FILES, NOTABLY .CSV FORMAT FROM EXCEL.

### TO IMPORT:

1. TOPSTUD imports from outside the TOPSTUD program using a small conversion program written by TOPSTUD for the purpose. This can be found from your desktop screen by selecting Start – Programs – Topstud – Wool Tests. (Alternatively you may wish to make a shortcut on your desktop and the file that is required is in the TSWIN folder called ASCII.EXE)
2. When you have selected the file above you are presented onscreen with a convert form. Select File – New – and left mouse click on Measurements.
3. A Windows search box appears for you to select the measurements file (whatever its name is with the file extension .csv that you wish to import. (This could be accessed from the “Look In” 3 ½ Floppy (A:) or from another folder on your computer ) When you have located the file to be imported, click on the file and then click Open.
4. You should now see your computer bringing the sheep from the file up on the screen under the measurements tab.
5. Now, click on the TopStud Tab and you will be presented with the conversion or matching form so that the heading information that is recorded on the input file will match with your Topstud headings.
6. Select the date that you wish to have recorded as the test date.
7. Select by clicking the Tag No. heading on the left Input Window (for example it might be called tag id) and then clicking the Tag heading on the right Fast -In Measurements Window and then click on ADD. You should then see these headings listed in the conversion Window at the base of the screen.
8. Now go to the next heading for data that you wish to import and follow the same steps, until all the headings for data appear in the Conversion Window.

Note: You may skip some of the headings if they are not relevant to you.

9. When you are happy that you have completed this task, simply click on Post to Fast Input. The data will then be converted and will appear in your TOPSTUD program in the Fast In Measurements. (If you have made some mistakes prior to posting to can click on the Clear button and start again.)
10. Go into TOPSTUD and to the Fast In Measurements and all your measurement data will be in the table for you to check. When happy that it is OK, then you can post (this is permanent)

which will then transfer this data to the main database. (If you are not happy with how the data looks, you can alter in the TOPSTUD Fast in Measurements, or alternatively you can clear the screen and start the whole import process over again.)

### **TROUBLESHOOTING:**

1. I keep getting an I/O error. The file reading is very fussy about floppy disk quality and the I/O error is simply saying that the program is having trouble reading the file (I/O stands for input/output). SUGGESTION: Copy the file to your hard disk and try again from the new file.
2. I/O error 103 usually means that you are trying to import a file that is not in the correct format. SUGGESTION: Go out of the import file and back to Excel and save as (files of type) CSV comma delimited and then try again.
3. Error readings come up at the commencement of reading the input file such as error in line 3 or inconsistent number of fields. SUGGESTION: Go out of the import file and back to Excel and check that all columns of data have a heading name, that cell formats are all consistent (e.g that the columns do not have a mix of decimal places in some and not in others) and that the file is saved as (files of type) CSV comma delimited and then try again.
4. If you are still having trouble, please email a copy of the file to Marion at [mga@netconnect.com.au](mailto:mga@netconnect.com.au) for checking and sending back to you. Some test houses are extremely good in sending test results in the correct format; others are notoriously unreliable in sending their file formats to you in a form that is easy to import.