



# Drafting

There are several methods for sorting animals using the stock recorder.

- Draft by Weight Alone - The simplest process for separating out animals by setting weight parameters - tag numbers are not required or recorded. For example, lambs weighing below 50 lbs go out of a certain gate, lambs over 100 lbs go out of another gate, and lambs in between those two weights keep going forward.
- Draft by Weight - Similar to drafting by weight alone - set the weight parameters and which gates will open. However this option also allows you to put the animals into management groups as they are drafted, making further sorting or handling easier. This option requires the animals to have RFID tags and the EID numbers are recorded by the Stock Recorder.
- Draft by Drafting Group - This method allows for drafting by any criteria, set up through FarmWorks on the computer. For example, ewes nursing twins can be separated from those with single lambs, or breeding groups to be put to certain rams can be sorted into different pens.

## Drafting by weight

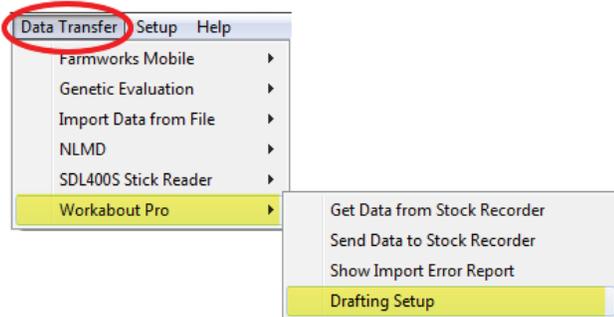
- Save weight: Usually the weight of each animal is saved to calculate rate of gain or track body condition.
- Draft into management groups: This is a way to double-check the count and tag numbers of animals drafted out of each gate.
- Set your weight parameters if drafting by weight. There will be three groups - animals below a minimum weight, animals above a maximum weight, and all the animals that fall in between those two weights.
- Decide which gates will be used for the three different groups: R = right, L = left, and F = forward (animals will go straight ahead).
- Type in a name for the new management groups from the different gates.
- When an animal is scanned and a weight is entered, the stock recorder will indicate which gate (left, right or forward) should be opened.



# Create Custom Drafting Groups

You can use any criteria for sorting animals by creating custom drafts in FarmWorks on the computer, then transferring the draft to the stock recorder. Then when you open the drafting function on the stock recorder your custom drafts can be selected instead of the Draft by Weight or Draft by Weight Alone options.

Create a custom drafting group in FarmWorks - go to **Data Transfer > Workabout Pro > Drafting Setup**.



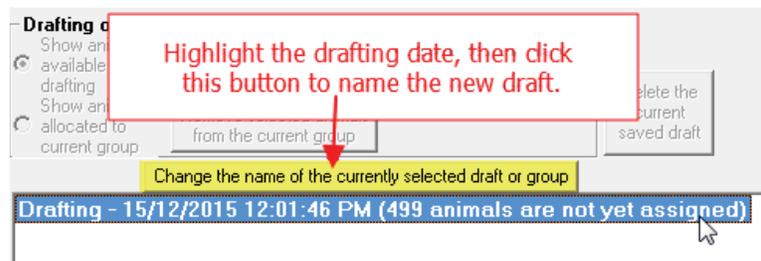
**Drafting form**

**Drafting method selection**  
Choose the way you want to select animals for drafting

Number of animals selected in grid: 0 out of 503

Type	Flock No.	Ear Tag	Mgt Tag	Breed	Sex	Date of Birth
<input type="checkbox"/> Rams	AARD	221M		Polypay X	Ewe	21/03/2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Wethers	AARD	334N		Polypay X	Ewe	25/03/2013
<input type="checkbox"/> Ewes	AARD	472P		Polypay X	Ewe	18/03/2014
<input type="checkbox"/> Ewe Lambs	AARD	528R		Polypay X	Ewe	06/03/2005
<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding	AARD	534R		Polypay X	Ewe	16/05/2005
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Breeding	AARD	588R		Polypay X	Ewe	06/03/2005
<b>Tag Search</b>	AARD	595R		Polypay X	Ewe	06/03/2005
<input type="checkbox"/> By MgtTag	AARD	766S		Polypay X	Ewe	06/03/2007
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Select All</b>	AARD	771T		Polypay X	Ewe	12/02/2007
	AARD	811U		Polypay X	Ewe	22/05/2008
	AARD	879U		Polypay X	Ewe	05/03/2008

1. Name the new draft you want to create. Highlight the drafting date in the draft window and click the button - **Change the name of the selected group or draft**.



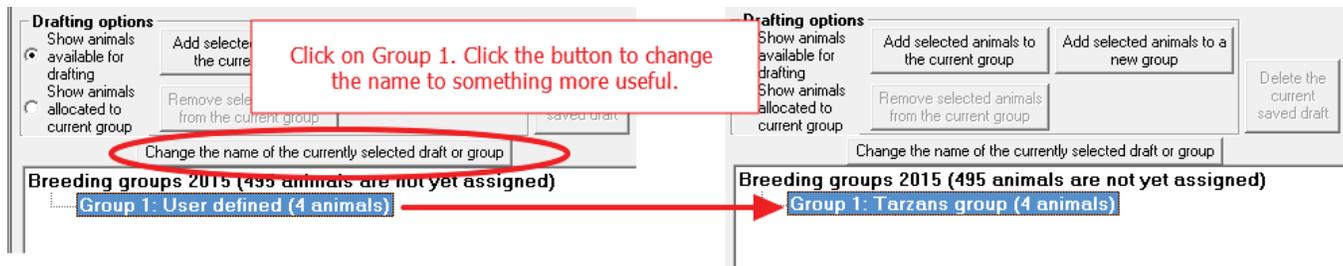


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2. Select animals from the grid to be in the first group. Pick individual sheep or select whole groups. Click on **Add selected animals to a new group**.



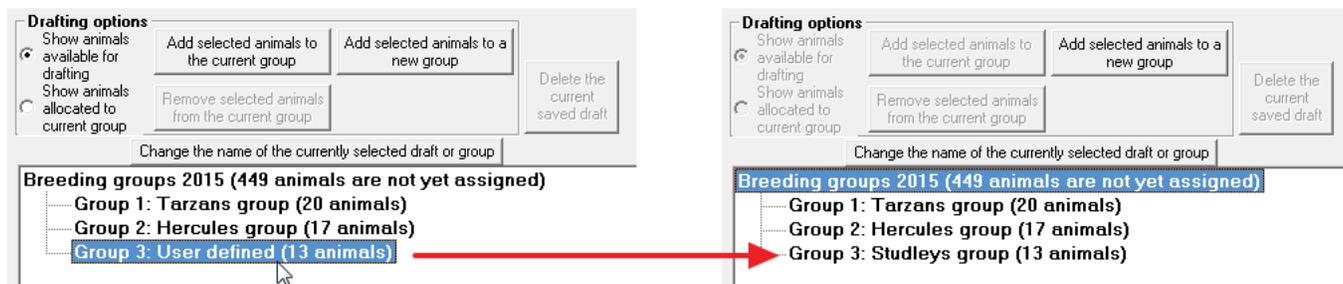
3. Click on **Group 1** in the drafting window. Click the button to **Change the name of this group or draft**.



4. Select more animals from the grid to either add to the first group or start a new group.
5. Click on **Group 2** in the drafting window. Click the button to **Change the name of this group or draft**.



6. Select more animals from the grid to either add to the existing groups or start a new group.
7. Click on **Group 3** in the drafting window. Click the button to **Change the name of this group or draft**.



8. Select more animals from the grid to either add to the existing groups or start a new group.
9. Make as many groups as you want but there are only three possible gates - right, left or forward. If you make more than three groups for any one draft then you will have more than one group going out a gate.



# Create Custom Drafting Groups

Save your draft when you are finished selecting animals and re-naming the groups. Your saved draft will be sent to the stock recorder at the next **Data Transfer > Send Data to Stock Recorder**.

**Drafting options**

Show animals available for drafting  
 Show animals allocated to current group

**Breeding groups 2015 (449 animals are not yet assigned)**

- Group 1: Tarzans group (20 animals)
- Group 2: Hercules group (17 animals)
- Group 3: Studleys group (13 animals)

*Click OK/Save to save your draft. It will be sent to the Psion on the next data transfer.*

On the stock recorder:

1. Go to **Sheep Procedures > Drafting**. Select your custom draft.
2. Choose whether to save the weight. Select **No** if you do not plan to weigh the animals.
3. Choose whether to create new groups for the sheep that go through each gate.
4. Select the gates you want each group to be sorted out. Animals that come through the chute but aren't in any of the three groups must go somewhere - pick a direction to send them.
5. Scan the first sheep. The stock recorder will show the appropriate gate.

Draft Group	Select Gate		
Tarzans group	L	F	R
Hercules group	L	F	R
Studleys group	L	F	R
Not in a group	L	F	R

*Pick a gate for each group. Pick a direction to send any sheep not in any group.*

**Draft Animals**

Tag: AARD 472P

Draft: Tarzans group

*Left arrow icon*

**Draft Animals**

Tag: AARD 151L

Draft: Hercules group

*Up arrow icon*

**Draft Animals**

Tag: AARD 766S

Draft: Studleys group

*Right arrow icon*