Use Cow Colors to make certain cows stand out instantly

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Most farms have a few groups of cows that everyone needs to keep an eye on.

Maybe it’s cows that tested positive for Leukosis or Johne’s, animals that should be bred to a certain breed, or cows that should not be milked in a specific parlor.

Some farms mark cows that should be used for calf milk instead of the tank, while others track polled animals, A2 carriers, or cows that always get a pass because they’re a favorite. Sometimes those lists end up written on the corner of a whiteboard so everyone remembers.

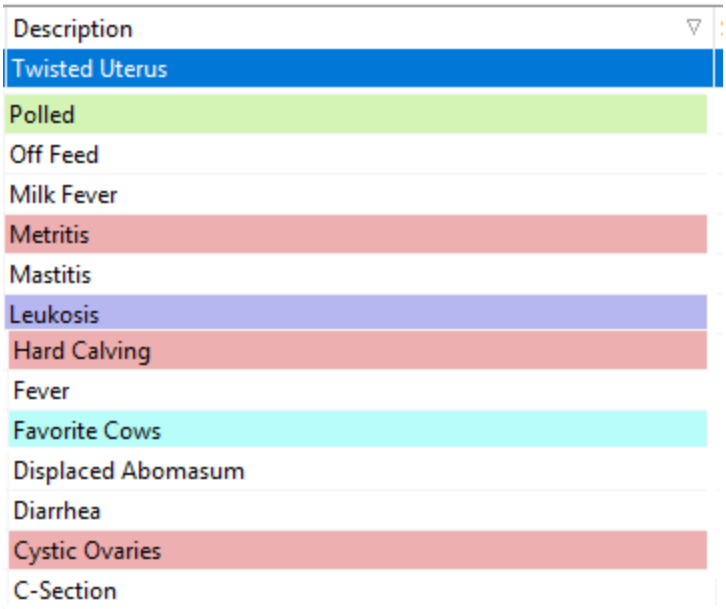
Cow Colors allow you to build that visibility directly into UNIFORM so those cows stand out anywhere you see them.

Cows (487)

No.	Name	Group No.	Last Calving Date	Lact. No	DIM	Status
55	55	1	10/31/2025	10	138	I 5
189	189	1	2/5/2026	6	41	F 41
241	241	1	8/20/2025	5	210	Pd+ 79
247	247	1	2/20/2026	5	26	F 26
271	271	3	6/26/2025	1	265	Pd+ 155
274	274	2	4/12/2025	1	340	Pd+ 201
275	275	5	4/13/2025	1	339	D 26 (253)
282	282	2	4/15/2025	1	337	Pd+ 208
283	283	2	4/15/2025	1	337	Pd+ 226
284	284	3	4/15/2025	1	337	Pd+ 167
285	285	4	4/12/2025	1	340	DNB 340
291	291	4	4/18/2025	1	334	DNB 334
293	293	2	4/22/2025	1	330	Pd+ 207
302	302	6	1/21/2025	1	421	D 52 (278)
304	304	2	4/7/2025	1	345	Pd+ 201
305	305	3	11/26/2025	1	112	I 26
453	453	1	11/30/2025	9	108	I 26
614	614	4	9/24/2025	2	175	Pd+ 89
776	776	2	2/20/2025	1	391	Pd+ 185
1152	1152	1	11/30/2025	5	108	I 27
1536	1536	1	1/6/2026	11	71	F 71
1767	1767	1	11/3/2025	8	135	I 23
1812	1812	5	5/9/2025	8	313	D 35 (229)
1923	1923	1	9/18/2025	7	181	Pd+ 62
1932	1932	1	1/26/2026	7	51	F 51

Cow Colors in UNIFORM

Cow Colors allow health events to automatically assign a color to an animal. There are four color choices, and farms use them in many different ways to quickly identify cows that need special handling or extra attention.



Temporary Cow Color flags can be helpful too

Cow Colors can also be set to appear for a certain number of days after an event.

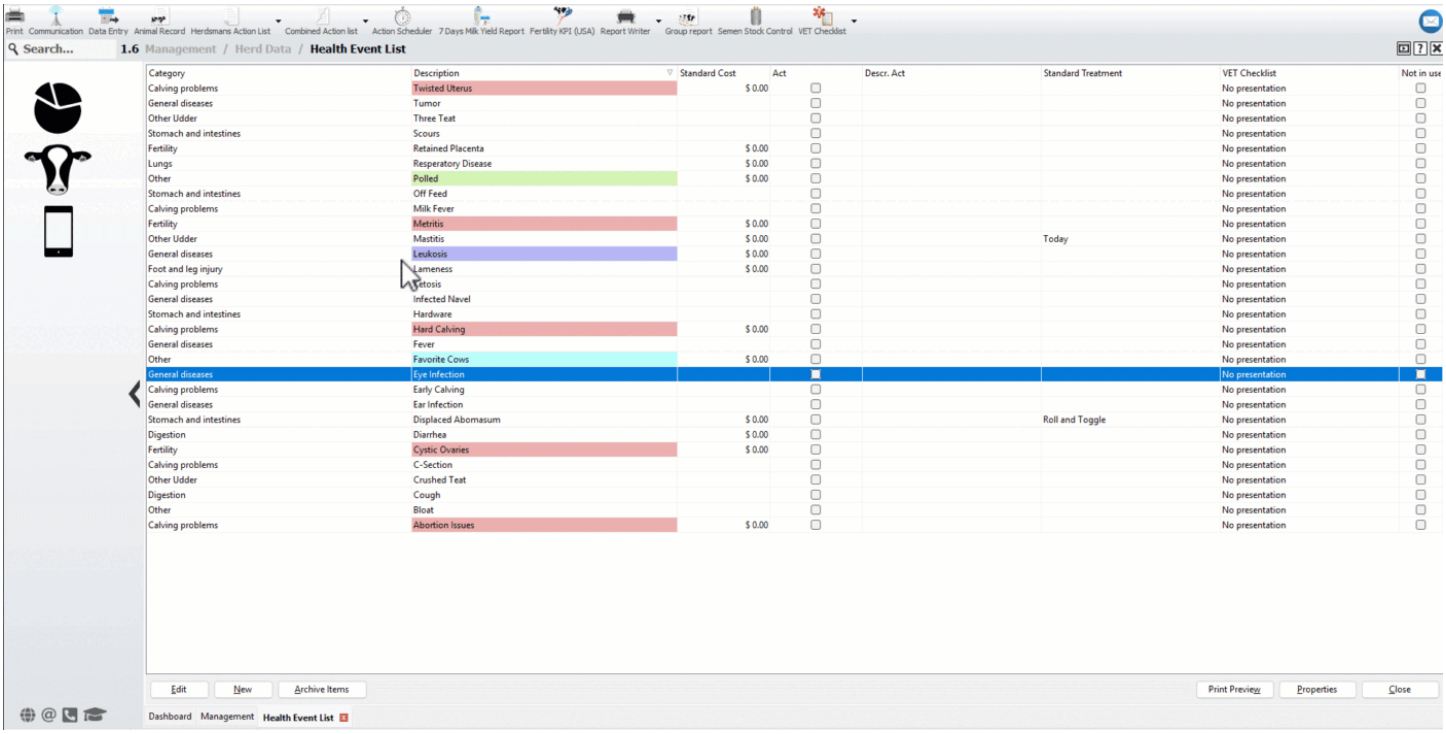
For example:

- Show fresh cow diseases in red for 90 days so breeders can easily recognize cows that may have a harder time at first service
- Highlight cows that had calfhood pneumonia so they can be monitored more closely later

This allows important health history to stay visible during the period when it matters most.

See it in action:

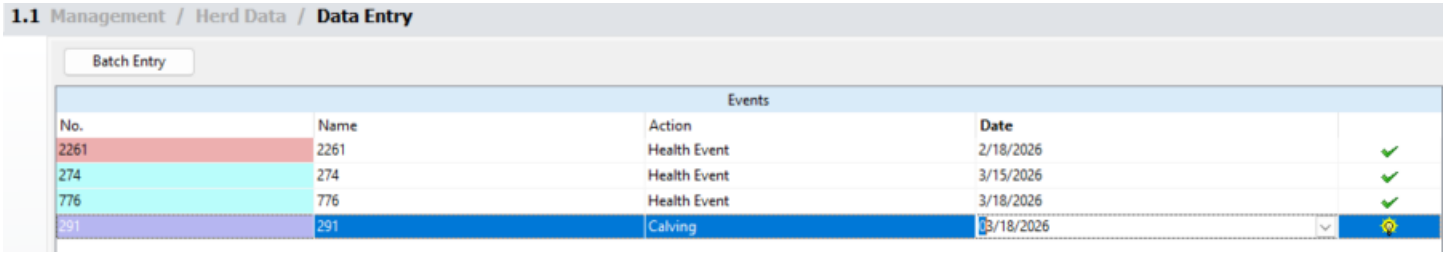
- **Step 1**: Open **1.6 Health Event List**
- **Step 2**: Add a new health event or edit an existing one
- **Step 3**: Go to the **[Colours]** tab
- **Step 4**: Check **[Show colour]**, select color, and optionally enter the number of days the color should remain active



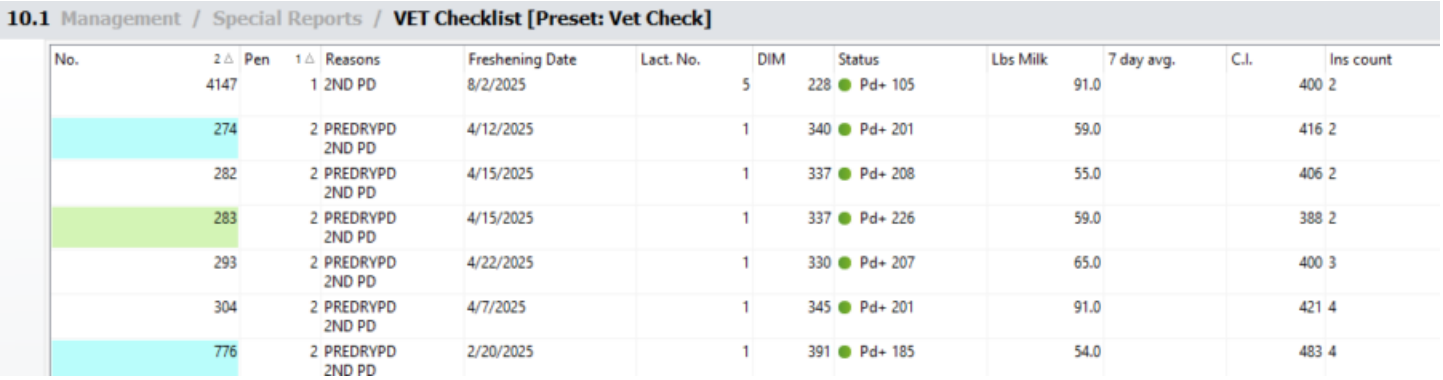
Where you'll see the Cow Colors

Colored animals are visible across many areas of UNIFORM, including:

- Lists that open from the **Dashboard**
- Data entry screens



- **Animal Record**
- **Report Writer**
- **Vet check lists**



No.	Pen	Reasons	Freshening Date	Lact. No.	DIM	Status	Lbs Milk	7 day avg.	C.I.	Ins count
4147	1	2ND PD	8/2/2025	5	228	Pd+ 105	91.0		400	2
274	2	PREDRYPD 2ND PD	4/12/2025	1	340	Pd+ 201	59.0		416	2
282	2	PREDRYPD 2ND PD	4/15/2025	1	337	Pd+ 208	55.0		406	2
283	2	PREDRYPD 2ND PD	4/15/2025	1	337	Pd+ 226	59.0		388	2
293	2	PREDRYPD 2ND PD	4/22/2025	1	330	Pd+ 207	65.0		400	3
304	2	PREDRYPD 2ND PD	4/7/2025	1	345	Pd+ 201	91.0		421	4
776	2	PREDRYPD 2ND PD	2/20/2025	1	391	Pd+ 185	54.0		483	4

- **Action Lists**

In other words, the color follows the cow almost everywhere you work in the program, making it easy to spot those animals without digging through records.