

Combining (merging) two datasets

Important: To merge two datasets, one of the datasets must have only one record for the key(s) by which we are merging. The other dataset can (often does) have multiple records for each merge key(s); this is called a 1-to-many merge.

So, if we are merging the Animal File with the Breedings File, then in the Animal File we must ensure that there is only one record for each (Herd-CowId) combination (assuming that we are merging by Herd and CowId within herd).

How do we check that each (Herd-CowId) occurs only once, in the Animal File?