# Merging Information from a Similar Study

**Overview:** Use **Merge** feature to add information from an ARM Study to fill in blank fields in current study.

- > Merging is additive
  - o ARM will fill out blank entry fields in the study
  - ARM will not over-write any information already in the study.





## Protocol

#### Merge - Sections:

Use this option to merge sections from another protocol into current protocol.

Example: A protocol writer wants to use the same treatments and protocol description from a 2014 protocol.





- Select sections from Protocol Description to merge.
  - Select individual sections OR
  - Show All' to select all sections OR
  - 'Hide all' to remove selection
- 8. Click 'OK'
- 9. New protocol now contains treatments and site description

Note: look over treatment list carefully and correct as necessary.

#### Merge - Assessment Data - Add assessment data headers:

Example: A protocol writer only wants to add the assessment headers from a prior year study.



## Trial

#### Merge - Sections:

Use this option to merge sections from another trial into current trial.

Example: A trialist has performed spray applications at different locations on the same day. He has the data recorded in one trial and wants to easily and accurately transfer to the other trial.



#### Merge - Assessment Data - Add Plots:

Select this option to add new experimental units (plots) from another trial. This should be used along with 'Add treatments'

Example: Trialist wants to combine different treatments from two separate experiments.



#### Merge - Assessment Data - Add assessment data columns:

Select this option to add assessment data from another trial as new data columns.

Example: Two different people added different assessments to two copies of the same trial, such as when working offline for a shared network trial folder. For example, technician A added a crop height measurement in one trial, and technician B added a leaf color measurement into a separate offline copy of the same trial. "Add data columns" will bring technician B's assessment into technician A's trial.



### Convert to multi-factor trial

Convert a one-factor trial to a split-plot trial when all of the conditions below apply:

- 1. Merging a one-factor trial into another one-factor trial.
- 2. Both trials have the same number of treatments and data columns.
- 3. Add treatments is checked, Add assessment data is checked, and Add plots (experimental units) is selected on the merge dialog.
- 4. You responded 'Yes' when asked if merged assessment data columns should be combined with existing columns.
- 5. You responded 'Yes' when asked to change experimental design to a 2-factor split-plot with merged treatments as factor A level 2.

#### Example:



Treatments - Line 23 Note treatment list after merging Trt Trt Line No. Rate Other Unit Rate Other Rate Unit Growth Stage Appl Factor Code ID Level No. Treatment Name Form Type Lot Code Туре Form Conc Form Unit Rate 1 1 A1 A Note: Use Edit | Replace in 2 1 HERB Super Stomp 500 GA/L EC 1.5 L/ha 750 G A/HA PREPRE Α В 3 2 A1 A 1 treatment list to remove 'A1', 4 2 HERB Stamper 800 GA/L EC 4 L/ha 3200 G A/HA PREPRE A в 2 'A2' and replace with something 5 2 HERB C50220 500 GA/L 0.5 PREPRE SC B05-265 L/ha 250 G A/HA A 2 В 6 3 A1 A more meaningful, like 'Location 7 3 8 3 HERB Sure Kill 200 GA/L EC EAPOCR B L/ha 400 G A/HA 2 B 3 HER B05-265 500 GA/L SC L/ha 500 EAPOCR B 3 1', 'Location 2' 1 G A/HA B A1 9 4 A 1 10 4 СНК Untreated в А 4 11 A2 2 A 12 5 IERB Super Stomp 500 GA/L EC 1.5 L/ha 750 G A/HA PREPRE A 1 B 13 6 2 A2 A HERB 800 GAIL EC 14 6 4 L/ha 3200 G A/HA PREPRE 2 A B 15 6 HERB C50220 500 GA/L SC B05-265 0.5 L/ha 250 G A/HA PREPRE A В 2 16 7 A2 2 A 17 7 HERB Sure Kill 200 GA/L EC L/ha 400 G A/HA EAPOCR в 3 В 18 7 HERB C50220 500 GA/L SC B05-265 1 L/ha 500 G A/HA EAPOCR B в 3 19 8 A2 A 2 20 8 CHK Untreated A В 4