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estimates notes — Add notes to estimation results

Description

estimates notes: *text* adds a note to the current (active) estimation results.

estimates notes and estimates notes list list the current notes.

estimates notes drop in *noterange* eliminates the specified notes.

Quick start

Add "My note" to current estimation results
        estimates notes: My note

List all notes for current estimation results
        estimates notes list

Same as above
        estimates notes

Drop notes 1 to 3 from current estimation results
        estimates notes drop in 1/3

Drop last note applied to current estimation results
        estimates notes drop in l

Syntax

    <u>est</u>imates <u>note</u>s: *text*

    <u>est</u>imates <u>note</u>s

    <u>est</u>imates <u>note</u>s <u>l</u>ist $\left[\,\text{in } \textit{noterange}\,\right]$

    <u>est</u>imates <u>note</u>s drop in *noterange*

where *noterange* is *#* or *#/#* and where *#* may be a number, the letter f (meaning first), or the letter
    l (meaning last).

Remarks and examples

After adding or removing notes, if estimates have been stored, do not forget to store them again. If estimates have been saved, do not forget to save them again.

Notes are most useful when you intend to save estimation results in a file; see [R] **estimates save**. For instance, after fitting a model, you might type

```
. estimates note:  I think these are final
. estimates save lock2
```

and later when going through your files, you could type

```
. estimates use lock2
. estimates notes
  1.  I think these are final
```

Up to 9,999 notes can be attached to estimation results. If estimation results are important, we recommend that you add a note identifying the .dta dataset you used. The best way to do that is to type

```
. estimates notes:  file 'c(filename)'
```

because 'c(filename)' will expand to include not just the name of the file but also its full path; see [P] **creturn**.

If estimation results took a long time to estimate—say, they were produced by cmmprobit or gllamm (see [CM] **cmmprobit** and http://www.gllamm.org)—it is also a good idea to add a data signature. A data signature takes less time to compute than reestimation when you need proof that you really have the right dataset. The easy way to do that is to type

```
. datasignature
  74:12(71728):3831085005:1395876116
. estimates notes:  datasignature reports 'r(datasignature)'
```

Now when you ask to see the notes, you will see

```
. estimates notes
  1.  I think these are final
  2.  file C:\project\one\pat4.dta
  3.  datasignature reports 74:12(71728):3831085005:1395876116
```

See [D] **datasignature**.

Notes need not be positive. You might set a note to be, "I need to check that age is defined correctly."

▷ Example 1

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. use https://www.stata-press.com/data/r18/auto
(1978 automobile data)
. regress mpg weight displ if foreign
 (output omitted )
. estimates notes: file 'c(filename)'
. datasignature
  74:12(71728):3831085005:1395876116
. estimates notes: datasignature report 'r(datasignature)'
. estimates save foreign
file foreign.ster saved
```

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. estimates notes list in 1/2
    1.  file https://www.stata-press.com/data/r18/auto.dta
    2.  datasignature report 74:12(71728):3831085005:1395876116

. estimates notes drop in 2
  (1 note dropped)

. estimates notes
    1.  file https://www.stata-press.com/data/r18/auto.dta
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Also see

[R] **estimates** — Save and manipulate estimation results