

CAUSES OF LAMENESS

FARM NAME

Fill in cow number and foot in appropriate section when lameness is diagnosed

	Month	Month	Month	Month
Sole Ulcer 				
White line Abscess or Separation 				
Digital Dermatitis 				
Foul 				
Other (Specify)				
Repeat treatments				
Total lame cows in month				
% Lameness by locoscore				

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	Month	Month	6 month summary	Month	Month
SU			average herd size		
			A		
			No of cows with SU		
			B		
			% herd lame with SU in a year $B \times 2 \times 100/A$		
WL			No of cows with WL lesions		
			C		
			% herd lame with WL lesions in a year $C \times 2 \times 100/A$		
DD			No of cows with DD		
			D		
			% herd lame with DD in a year $D \times 2 \times 100/A$		
FF			No of cows with foul		
			E		
			% herd lame with foul in a year $E \times 2 \times 100/A$		
Other			Total lame cows (including "other" excluding repeat treat's & multiple lesions recorded on one examination)		
			F		
Repeat treatments			% of herd lame adjusted to annual figure $F \times 2 \times 100/A$		
Total lame cows in month					
% Lame by locoscore					

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	Month	Month	Month	Month	12month 12 month summary average herd size
SU					G
					No of cows with SU
					H
					% herd lame with SU in a year H x 100/G
WL					No of cows with WL lesions
					J
					% herd lame with WL lesions in a year J x 100/G
DD					No of cows with DD
					K
					% herd lame with DD in a year K x 100/G
FF					No of cows with foul
					L
					% herd lame with foul in a year L x 100/G
Other					Total lame cows (including "other" excluding repeat treat's & multiple lesions recorded on one examination)
					M
					% of herd lame M x 100/G
Repeat treatments					
Total lame cows in month					
% Lame by locoscore					

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE LAMENESS RECORDING CHART

Use the lameness recording chart:

1. As an easy way of summarizing historical records for the year before your start on the Lameness Control Programme
2. To keep an easily visible up to date record of lameness once you have started on the Programme - stick it on the wall!

When a cow is lame, examine her feet and fill in cow ID and foot/feet affected under the appropriate month and lesion

If a cow has two (or more) lesions at the same time, enter her in each lesion section, but mark with a star or line, to make it easy to count her only once in the 6 month or annual summary.

If a cow has repeat treatments for the same lesion in the same or a later month, enter her in the "repeat treatments" section. This avoids double counting and shows clearly any cows with chronic problems, who should be considered for culling at the end of the year

At the end of 6 months, calculate an interim summary (multiply the totals by 2 to estimate the figures for 12 months) Remember there may be a difference between summer and winter, so this is only an ESTIMATE of annual incidence

At the end of 12 months calculate the annual summary and compare with results for the previous year. NB If the same cow is lame in separate months for DIFFERENT reasons, count her each time in the total count of lame cows. If the same cow is lame for the SAME reason in different months, only count her once.

NB At the end of the first year on the programme, the incidence of lameness may appear greater than the figure from historical records. This may be due to improved recording and not reflect a true increase in the level of lameness.

Persevere for another year and see the difference!