

Overview of different data sources in the feet and legs complex

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Data sources

- Conformation scores feet and legs
- Claw health claw trimming
- Claw health veterinary treatments
- Locomotion
- Lameness
- Automatic Milking Systems with associated sensors

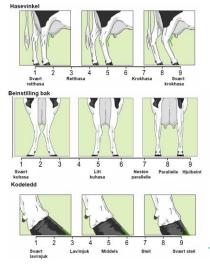


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Conformation scores – feet and legs





- +Routine recording
- +Available
- +ICAR standards
- -Low genetic correlations to claw health (e.g. Ødegård et al., 2014)

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Feet and leg conformation and claw health



Genetic correlations between claw disorders and feet and leg conformation traits were 0, low, or moderat

Table 4. Genetic correlation between claw disorders and feet and leg conformation traits. Posterior mean (standard deviation) and [95 % highest posterior density interval]

| | Rear leg | Rear leg | Rear leg | Foot angle | Hoof quality |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | rear view new | rear view old | side view | | |
| Corkscrew claw | 0.02 (0.06) | <mark>0.15</mark> (0.05) | -0.04 (0.05) | 0.09 (0.05) | <mark>-0.86</mark> (0.03) |
| | [-0.09; 0.13] | [0.05; 0.25] | [-0.13; 0.05] | [-0.01; 0.18] | [-0.92; -0.79] |
| Infectious | <mark>-0.20</mark> (0.07) | -0.02 (0.07) | 0.01 (0.07) | <mark>0.16</mark> (0.07) | -0.12 (0.08) |
| claw disorders | [-0.33; -0.05] | [-0.15; 0.12] | [-0.11; 0.14] | [0.03; 0.29] | [-0.26; 0.04] |
| Laminitis related | <mark>0.26</mark> (0.08) | 0.10 (0.07) | 0.00 (0.07) | <mark>0.17</mark> (0.06) | <mark>-0.33</mark> (0.07) |
| claw disorders | [0.11; 0.41] | [-0.03; 0.23] | [-0.13; 0.13] | [0.05; 0.30] | [-0.47; -0.18] |

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Claw health – claw trimming

- Recording of claw health status at claw trimming:
 Healthy or affected of 1 or more of 9 claw disorders:
 - Corkscrew claw
 - Heel horn erosion
 - Dermatitis
 - Sole ulcer
 - White line disorder
 - Haemorrhage of sole and white line
 - Interdigital phlegmon
 - Lameness
 - Acute trauma

From: Norwegian claw health recording system



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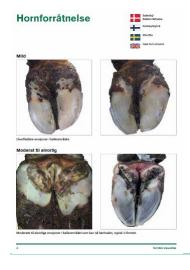




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Nordic Claw Atlas



- Joint Nordic recording system for claw disorders
- Electronic recording
- Harmonization of trait definitions

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Claw health – veterinary treatments



- Included in disease recording systems
- Norway: same disease codes as for claw trimming data
- Low frequency
- Could also be producer recorded

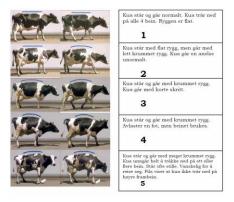


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Locomotion



- +Direct measure
- -Difficult to score
- -Training & expertice

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Lameness



From: Nordic Claw Atlas 2013

- Subjective scoring
- Unspecific
- Many different causes

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Automatic Milking Systems with associated sensors



- Records on cow trafic and behaviour (e.g. milking frequency, pedometer) may provide useful indicators of claw health
- Objective & frequent measures recorded routinely
- Future data sources?
 - Automated methods of lameness detection
 - Video motion analysis
 - Automated locomotion score
 - Systems for monitoring locomotion and posture behaviour
 - Weight distribution among legs when standing

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