



RECORDING AND REPORTING OF CLAW LESIONS IN NORWAY

TINE Rådgiving

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Today`s reporting system



The claw trimmer makes notes in the Claw Health Card

The farmer or advisor report the findings to the Cattle data base.

Only 1/3-4 of the trimmers recordings are reported!

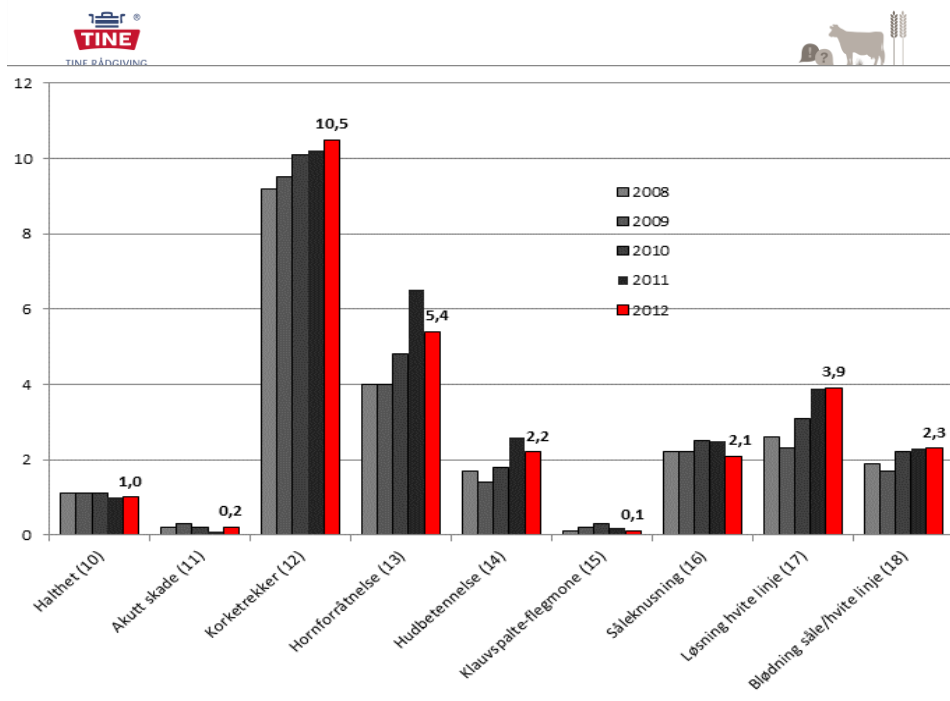
2013: approx. 80 000 recordings each year, from ~65 000 cows and 3000 farms (~1/3 of the herds), slowly increasing each year (too slow!)

In 2001, 40 % of the trimmings were performed by the farmer himself, luckily this number is decreasing.

Quite a few farms do not have routine claw trimming (number also decreasing). Experts are employed (vet school, dairy/advisory services)

Lesions only recorded in one grade and on animal level.

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Near future: Common Nordic system for reporting claw diseases

This autumn (2014) 15 Norwegian claw trimmers will hopefully be able to use small computers to report their findings directly to the Norwegian Cattle Database, the way it is now functioning in Denmark, Sweden and Finland (ref. Pia Nielsen).

The Claw Health Card (paper version) will continue to exist and will be extended with new diagnoses etc. to be comparable to the «new» system

Claw health data included in genetic evaluation in 2014.