

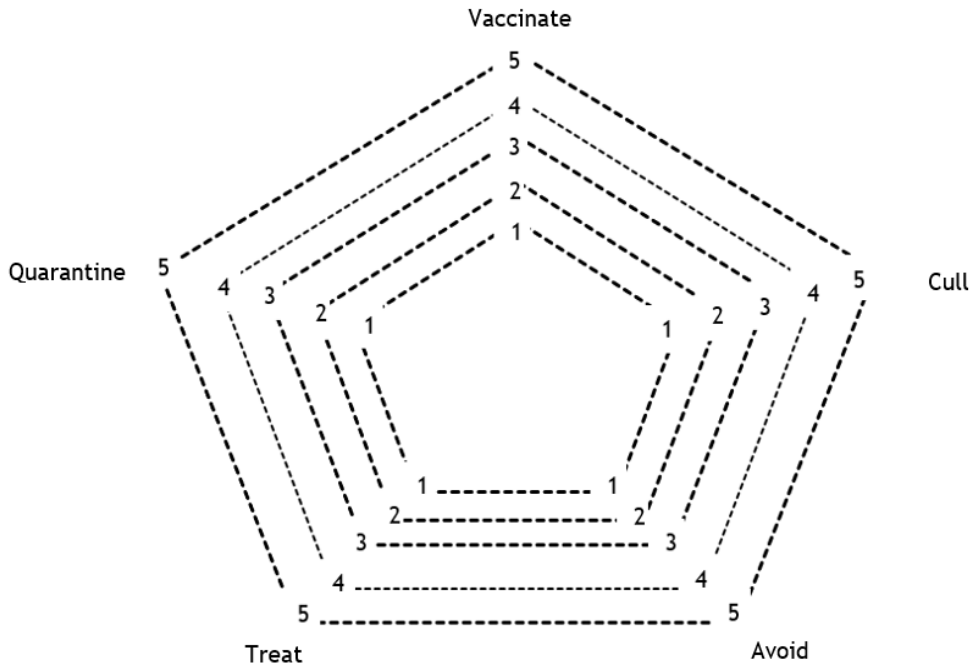
MASTER LAMENESS



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Before the meeting, how confident were you with your protocol on farm for the below points?
Put a dot on each a number in each category and join the dots to make a spider diagram.



When considering your flock currently, what percentage of your flock would you say is lame? (tick the box)

Less than 2%	
2-5%	
6-10%	
11-15%	
16-20%	
Over 20%	

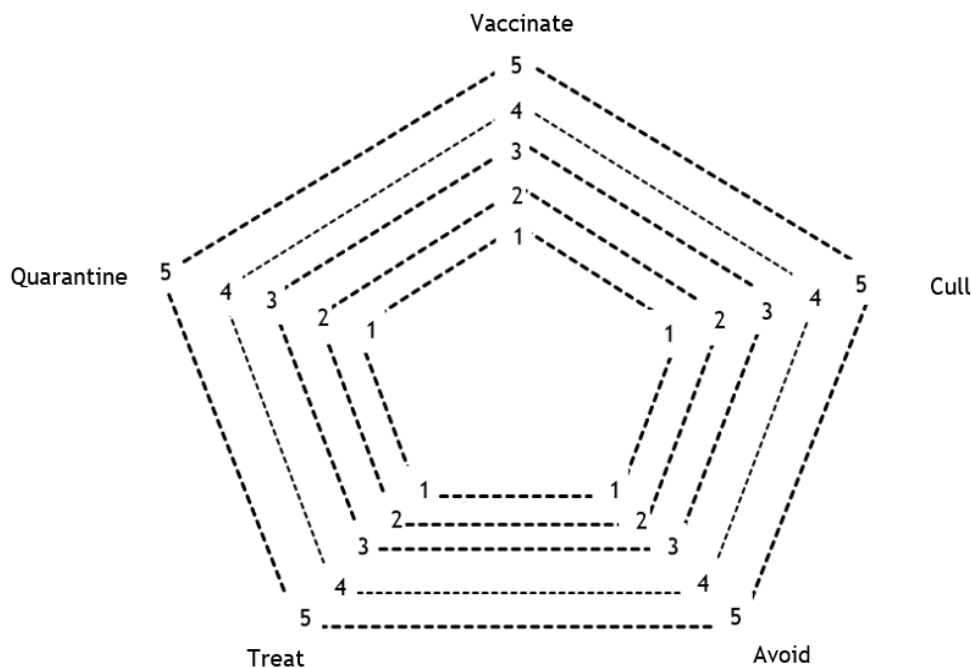
How confident are you that you can control lameness in your flock? (Tick the box)

Very confident	
Quite confident	
A little	
Not very	
Not at all confident	

After this meeting, what three changes (if any) are you going to implement on your farm to help with lameness?

1.
2.
3.

Re-visit the below exercise in 6 months' time to see if anything has changed with your lameness protocol on farm.



Points to remember

Three main different types of foot lameness

- Scald- skin of cleft between claws is inflamed, moist and swollen
- Footrot- smells and starts as scald between claws and spreads to separation of the horn near the heel
- CODD - starts with a sore area at the coronary band (top of hoof) and spreads down the claw, and in severe cases the whole horn capsule is detached leaving the claw raw and exposed
- Other types of lameness include pedal joints abscesses and granuloma, shelly hoof and white line (toe abscesses)

Five-point lameness plan

Build resilience	CULL
• Cull repeat offenders	
Reduce disease challenge	TREAT
• Treat immediately after seeing signs of lameness and mark/tag ewes to see if treatment has been successful and to give follow up treatment if required	
Reduce disease challenge	QUARANTINE
• Quarantine any purchased stock or sheep that have been off on tack	
Reduce disease challenge	AVOID
• Keep areas clean and wash/disinfect handling areas if possible, to avoid spreading the bacteria, move creep feeders and mineral buckets and use clean straw and disinfect/lime in housing	
Establish immunity	VACCINATE
• Speak to your vet regarding suitable vaccination plan for your farm	



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