

Sheep Mobility Assessment For Annual Prevalence Score

Record the number of **not lame** and **lame***. *Lame - includes the mildly lame, lame or severely lame ewes

- Score all ewes in the group or as many as possible (if lambs included in the group, aim to assess the ewes only).
- If **100 ewes or less, score ALL** animals. If **over 100 ewes, score a minimum of 100** to achieve a useful sample size.
- Ideally score one or multiple whole groups to account for risk of uneven distribution of lame animals in each group.

Score

Not Lame		Cases in group
Score 0: Good mobility	Walks with even weight bearing and rhythm on all four feet, with a flat back; long fluid strides possible	
Lame (can include animals scoring score 1, score 2 and score 3)		
Score 1: Mildly Lame	Steps uneven (rhythm or weight bearing) or strides shortened; affected limb/s not immediately identifiable.	
Score 2: Lame	Lame sheep display an uneven walking rhythm. They may also show shortened strides and obvious head nods when moving. The affected limb or limbs are identifiable with one or more limbs may be only partially weight bearing. They may be reluctant to stand and graze whilst on their knees (but need to be seen walking to score)	
Score 3: Severely Lame	One or more limbs to be bearing no weight and or rested/held up when standing. They may be reluctant to stand and graze whilst on their knees (but need to be seen walking or resting/holding limb when standing to score)	

Lameness Prevalence % = (Total Lame x 100) / Total in Group, eg. From below data $10 \times 100 / 80 = 12.5\%$

Group type (ewes, ewes & lambs etc)	Total in group	Not lame: (score 0)	Total lame (score 1, 2 & 3)	% Lame (prevalence)
Ewes	80	70	10	12.5%
Total for flock / sample				