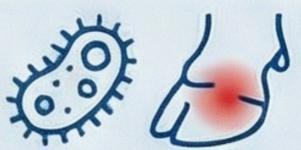


# The ABCs of Hoof Health: Assessing Cow Lameness

Standardize your assessment

## ABC Diagnostic Categories

**A** 

**Category A:**  
Infectious  
diseases

Use for infectious  
conditions.

**B** 

**Category B:**  
Laminitis-related  
conditions

Use for Laminitis-  
related issues.

**C** 

**Category C:**  
Other structural  
issues

Use for coms,  
cracks, etc.

## Score Severity on a 1–3 Scale

**1** 

**1: Mild**

Match clinical observations  
to reference photos for  
mild lesions.

**2** 

**2: Active**

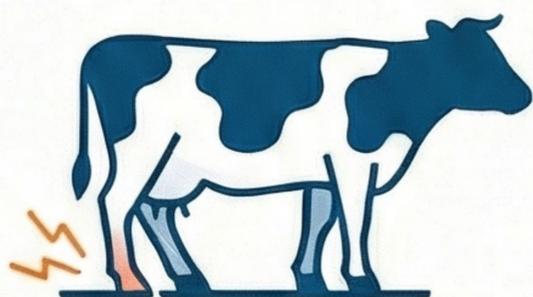
Active lesions.

**3** 

**3: Severe**

Severe lesions.

## Watch for "Laminitis Stance"



**Early Pain Indicator:**  
Observing cows shifting weight to rear  
legs or walking "gingerly" to protect  
the coffin bone.



**\$300 LOSS**

**Per Lam Cow annually.** High costs from  
reduced feed intake, lower milk production,  
and increased veterinary expenses.

## Routine Trimming Schedule



**Dry-off Check**  
Check and trim at dry-off.



**90–120 Days in Milk**  
Again at 90 to 120 days to maintain  
proper weight distribution.