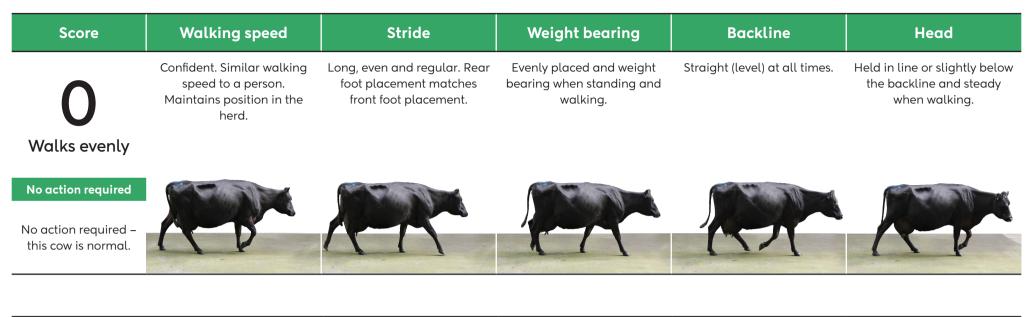
Lameness Scoring



Score	Walking speed	Stride	Weight bearing	Backline	Head
1	Not normally affected, should easily maintain position in the herd.	May have uneven stride and/or rhythm. Rear foot placement may miss front foot placement.	May stand or walk unevenly but difficult to identify which leg/s are affected.	Straight when standing, may be slightly arched when walking.	May have slight bob and or may be held lower than normal.
Walks unevenly					
Minor action required Record and keep an eye on her – some cows normally walk					

Score	Walking speed	Stride	Weight bearing	Backline	Head
2	May be slower than normal; may stop, especially when turning a corner.	Shortened strides rear foot placement falls short of front foot placement.	Uneven – lame leg can be identified.	Often arched when standing and walking.	Bobs up and down when walking.
Lame					
Ac tion required					
This cow is lame and needs to be					
reported, drafted and					
examined within 24 hours	117		1111		111

Score	Walking speed	Stride	Weight bearing	Backline	Head
	Very slow stops often and	Shortened and very uneven	l ame lea easy to identify -	Arched when standing	l arge head movements

3

unevenly.

Very lame

Urgent action required

This cows is very lame and needs urgent attention. Draft and examine as soon as possible. will lie down in paddock. Cannot keep up with the healthy herd. Non lame leg will swing through quickly.

'limping'; may barely stand on lame leg/s. and walking.

up and down when walking.



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