

Mobility scoring in dairy cattle

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Locomotion scoring is strongly promoted monitoring tool in cattle practice in the UK. There are well described scoring systems for this process.

This project is in two parts.

Part 1 Mobility scores in South Australian Dairies

The aim of this project is to video and mobility score 10 South Australian dairy herds (5 feedlot, 5 grass based) and compare the prevalence of lameness with farmers perceptions of the farm prevalence.

Part 2 Mobility scoring in dairy cows: Agreement between veterinarians

The videos recorded in part 1 will be used to assess the level of agreement between veterinarians on individual cow mobility scoring.

This project will involve dairy farm visits to record dairy herd locomotion.