

Supplementary Materials

Table S1. Univariable analyses of the associations with sole and heel conformation score for 5672 foot-level observations of 400 ewes.

Variable	n	%	β	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
<i>Sheep-level variables</i>					
Age					
< 4 years	3528	62.2	ref		
≥ 4 years	2144	37.8	0.08	0.01	0.14
BCS					
3.0	2816	49.6	ref		
< 3.0	828	14.6	0.00	-0.06	0.07
> 3.0	2028	35.8	0.10	0.04	0.15
<i>Foot-level variables</i>					
Foot position					
Front	2836	50.0	ref		
Back	2836	50.0	0.06	0.02	0.10
Number of other feet with poor sole and heel conformation (scores ≥ 1)					
No other feet affected	3306	58.3	ref		
One other foot affected	1418	25.0	0.29	0.24	0.33
Two other feet affected	716	12.6	0.56	0.50	0.62
Three other feet affected	232	4.1	0.91	0.81	1.00
Clinical disease					
No FR disease present	5204	91.7	ref		
ID and/or SFR present	468	8.3	0.28	0.20	0.35
<i>Farm-level variables</i>					
Vaccination status					
Flock not vaccinated against footrot (Footvax®)	2816	49.6	ref		
Flock vaccinated against footrot (Footvax®)	2856	50.4	0.14	-0.21	0.48
Soil type					
Loamy	1364	24.0	ref		
Clay	2856	50.4	0.14	-0.04	0.33
Loamy/clay mix	1452	25.6	0.38	0.17	0.60
Pasture moisture (calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Dry (“hard”)	996	22.1	ref		
Damp (“firm”)	2064	45.7	0.07	0.02	0.12
Wet (“squelchy”)	1452	32.2	0.10	0.04	0.16
Saturated (“boggy”)	0	0.0	-	-	-
Pasture moisture (lagged to previous calendar month)					
Dry (“hard”)	1604	28.3	ref		
Damp (“firm”)	2140	37.7	0.11	0.06	0.16

Wet (“squelchy”)	768	13.5	0.20	0.13	0.27
Saturated (“boggy”)	1160	20.5	0.45	0.40	0.51
Pasture quality					
(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Lush (~ 90% leafy rye grasses)	2812	62.3	ref		
Average (~ 50% rye grasses)	1700	37.7	0.15	0.09	0.21
Poor (mostly stalk and weeds)	0	0.0	-	-	-
Pasture quality					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Lush (~ 90% leafy rye grasses)	2516	44.4	ref		
Average (~ 50% rye grasses)	2760	48.7	0.43	0.34	0.51
Poor (mostly stalk and weeds)	396	7.0	0.68	0.56	0.80
Pasture type					
(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Permanent grassland	1008	22.3	ref		
New grass ley	752	16.7	0.13	-0.20	0.47
Mix permanent and new ley	2752	61.0	0.09	-0.24	0.42
Pasture type					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Permanent grassland	1768	31.2	ref		
New grass ley	3584	63.2	-0.10	-0.17	-0.02
Mix permanent and new ley	320	5.6	-0.25	-0.34	-0.16
Sward height					
(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Approx. 3 cm	1876	41.6	ref		
Approx. 8 cm	2324	51.5	-0.03	-0.07	0.02
Approx. > 8 cm	312	6.9	-0.21	-0.29	-0.12
Sward height					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Approx. 3 cm	2068	36.5	ref		
Approx. 8 cm	3208	56.6	-0.12	-0.17	-0.06
Approx. > 8 cm	396	7.0	0.18	0.09	0.27
Rainfall					
(calendar month of visit)					
Rainfall	5672	100.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Temperature	5672	100.0	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02
(calendar month of visit)					
Temperature	5672	100.0	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Time variable					
Visit					
1 (Sep 2019)	1556	27.4	ref		
2 (Jan 2020)	1536	27.1	0.30	0.25	0.35
3 (Jul 2020)	1356	23.9	-0.09	-0.14	-0.03
4 (Sep 2020)	1224	21.6	-0.08	-0.13	-0.02

β: estimate; CI: confidence interval for estimate; bold estimates are statistically significant at 0.05 as their CIs do not include 0; ref: baseline category for comparison.

Table S2. Univariable analyses of the associations with hoof wall conformation score for 5672 foot-level observations of 400 ewes.

Variable	n	%	β	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
<i>Sheep-level variables</i>					
Age					
< 4 years	3528	62.2	ref		
≥ 4 years	2144	37.8	0.13	0.02	0.24
BCS					
3.0	2816	49.6	ref		
< 3.0	828	14.6	0.15	0.05	0.25
> 3.0	2028	35.8	0.03	-0.05	0.11
<i>Foot-level variables</i>					
Foot position					
Front	2836	50.0	ref		
Back	2836	50.0	0.20	0.15	0.26
Number of other feet with poor hoof wall conformation (scores ≥ 1)					
No other feet affected	381	6.7	ref		
One other foot affected	903	15.9	0.28	0.15	0.41
Two other feet affected	1551	27.3	0.63	0.50	0.75
Three other feet affected	2837	50.0	1.11	0.99	1.22
Clinical disease					
No FR disease present	5204	91.7	ref		
ID and/or SFR present	468	8.3	0.28	0.17	0.39
<i>Farm-level variables</i>					
Vaccination status					
Flock not vaccinated against footrot (Footvax®)	2816	49.6	ref		
Flock vaccinated against footrot (Footvax®)	2856	50.4	-0.12	-0.55	0.32
Soil type					
Loamy	1364	24.0	ref		
Clay	2856	50.4	-0.07	-0.35	0.22
Loamy/clay mix	1452	25.6	-0.40	-0.73	-0.07
Pasture moisture (calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Dry (“hard”)	996	22.1	ref		
Damp (“firm”)	2064	45.7	0.09	0.01	0.17
Wet (“squelchy”)	1452	32.2	-0.31	-0.41	-0.21
Saturated (“boggy”)	0	0.0	-	-	-
Pasture moisture (lagged to previous calendar month)					
Dry (“hard”)	1604	28.3	ref		
Damp (“firm”)	2140	37.7	-0.13	-0.21	-0.05
Wet (“squelchy”)	768	13.5	-0.17	-0.28	-0.07
Saturated (“boggy”)	1160	20.5	-0.13	-0.21	-0.04
Pasture quality					

(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Lush (~ 90% leafy rye grasses)	2812	62.3	ref		
Average (~ 50% rye grasses)	1700	37.7	0.44	0.36	0.53
Poor (mostly stalk and weeds)	0	0.0	-	-	-
Pasture quality					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Lush (~ 90% leafy rye grasses)	2516	44.4	ref		
Average (~ 50% rye grasses)	2760	48.7	-0.17	-0.29	-0.05
Poor (mostly stalk and weeds)	396	7.0	-0.19	-0.36	-0.01
Pasture type					
(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Permanent grassland	1008	22.3	ref		
New grass ley	752	16.7	-0.74	-0.83	-0.66
Mix permanent and new ley	2752	61.0	-0.08	-0.15	-0.02
Pasture type					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Permanent grassland	1768	31.2	ref		
New grass ley	3584	63.2	-0.50	-0.60	-0.39
Mix permanent and new ley	320	5.6	-0.62	-0.75	-0.49
Sward height					
(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Approx. 3 cm	1876	41.6	ref		
Approx. 8 cm	2324	51.5	0.61	0.54	0.67
Approx. > 8 cm	312	6.9	0.53	0.39	0.67
Sward height					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Approx. 3 cm	2068	36.5	ref		
Approx. 8 cm	3208	56.6	-0.08	-0.16	0.00
Approx. > 8 cm	396	7.0	-0.20	-0.32	-0.07
Rainfall					
(calendar month of visit)					
Rainfall	5672	100.0	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Rainfall	5672	100.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
Temperature					
(calendar month of visit)					
Temperature	5672	100.0	-0.03	-0.04	-0.02
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Temperature	5672	100.0	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Time variable					
Visit					
1 (Sep 2019)	1556	27.4	ref		
2 (Jan 2020)	1536	27.1	0.32	0.25	0.40
3 (Jul 2020)	1356	23.9	0.30	0.22	0.37
4 (Sep 2020)	1224	21.6	0.61	0.53	0.69

β : estimate; CI: confidence interval for estimate; bold estimates are statistically significant at 0.05 as their CIs do not include 0; ref: baseline category for comparison.

Table S3. Univariable analyses of the associations with hoof wall overgrowth score for 5672 foot-level observations of 400 ewes.

Variable	n	%	β	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
<i>Sheep-level variables</i>					
Age					
< 4 years	3528	62.2	ref		
≥ 4 years	2144	37.8	0.17	0.05	0.28
BCS					
3.0	2816	49.6	ref		
< 3.0	828	14.6	0.51	0.41	0.62
> 3.0	2028	35.8	-0.46	-0.54	-0.37
<i>Foot-level variables</i>					
Foot position					
Front	2836	50.0	ref		
Back	2836	50.0	-0.54	-0.60	-0.49
Number of other feet with hoof wall overgrowth present (scores ≥ 1)					
No other feet affected	728	12.8	ref		
One other foot affected	672	11.8	0.57	0.45	0.68
Two other feet affected	900	15.9	0.73	0.62	0.85
Three other feet affected	3372	59.4	1.72	1.63	1.82
Clinical disease					
No FR disease present	5204	91.7	ref		
ID and/or SFR present	468	8.3	-0.38	-0.50	-0.26
<i>Farm-level variables</i>					
Vaccination status					
Flock not vaccinated against footrot (Footvax®)	2816	49.6	ref		
Flock vaccinated against footrot (Footvax®)	2856	50.4	-0.68	-1.95	0.60
Soil type					
Loamy	1364	24.0	ref		
Clay	2856	50.4	-0.82	-1.23	-0.41
Loamy/clay mix	1452	25.6	-1.59	-2.07	-1.12
Pasture moisture (calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Dry (“hard”)	996	22.1	ref		
Damp (“firm”)	2064	45.7	-0.62	-0.69	-0.54
Wet (“squelchy”)	1452	32.2	-1.08	-1.18	-0.98
Saturated (“boggy”)	0	0.0	-	-	-
Pasture moisture (lagged to previous calendar month)					
Dry (“hard”)	1604	28.3	ref		
Damp (“firm”)	2140	37.7	-0.57	-0.65	-0.50
Wet (“squelchy”)	768	13.5	-1.50	-1.60	-1.40
Saturated (“boggy”)	1160	20.5	0.24	0.15	0.32
Pasture quality					

(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Lush (~ 90% leafy rye grasses)	2812	62.3	ref		
Average (~ 50% rye grasses)	1700	37.7	-0.13	-0.22	-0.04
Poor (mostly stalk and weeds)	0	0.0	-	-	-
Pasture quality					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Lush (~ 90% leafy rye grasses)	2516	44.4	ref		
Average (~ 50% rye grasses)	2760	48.7	1.93	1.81	2.05
Poor (mostly stalk and weeds)	396	7.0	1.13	0.96	1.30
Pasture type					
(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Permanent grassland	1008	22.3	ref		
New grass ley	752	16.7	-1.12	-3.94	1.69
Mix permanent and new ley	2752	61.0	-0.53	-3.34	2.29
Pasture type					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Permanent grassland	1768	31.2	ref		
New grass ley	3584	63.2	0.81	0.67	0.95
Mix permanent and new ley	320	5.6	0.58	0.46	0.69
Sward height					
(calendar month of visit) (n = 4512)					
Approx. 3 cm	1876	41.6	ref		
Approx. 8 cm	2324	51.5	0.14	0.07	0.20
Approx. > 8 cm	312	6.9	-0.25	-0.39	-0.11
Sward height					
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Approx. 3 cm	2068	36.5	ref		
Approx. 8 cm	3208	56.6	-0.41	-0.49	-0.33
Approx. > 8 cm	396	7.0	-1.10	-1.22	-0.97
Rainfall					
(calendar month of visit)					
Rainfall	5672	100.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Temperature	5672	100.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
(calendar month of visit)					
Temperature	5672	100.0	0.12	0.11	0.13
(lagged to previous calendar month)					
Time variable					
Visit					
1 (Sep 2019)	1556	27.4	ref		
2 (Jan 2020)	1536	27.1	0.46	0.38	0.53
3 (Jul 2020)	1356	23.9	0.62	0.53	0.70
4 (Sep 2020)	1224	21.6	0.05	-0.04	0.13

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