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The diagnosis of footrot in flocks is essentially a field diagnosis, which must involve a careful and thorough investigation of the flock and the flock history. Laboratory support assists in making a flock diagnosis, where the diagnosis of footrot cannot be made on clinical grounds alone. A laboratory test must not be used on its own to establish a diagnosis of virulent or benign footrot. An objective assessment of foot scores in the flock, along with environmental and clinical histories, should be considered before a flock diagnosis is made.

NSW Agriculture will fund the cost of laboratory testing for footrot, if guidelines are met. These guidelines emphasise the need for a full flock investigation and reporting of relevant details before the cost of testing will be funded. The guidelines are outlined in the Procedure Circular AI 2002/106 on Laboratory Support for Diagnosis of Footrot. The policy should be read in conjunction with the Procedures Circular.

The Policy and Procedures Circulars should be included in Section 2.5 of the NSW Footrot Eradication Manual.



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