

Footrot Resistance in sheep

Extracts from Nibblers online discussion group

SAC, The Roslin institute, Institute of Rural Science (Aberystwyth), ADAS, University of Lincoln (NZ), University of Melbourne (AUS), British Texel SC, Blackface Elite Sire reference company and Innovis (!) are collaborating in a project to identify individuals and family groups differing in their genetic resistance to footrot to enable selective breeding for enhanced resistance.

Preliminary work at SAC in Scots Blackface show there is wide variation in clinical footrot between offspring from different sires (from 0- 25% affected, depending on sire).

Over 1 million NZ sheep have already been born from rams that have been DNA screened for Footrot.

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Regards Jim
