

Common Hoof Trimming Errors In the cow

- 1) Removing too much of the hoof wall. This can be due to misuse of trimmers or grinders by the users.
- 2) The toes can be trimmed to short, which can lead to white line fissures.
- 3) Excessive trimming of the heel of the inner claw of the rear foot which can alter weight distribution and increase unwanted areas of high pressure.
- 4) The sole can be trimmed to short.
- 5) The trimming of the claws in a concave manner rather flat can lead to claw sole ulceration and haemorrhage.
- 6) Shortening of the toe without proper reduction of sole thickness.

Doe



This picture shows the various parts of the hoof on the bottom of the foot. A) identifies the heel regions of the foot. B) shows the toe region on a claw that has not been trimmed. C) identifies the outside hoof wall, and D) indicates fresh sole after being trimmed.