

Prophylactic trimming	Therapeutic trimming
<p>COW: Trim twice per lactation, around dry-off and then at 70-150 days in milk. DOE: Trim twice annually as a general guide</p>	<p>Only when indicated</p>
<p>The hoof should be assessed and subsequently trimmed for balance and support of each foot so that is maintained on a long-term basis.</p>	<p>This applies when the hoof is altered. Trim to return it back into balance from the abnormal state. It also encourages or prevents a particular movement in a foot whilst healing is occurring, i.e. elevation of the heel in the treatment of an injury.</p>

How to identify overgrown hooves (observation/analysis/assessment of overgrown hooves):



An overgrown toe.  
Incorrect angle of dorsal wall and very poor heel depth.



After trimming.

Note the correct angle of the dorsal wall, and that the wall is now weight bearing at the toe.

