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| Timing of claw trim | When to use it |
| When observably lame or overgrown | All herds. Mobility scoring will aid this approach. |
| At around drying off (not the same day as drying off due to mastitis risk) | All herds |
| Maiden heifers 2 months before calving | If visible overgrowth due to lack of concrete feed barrier (but better to have concrete exposure) |
| 60-100 days in milk | Most useful for first calved heifers during the housing period to dish out soles |
| Mid-lactation | Above average yielding herds |
| 6-10 months after calving | Herds with extended lactations - leaving until drying off is often too long |
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