

HOOF TRIMMING: TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Key points

- Whether you trim cows yourself or hire a professional hoof trimmer, having tools on hand is important for emergency trims and good biosecurity practice for your herd
- Tools should be cleaned and sharpened regularly
- Tools contaminated with blood should be disinfected before use on the next cow

Tools to have on hand



Knives



Nippers and Measuring tool



Hoof testers



Variety of Blocks



Adhesive



Optional: Electric Grinder



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