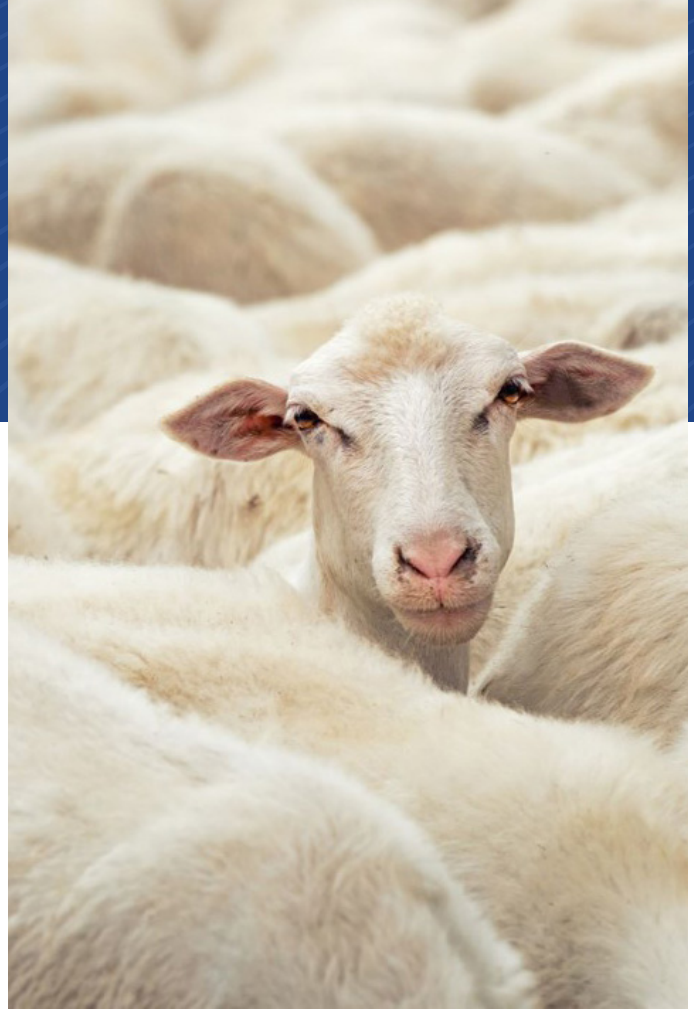


Sheep & Goat Lameness Survey of Small Ruminant Veterinarians

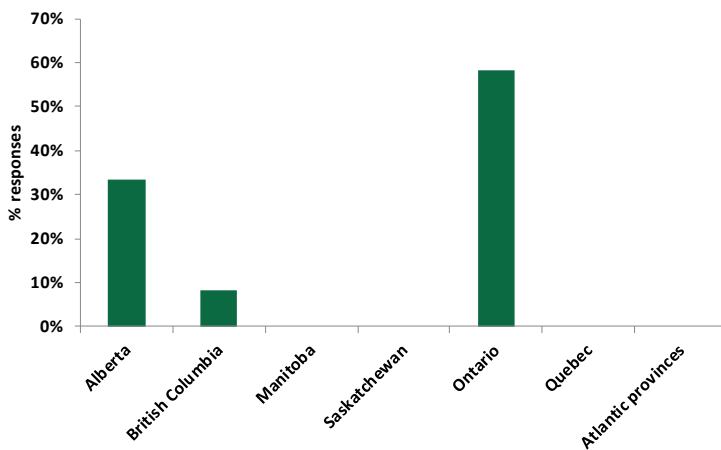


Contagious footrot is a bacterial infection common in sheep and goats that is caused by bacteria that live in the soil. The most commonly associated bacteria with ovine/caprine footrot are *Fusobacterium necrophorum* and *Dichelobacter nodosus*.

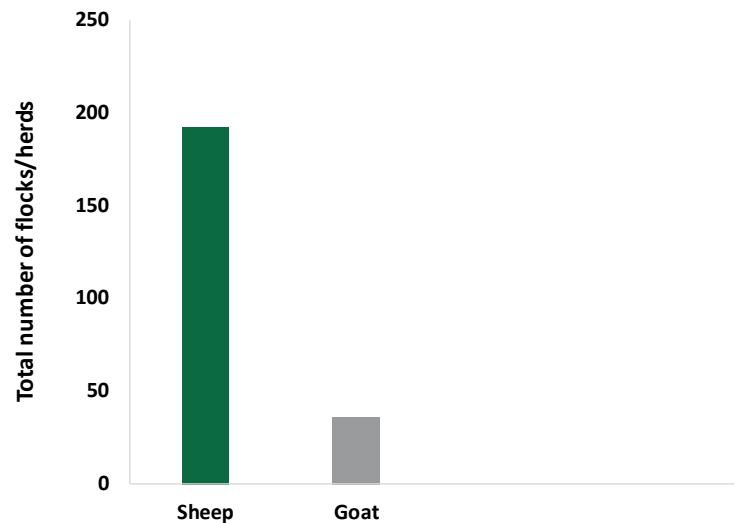
With the support of The Canadian Goat Society, we conducted a national survey to assess the importance of footrot disease in the sheep and goat livestock industries. We also assessed producer, producer organizations, and veterinarian willingness to support research for a Canadian-based footrot bacterin vaccine that would incorporate recent Canadian *F. necrophorum* and *D. nodosus* isolates.

SURVEY: 12 SMALL RUMINANT VETERINARIANS RESPONDED (10 SHEEP; 2 GOAT)

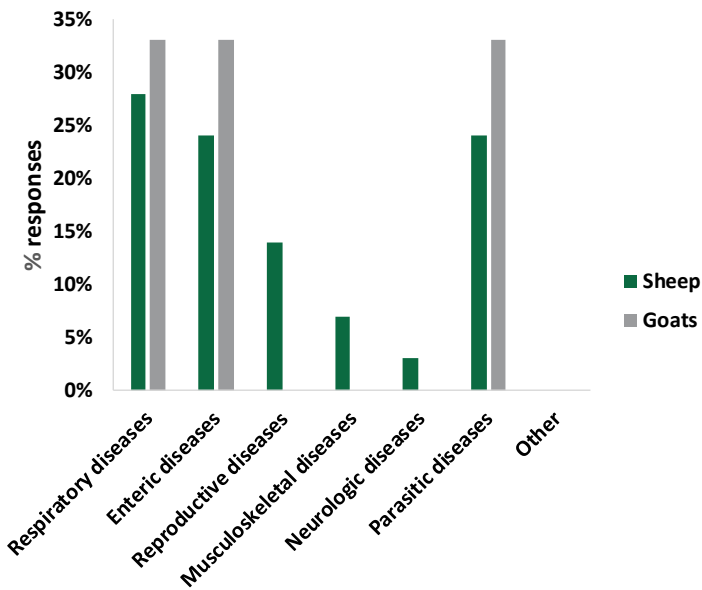
What province(s) does your veterinary practice provide services to sheep/goat producers?



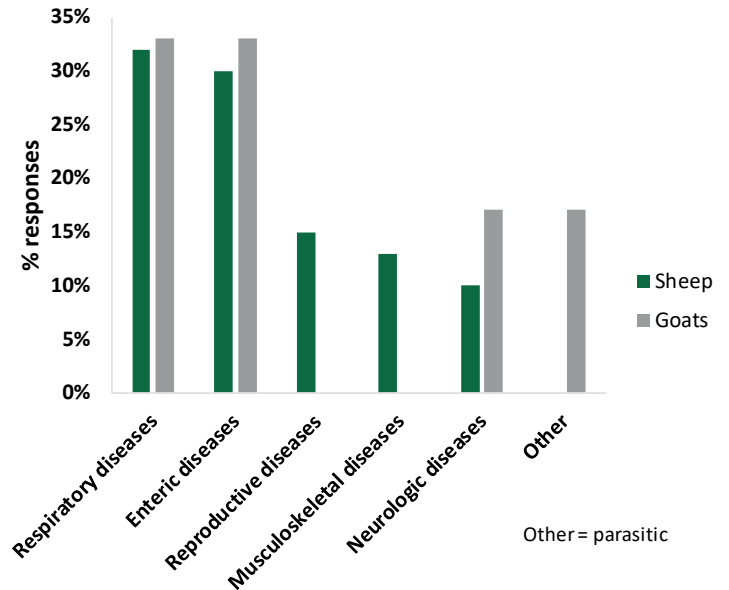
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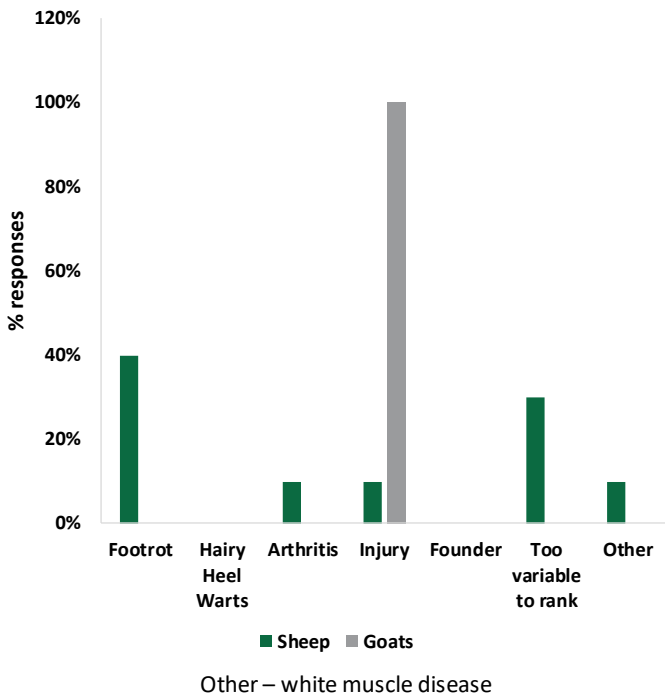
Veterinarians top 3 most commonly diagnosed diseases in sheep/goats



Top 3 diseases prescribed antimicrobials by veterinarians



Most important cause of lameness as observed by veterinarians



ESTIMATED 1ST PULL TREATMENT RATES FOR FOOTROT IN SHEEP

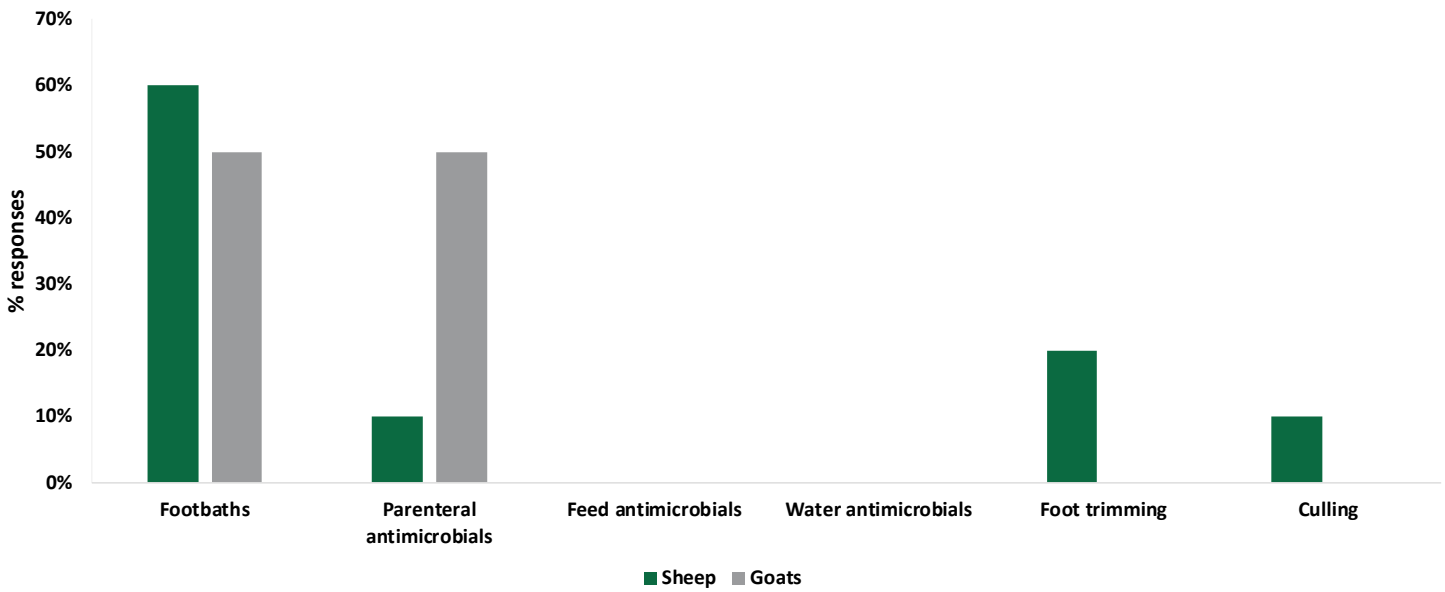
- Ewes: 5.0%
- Rams: 2.7%
- Pre-weaned lambs: 1.3%
- Post-weaned lambs: 3.7%
- 44% of sheep vets and 100% of goat vets didn't know

TREATMENT FOR FOOTROT

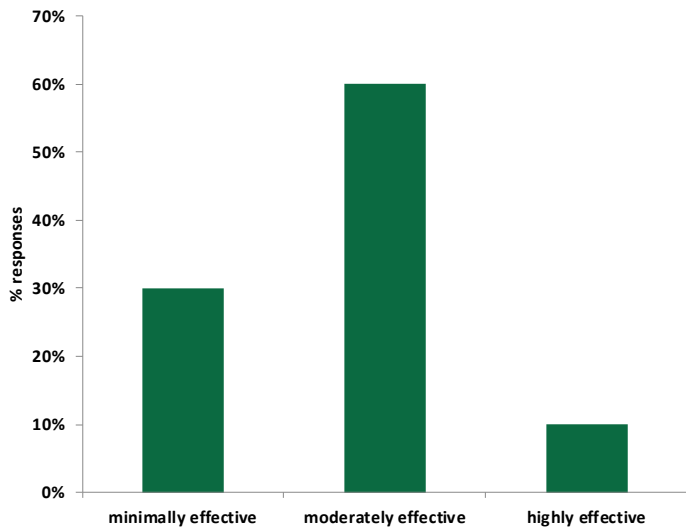
- Sheep: 70% uncommon; 30% common (between 5-20%)
- Goats: 100% uncommon

ESTIMATED CULLING RATE FROM FOOTROT IN SHEEP: 78% OF VETS DID NOT KNOW

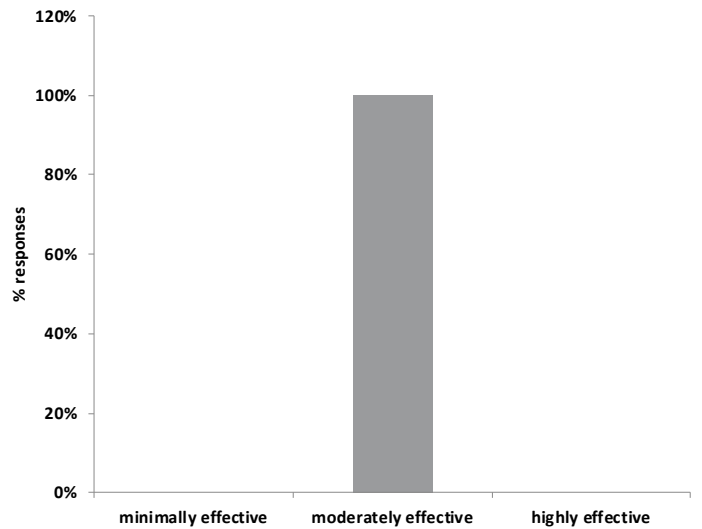
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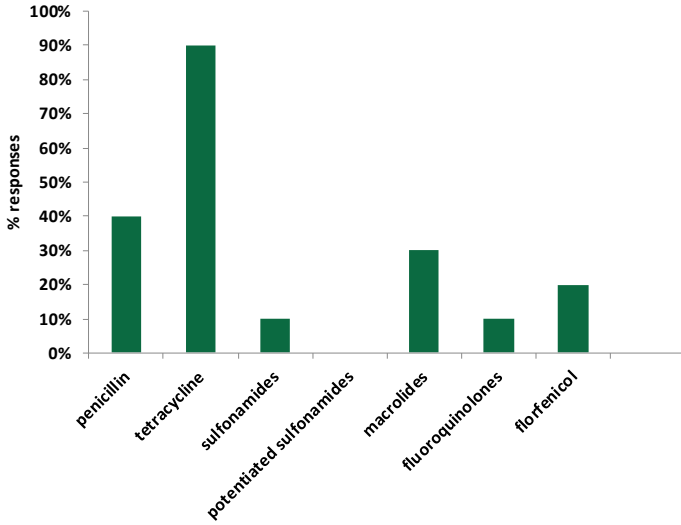
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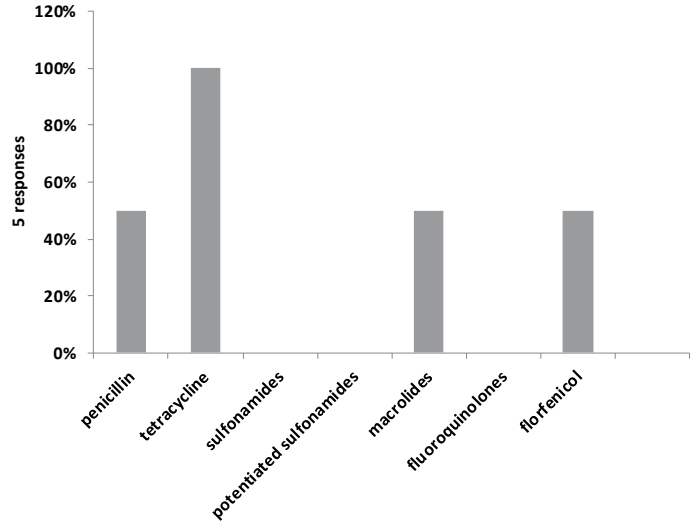
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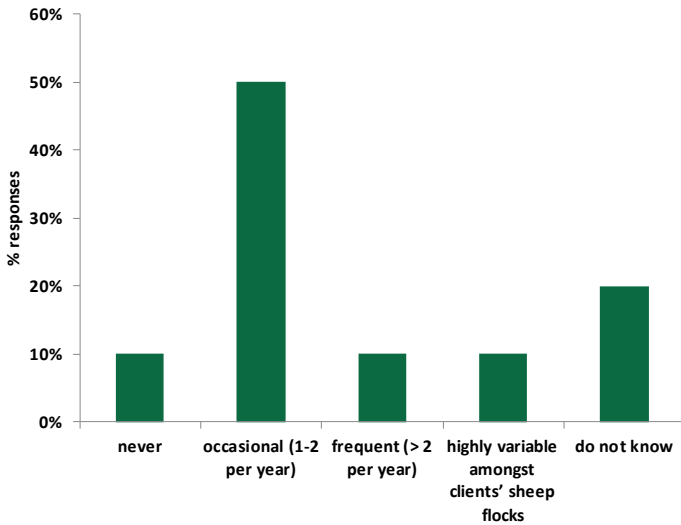
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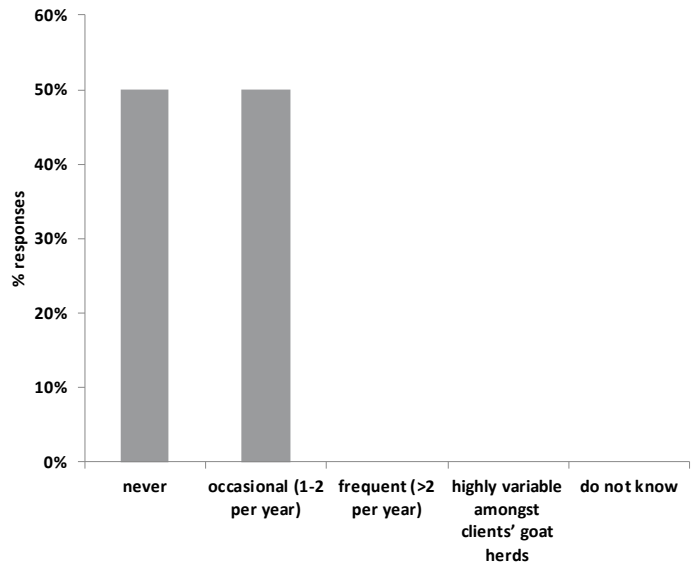
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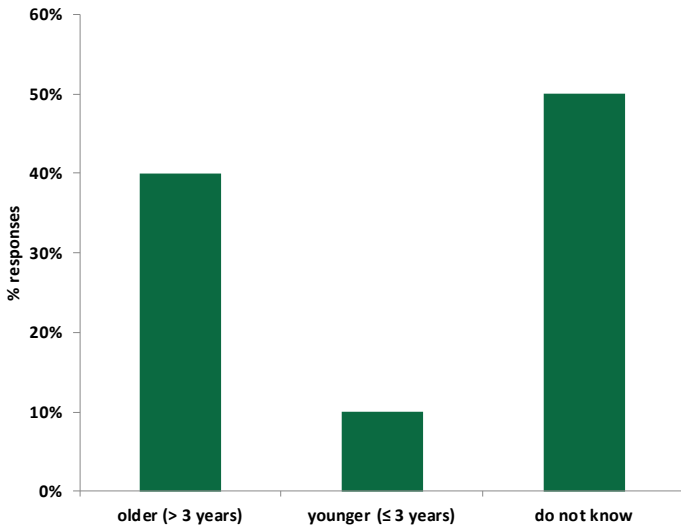
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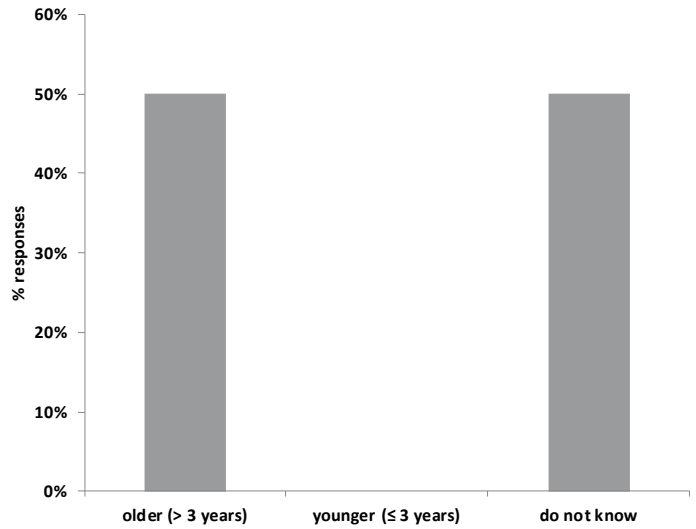
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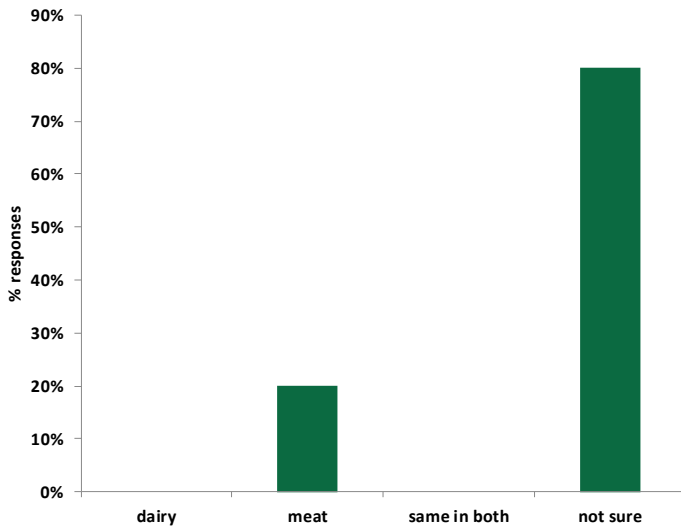
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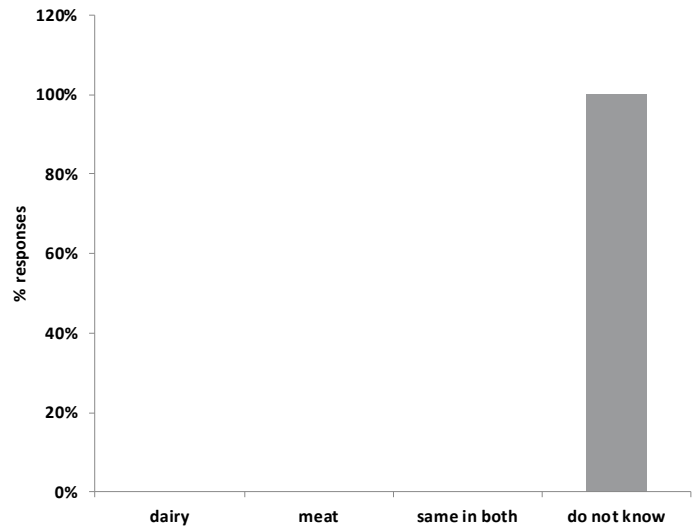
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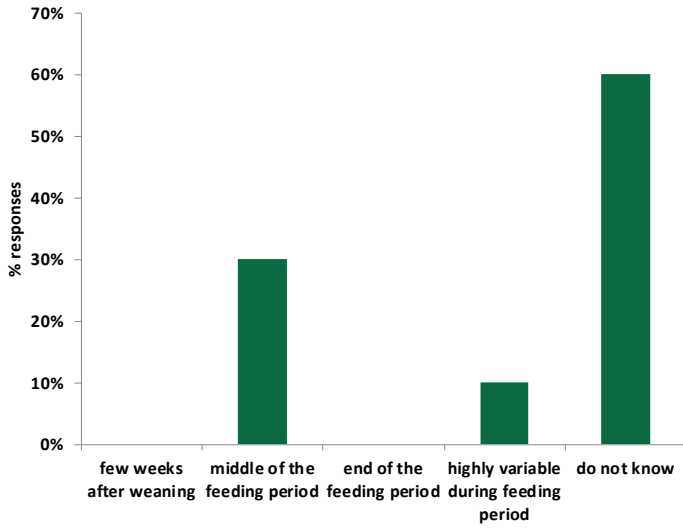
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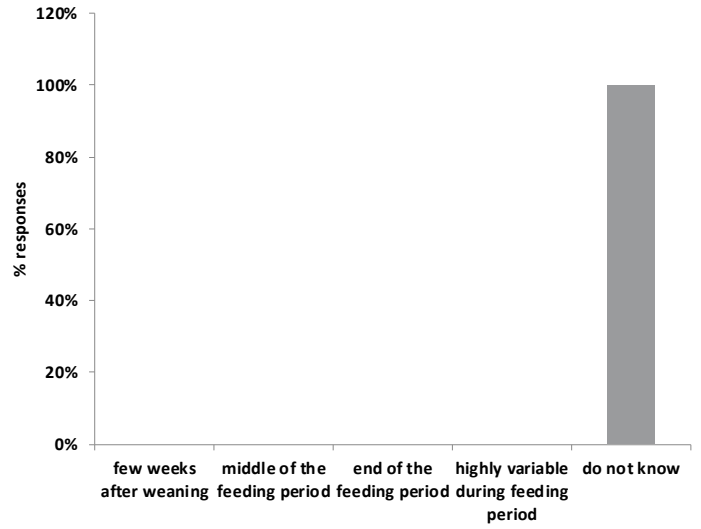
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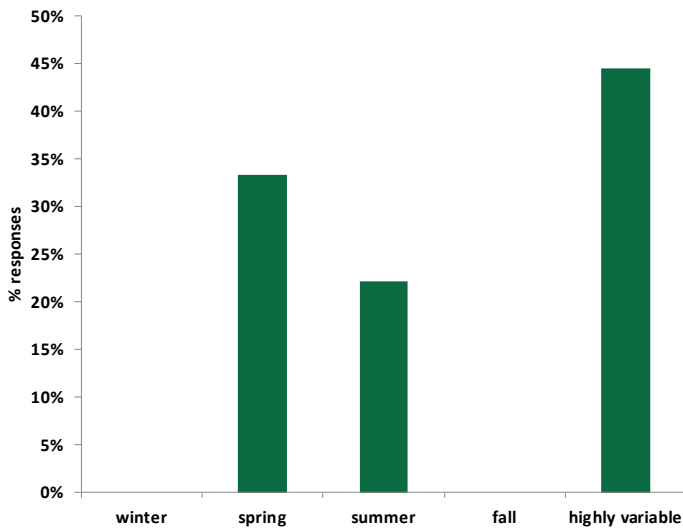
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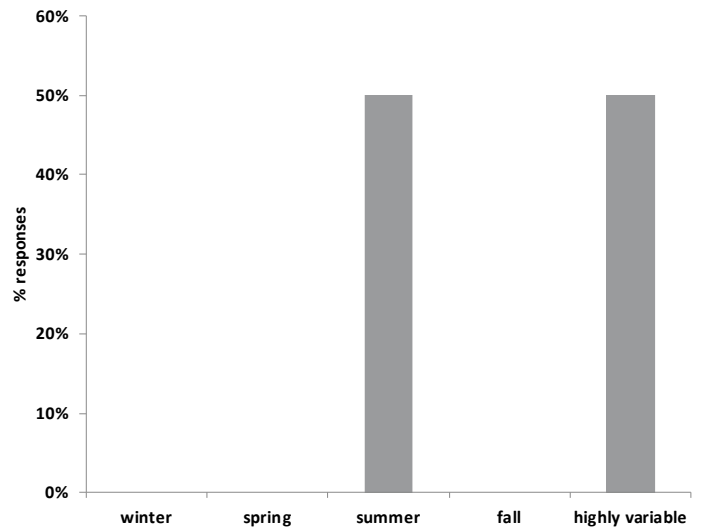
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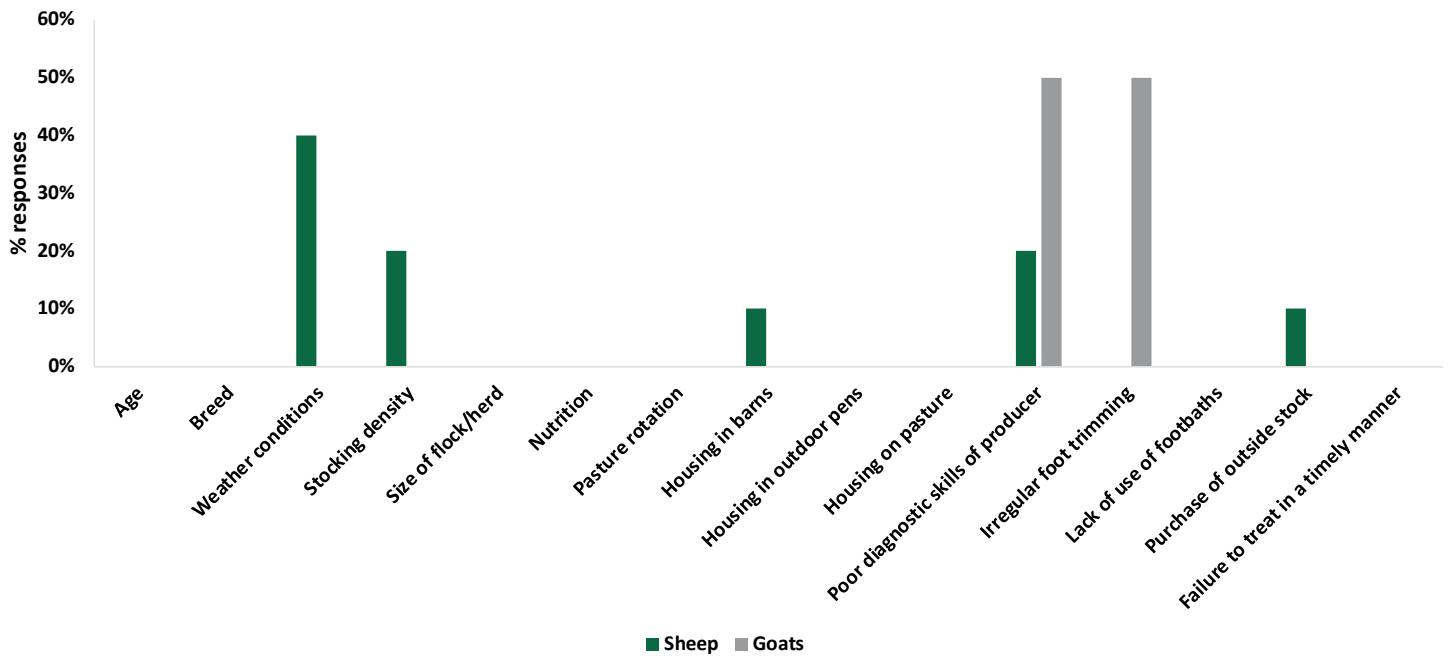
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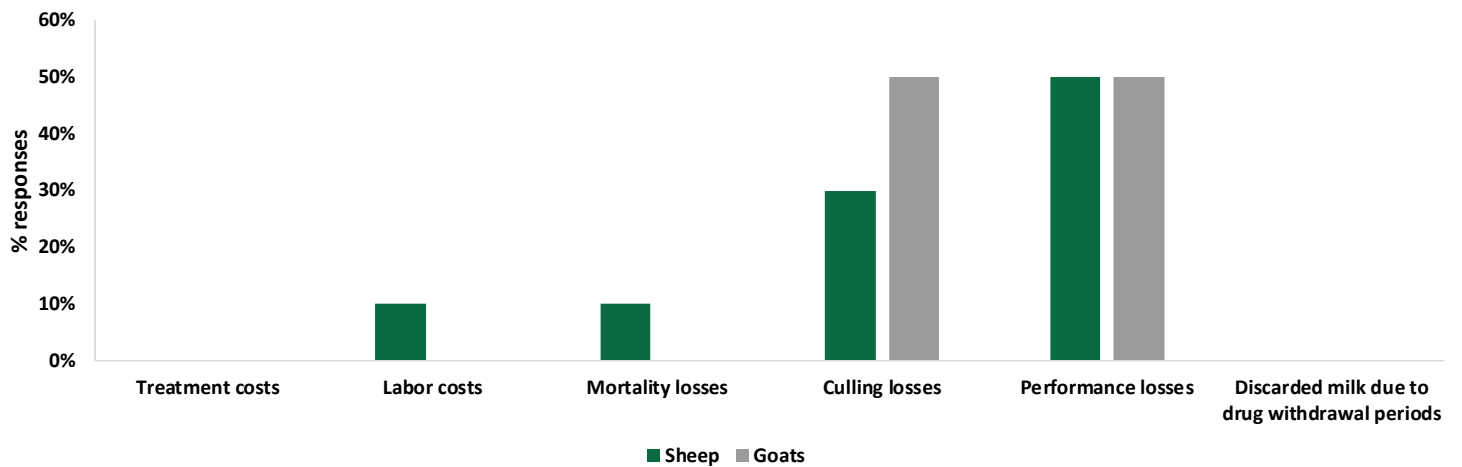
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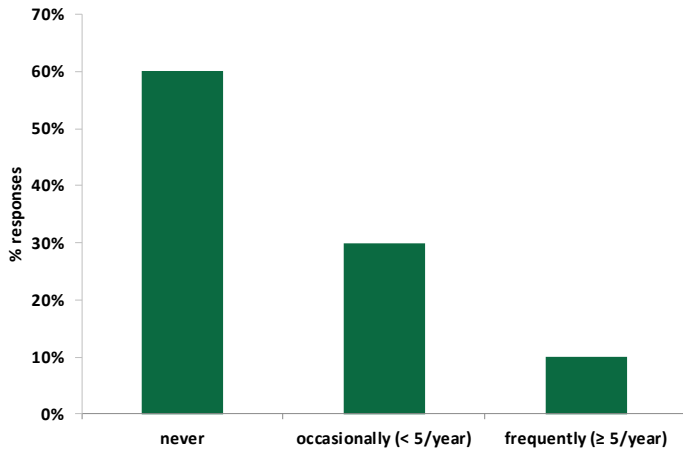
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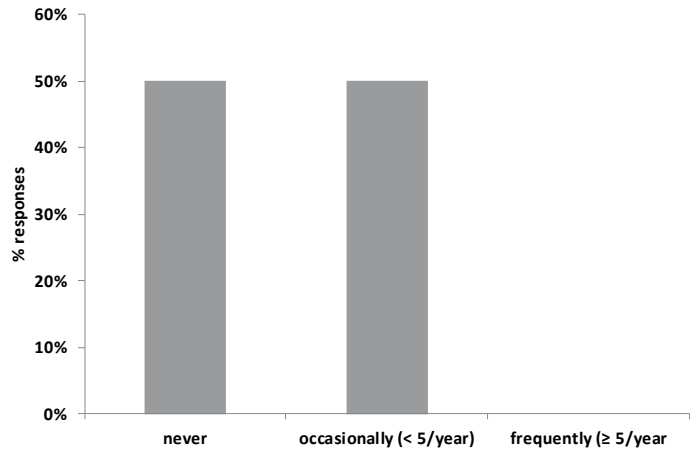
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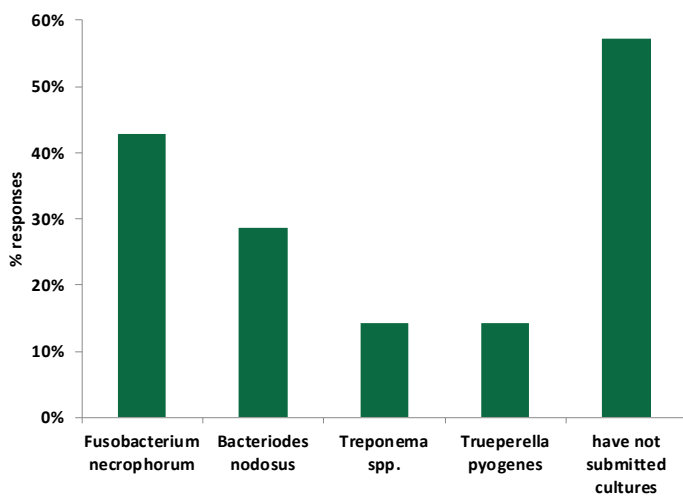
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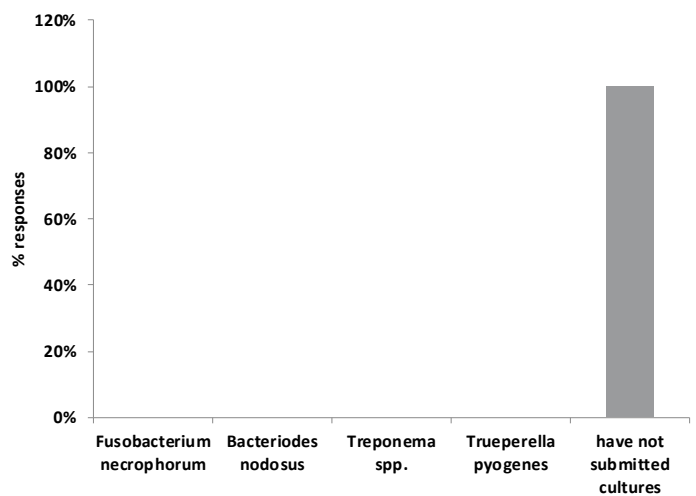
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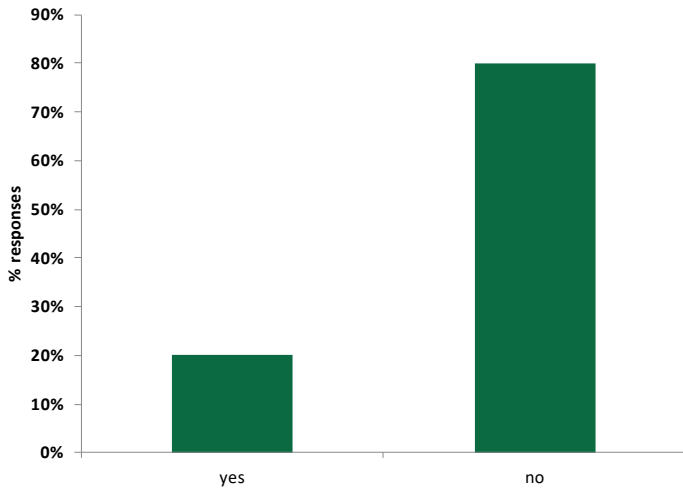
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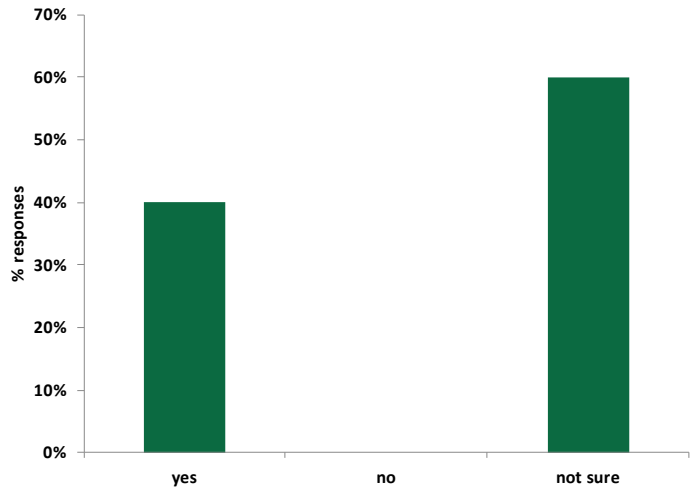
If you submitted samples to a laboratory last year, what infectious organisms were cultured and determined to be pathogenic in cases of footrot in the goats from your clients' herds?



Have you ever recommended an autogenous vaccine to prevent/control footrot in your clients' sheep flocks?

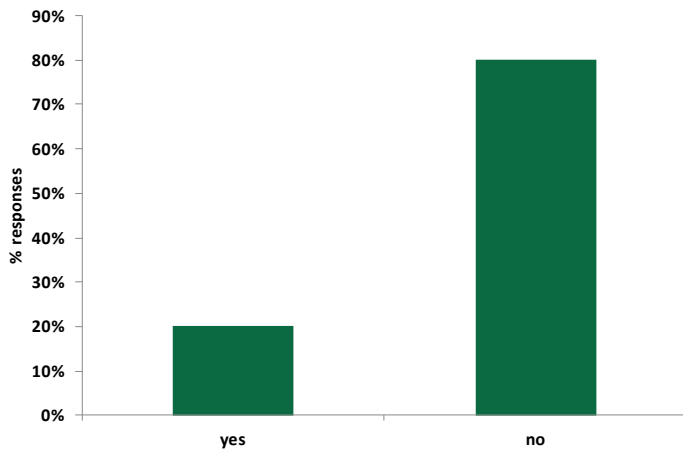


If yes, do you believe the autogenous vaccine reduced disease rates for footrot in your clients' sheep flocks?

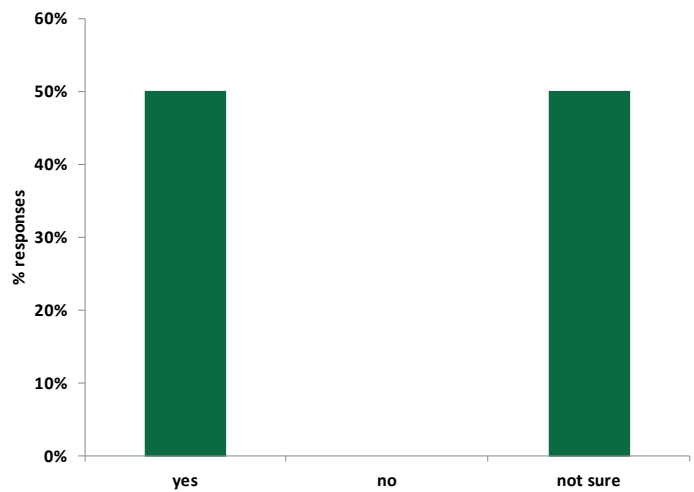


No goat vets recommended an autogenous vaccine or bovine footrot vaccine to control footrot in goat herds.

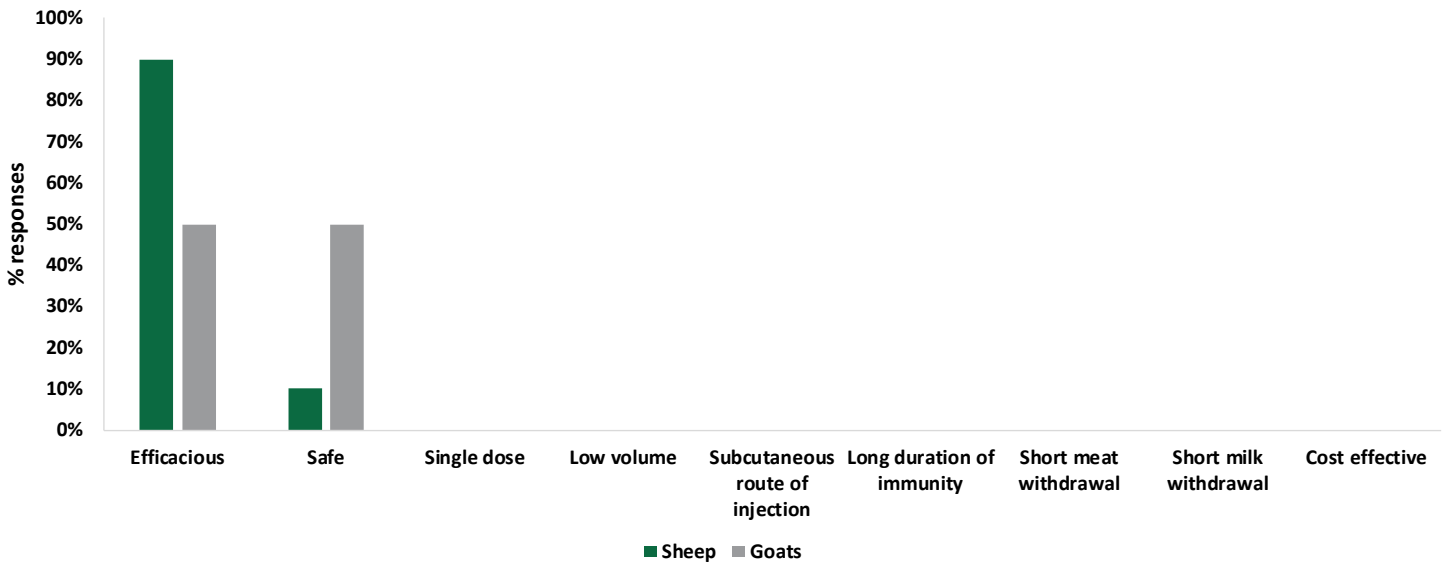
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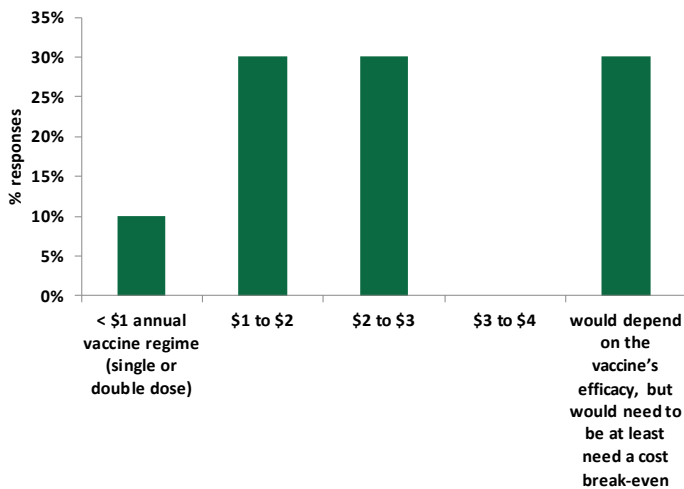
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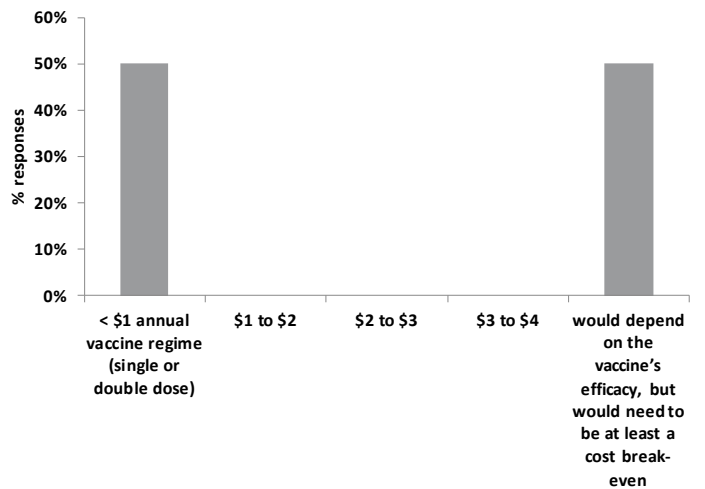
WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTE OF AN OVINE/CAPRINE FOOTROT VACCINE:



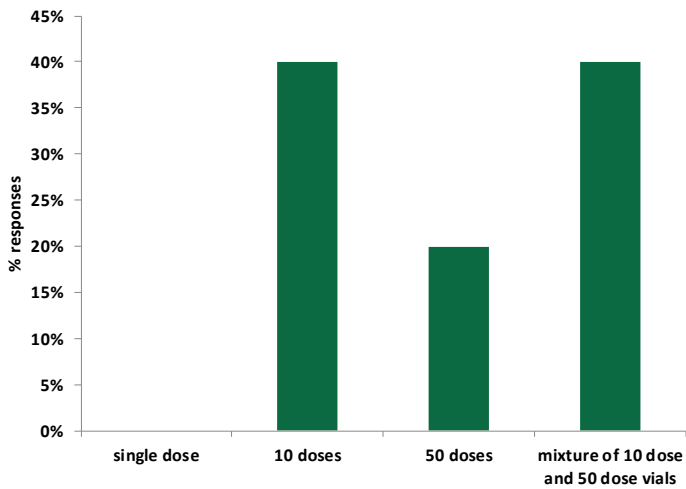
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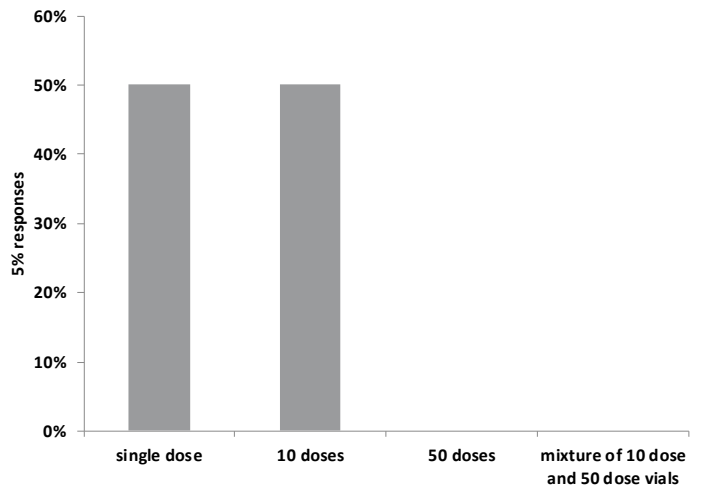
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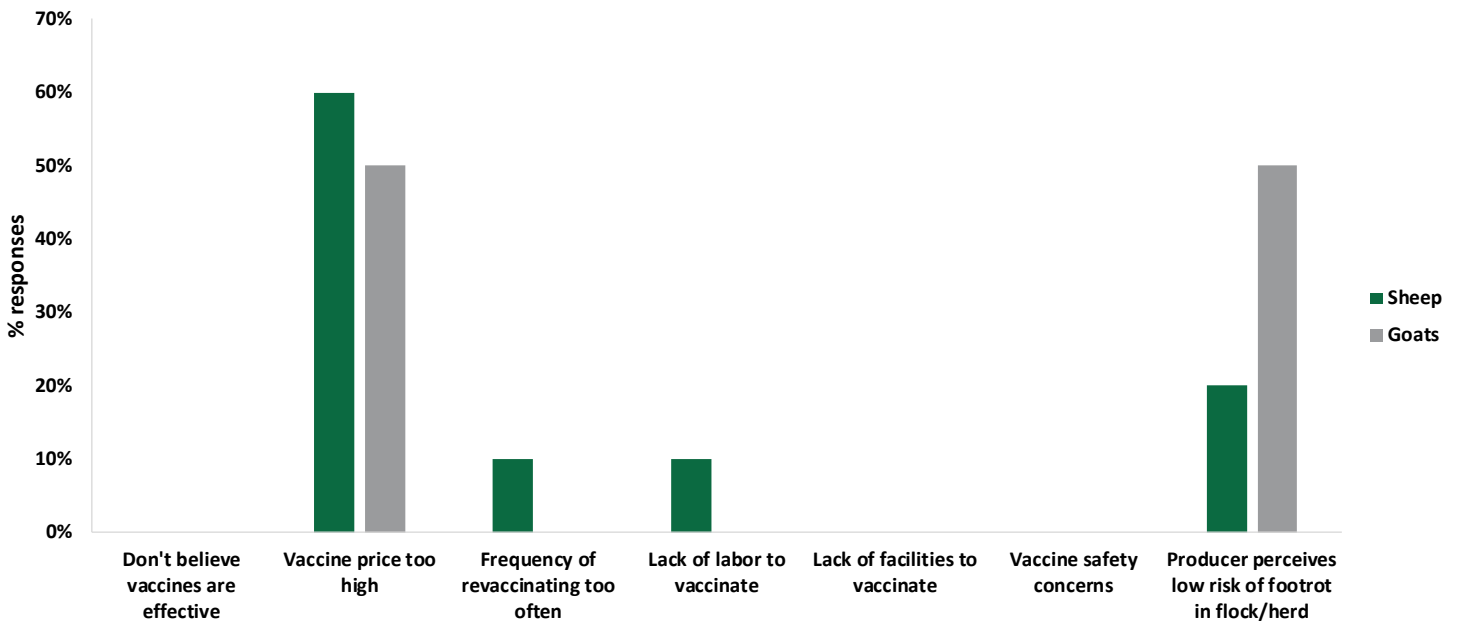
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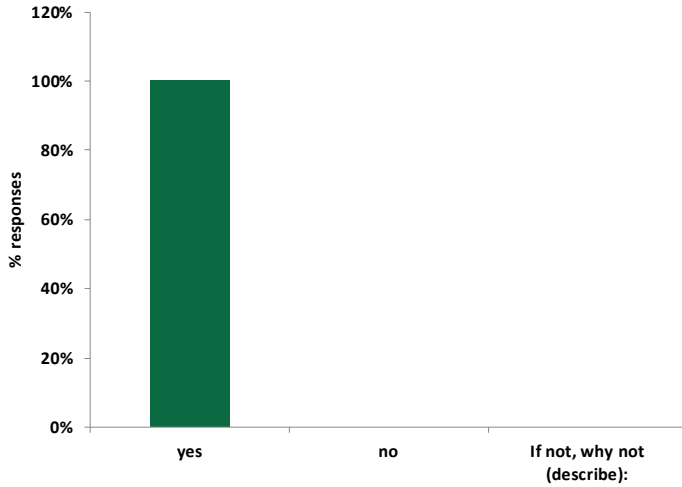
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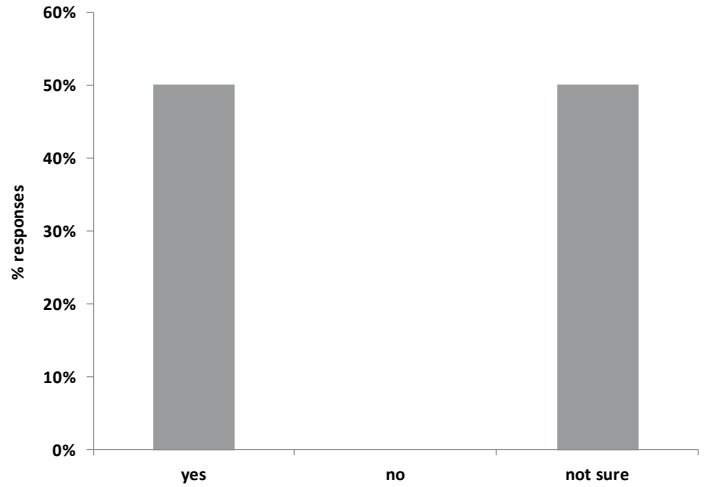
TOP FACTOR THAT WOULD LIMIT PRODUCER USE OF FOOTROT VACCINE:



If a Canadian-made footrot vaccine for sheep and goats were available and proven efficacious, would you recommend it?



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