Foot-pad dermatitis in broilers
– a photo guide to broiler foot health classification

Some examples are shown on this side



Class 0 – no lesion



Lesions on the central foot pad

More examples can been seen on the opposite side



Class 2 – severe lesion

Classification of FPD

0: No lesion: No lesions or very small and superficial lesions, slight discolouration on a limited area, mild hyoerkeratosis, old scars.
1: Mild lesion: Substantial discolouration of the foot pad, superficial lesion, dark papillae.
2: Severe lesion: Ulcers or scabs of significant size, signs of haemorrhages or severely swollen food pad.

Generally, the foot as a whole shall be classified. However, the lesions on the central foot pad are of major importance, not lesions on the toes.



class 1 – mild lesion



Class 2 – severe lesion



Class 0 – smooth, no lesion



Class 0 – small discolouration



Class 0 – completely healed scar



Class 1 – superficial lesion, discolouration



Class 1 – dark papillae, no ulceration



Class 1 – substantial discolouration



Class 2 – papillae and ulcer



Class 2 – ulcer covered by crust



Class 2 – Abscess/bumble foot, swollen