

FIVE Point Check[®]

The Five Point Check[®] (5.✓) is an extension of the FAMACHA[®] eye anemia system, which is only useful for blood-feeding parasites such as the barber pole worm (*Haemonchus contortus*). The 5.✓ adds additional criteria (checkpoints) for the other parasites that commonly infect small ruminants, including those that cause digestive upset (scours) and snotty noses. It is also useful for determining

the need to treat small ruminants with FAMACHA[®] scores of 3. The 5.✓ was developed by the same South African scientists who developed the FAMACHA[®] system.

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1 - EYE

Anemia (blood loss)
FAMACHA[®] score

2



2 - JAW

Submandibular
edema “bottle jaw”

3



3 - BACK

Body condition
score (1-5)

4



4 - TAIL

Scours (diarrhea)
Fecal soiling, dags

5



5 - NOSE

Nasal discharge, snotty
nose - Nasal bots

Each of the five checkpoints can have other causes. This is especially true with body condition score (#3) and scours (#4). For this reason, it is important to consider all of the criteria when making deworming decisions. Selective deworming increases refugia and slows the development of resistant worms.