## **Nematodirus lifecycle**

**Eggs in dung** 

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L4 worms mature and develop into adults

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**Adults lay eggs** 

Host stage (14 days)

**Free-living stages** 

(may take eight to nine months)
Development slower and usually too cold
before L3s are ready so they sit dormant
until following spring.

3rd stage L3 larvae
are infective. They migrate into
the herbage and wait
to be eaten by the sheep



1st stage larvae develop in the eggs



2nd stage larvae develop in the eggs