Worm lifecycle



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Larvae mature and develop into adult worms (L4) inside the sheep

Adults lay eggs

Host stage (16-21 days* to complete)

Free-living stages (two to 12 weeks to complete)

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

*In the autumn L3
may 'arrest' and
over-winter in the

sheep

Eggs in dung

1st stage larvae develop in dung

2nd stag larvae develop in dung