



# Important nematode parasites of sheep in the UK

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Species	Common name	Size and other features	Site	Pathogenicity
<i>Haemonchus contortus</i>	Barber's pole worm	1.5-3.0cm Long, stout, obvious to naked eye	Abomasum	High
<i>Nematodirus battus</i>	Thin-necked intestinal worm	1.0-2.3cm	Small intestine	High
<i>Teladorsagia (Ostertagia) circumcincta</i>	Small brown stomach worm	0.8-1.5cm	Abomasum	High
<i>Bunostomum trigononcephalum</i>	Hookworm	1.2-2.6cm	Small intestine	Medium
<i>Dictyocaulus filaria</i>	Large lungworm	3-10cm Lives in bronchi	Lungs	Medium
<i>Nematodirus spathiger</i>	Thin-necked intestinal worm	1.0-2.3cm	Small intestine	Medium
<i>Trichostrongylus axei</i>	Stomach hair worm	0.3-0.6cm	Abomasum	Medium
<i>Trichostrongylus colubriformis</i>	Black scour worm	0.4-0.9cm	Small intestine	Medium
<i>Trichostrongylus vitrinus</i>	Black scour worm	0.4-0.9cm	Small intestine	Medium
<i>Capillaria longipes</i>	Hairworm	0.1-0.2cm	Small intestine	Low
<i>Chabertia ovina</i>	Large-mouthed bowel worm	1.4-2.0cm	Large intestine	Low
<i>Cooperia curticei</i>	Small intestinal worm	0.5-0.8cm	Small intestine	Low
<i>Cystocaulus ocreatus</i>		4-9cm Lives in small bronchioles	Lungs	Low
<i>Muellerius capillaris</i>	Small lungworm	1.2-2.2cm Forms nodules in lung parenchyma	Lungs	Low
<i>Nematodirus filicollis</i>	Thin-necked intestinal worm	1.0-2.3cm	Small intestine	Low
<i>Neostrongylus linearis</i>		0.5-1.5cm Lives in small bronchioles	Lungs	Low
<i>Oesophagostomum venulosum</i>	Large bowel worm	1.0-2.4cm	Large intestine	Low
<i>Protostrongylus rufescens</i>		1.6-4.0cm Lives in small bronchioles	Lungs	Low
<i>Strongyloides papillosus</i>	Threadworm	0.4-0.6cm	Small intestine	Low
<i>Trichuris ovis</i>	Whipworm	4-8cm	Large intestine	Low