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## How to measure the length of a hoof (FIPO 2.3.1)

The length of the toe is determined by measuring the front of the hoof, in the center, from the skin line on the lower side of the coronary band to the ground (shoe). The skin line on the lower side of the coronary band is to be defined by palpation. The thumb should be used to press on the horny hoof wall proceeding from the ground toward the hairline. The first compressible soft tissue palpated is the lower side of the coronary band. The hairline does not necessarily coincide with the lower side of the coronary band.



- Pink: skin and soft tissues
- Brown: walls
- Light gray: bones (navicular bone and coffin bone)
- Red: walls and sole living chorium (coronary band area)
- Dark gray: frog
- Orange: toe sole
- Yellow: digital cushion
- Blue: tendons (extensor, front; deep palmar flexor, back)

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