

BEEF-CLASS STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT GUIDE

How to do Beef-Class Structural Assessments

For docility – 1 is Ideal (Docile), 3 is less ideal (restless) and 5 is aggressive. (Scores of 1 and 2 are preferred).








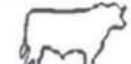

For traits scored 1-9:

- 4 and 6 show slight variation from ideal but this includes most animals. Any animal scoring 4 and 6 would be acceptable in any breeding program.

- 3 and 7 shows greater variation, but would be acceptable in most commercial breeding programs, but seed stock producers should be wary.

- 2 and 8 are low scoring animals and should be looked at closely before purchasing.

- 1 and 9 should not be catalogued and are considered culls.

Trait	Key	Scoring Range	
Docility	D	① 2 3 4 ⑤	1. Docile 3. Restless 5. Aggressive
Front Feet Claw Set Rear Feet Claw Set	FC RC	 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1. Open/Divergent 5. Good 9. Scissor Claw
Front Feet Angle Rear Feet Angle	FA RA	 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1. Stubbed Toe 5. Good 9. Shallow Heel
Rear Legs Side View	RS	 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1. Straight 5. Good 9. Sickle Hocked
Rear Legs Hind View	RH	 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1. Bow Legged 5. Good 9. Cow Hocked
Front Legs Front View	FF	 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1. Bow Legged 5. Good 9. Knocked Knee
Udder Evenness	UE	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1. Dropped Fore Qtr. 5. Good Balance 9. Dropped Rear Qtr.
Teat Size and Shape	TZ	 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1. Very Small/Thin 5. Good 9. Very Large/Bulbous
Sheath & Navel Score	SN	 ① 2 3 4 ⑤	1. Pendulous 3. Good 5. Clean/Tight
Capacity	CP	 ① 2 3 4 ⑤	1. Lacking Capacity 3. Medium 5. Large Volume
Muscle Score	LM	 A B C D E	A. Very Heavy C. Medium E. Light

