

CLASSIFICATION TRAITS BREAKDOWN



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MAMMARY SYSTEM (42%) FEET & LEGS (28%) DAIRY STRENGTH (20%) RUMP (10%)

UDDER FLOOR
(Tilt of udder floor)

IDEAL 5-6
WEIGHT 4%

UDDER DEPTH
(From hock to floor of udder)

IDEAL 5-6
WEIGHT 12%

UDDER TEXTURE
(Softness and expandability)

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 14%

MEDIAN SUSPENSORY
(Depth of cleft (fore/rear))

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 14%

FORE ATTACHMENT
(Attachment to abdominal wall)

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 18%

FRONT TEAT PLACEMENT
(Teat placement from centre of quarter)

IDEAL 6
WEIGHT 5%

REAR ATTACHMENT HEIGHT
(Milk secreting tissue to base of vulva)

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 12%

REAR ATTACHMENT WIDTH
(Width at milk secreting tissue)

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 10%

REAR TEAT PLACEMENT
(Teat placement from centre of quarter)

IDEAL 5-6
WEIGHT 7%

TEAT LENGTH
(Average length of rear teats)

IDEAL 5
WEIGHT 4%

DEFECTIVE CHARACTERISTICS (DEDUCTION)
Lacks udder shape (1.0) Webbed teat (2.0)
Unbalanced quarter (1.0) Front teats back (1.0)
Short fore (1.0) Blind quarter (8.0)
Rear teats back (1.0) Short rear (1.0)

FOOT ANGLE
(Angle of hairline)

IDEAL 7
WEIGHT 9%

HEEL DEPTH
(Depth of heel on outside claw)

IDEAL 7-8
WEIGHT 22%

BONE QUALITY
(Flatness of bone)

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 10%

REAR LEGS-SIDE VIEW
(Degree of curvature)

IDEAL 5
WEIGHT 14%

REAR LEGS-REAR VIEW
(Turn of hock when viewed from the rear)

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 31%

THURL PLACEMENT (14% from the rump)

DEFECTIVE CHARACTERISTICS (DEDUCTION)
Abnormal Claw (1.5) Boggy Hocks (1.0)
Rear Legs Back (1.5) Weak Pasterns (1.5)
Lact Bone (1.0) Toes Out Front (1.5)
Crampy (1st lact = 4, 2nd=3, 3rd=2 (Off of FS))

STATURE
(Height at rump)

IDEAL 6-8
WEIGHT 12%

HEIGHT AT FRONT END
(Corresponding height at front end)

IDEAL 5-7
WEIGHT 3%

CHEST WIDTH
(Width of chest floor)

IDEAL 6-7
WEIGHT 23%

BODY DEPTH
(Depth of body at the rear rib)

IDEAL 7
WEIGHT 17%

ANGULARITY
(Angle, openness and spring of ribs)

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 28%

BODY CONDITION SCORE
(Amount of fat deposition in the tailhead, loin and pelvic region)

IDEAL 6-7
WEIGHT 5%

UDDER TEXTURE (5% from mammary system)

LOIN STRENGTH (7% from rump)

DEFECTIVE CHARACTERISTICS (DEDUCTION)
Weak Crops (1.5) Not Well Sprung (1.5)
Weak Back (1.5) Lacks Balance (1.0)
Shallow fore rib (1.5) Undesireable Head (1.0)

RUMP ANGLE
(Height of pin bones relative to height of hip bones)

IDEAL 5-6
WEIGHT 23%

PIN WIDTH
(Point of pin to point of pin)

IDEAL 8-9
WEIGHT 21%

LOIN STRENGTH
(Strength of vertebrae between back and rump)

IDEAL 9
WEIGHT 32%

THURL PLACEMENT
(Horizontal position of thurl between the hook and pin bones)

IDEAL 6
WEIGHT 24%

DEFECTIVE CHARACTERISTICS (DEDUCTION)
Advanced Anus (2.5) Recessed Tailhead (1.0)
Advanced Tailhead (1.5) High Tailhead (0.5)

