

BEEF— BREEDING**PERFECT SCORE****SKELETAL STRUCTURE****20****Bull:**

- shows good size and scale with length of body, rump and large hind quarter.
- structurally sound on pasterns, hocks and legs
- strong on topline and through loin
- walks easily and freely on feet and legs

Cow or Heifer:

- shows adequate size
- strong topline and loin
- wide at pin bones
- moves easily on structurally sound feet and legs

SIZE AND SCALE**20**

- large frame, long body and rump
- muscling ripples when animal moves
- muscles bulge and appear in bunches, not smooth areas

FEET AND LEGS**20**

- breeding stock requires correct feet and legs to move and remain useful for many years

SEX CHARACTER**15****Bull:**

- rugged and masculine about head, neck and shoulder
- strong jaw and muzzle
- head carried above topling; alert and energetic
- large head, crest; thick neck
- pay attention to senses: sight, hearing, smell
- development of external sex characteristics

Cow or Heifer

- shows femininity about head, neck and shoulders
- well-developed, strongly attached, balanced udder with four evenly spaced and functioning teats

CONDITION

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- consider rate of gain, weight, muscle growth
- adequate, but not excess condition (fat covering)
- consider muscling and skeletal structure

MUSCLING


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Bull:

- well muscled over back, loin and rump

Cow or Heifer:

- shows good muscling in rear quarter


JUDGE'S EYE


bow legged



correct



cow hocked



rear leg: correct pastern set



rear leg: weak pastern

PARTS OF THE BEEF ANIMAL

