

# Dairy Calf and Heifer Score Card (Proposed)

## FORM

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*Attractive individuality and harmonious blending of parts, with the exception of feet and legs, is evaluated. Listed in priority order, the descriptions of the traits to be considered are as follows:*

**Style and Balance** - Harmonious blending of parts; proportionate height, length and depth. **Rump** – long and wide throughout with pin bones slightly lower than hip bones. Thurls wide apart and centrally placed between hip bones and pin bones. Tailhead set slightly above and neatly between pin bones. Tail free from coarseness. The vulva is nearly vertical.

**Back** – straight and strong; loin – broad, strong and nearly level; slight arch preferred.

**Front End** – adequate constitution with front legs straight, wide apart and squarely placed. Shoulder blades and elbows set firmly against the chest wall. The crops should have adequate fullness.

**Breed Characteristics** – clean cut head, broad muzzle with large, open nostrils, and strong jaw.

## DAIRY CHARACTER

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*Evidence of potential milking ability is evaluated. Major consideration should be given to general openness and angularity without weakness, flatness of bone, and freedom from coarseness. Listed in priority order, the descriptions of the traits to be considered are as follows:*

**Ribs** – wide apart. Rib bones wide, flat, deep, and slanted toward the rear.

**Thighs** – lean, incurving to flat and wide apart from the rear.

**Withers** – sharp with chine prominent.

**Neck** – long, lean and blending smoothly into shoulders; clean cut throat, dewlap, and brisket.

**Skin** – thin, loose and pliable.

*Allowance should be made for winter and fall yearlings to carry more condition as they approach calving.*

## FEET AND LEGS

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*Feet and rear legs are evaluated. Evidence of mobility is given major consideration. Listed in priority order, the descriptions of the traits to be considered are as follows:*

**Feet** – steep angle and deep heel with short, well rounded, closed toes.

### Rear Legs

- Rear View – straight, wide apart with feet squarely placed.
- Side View – moderate set (angle) to the hock.
- Hocks – cleanly molded, free from coarseness and puffiness with adequate flexibility.
- Bone – flat, clean with adequate substance.
- Pasterns – short, strong with some flexibility.

*Slightly more emphasis is placed on Feet than on Rear Legs when evaluating this breakdown.*

## SIZE

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*Growth, vigor and good health are evaluated. Major consideration should be given to height at the point of wither. The description of the trait to be considered is as follows:*

**Stature** – height including length in the leg bones with a long bone pattern throughout the body structure; height at withers and hips should be relatively proportionate.

**Barrel** – long, deep and wide; depth and spring of rib increasing toward the rear with a deep flank.

**Chest** – deep and wide floor with well sprung fore ribs blending into the shoulders.