



RWDCA CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM

1. STATURE

Measures height at the hips. For each 1" change from 56" (= 5 points) the point assignment shall change by 1

- 1 - Very short 50"
- 3 - Short 52"
- 5 - Intermediate height 54"
- 7 - Tall 56"
- 9 - Very tall 60"

2. STRENGTH (Chest & Body)

Measures chest depth and width, heart girth and bone mass in relation to the rest of the cow.

- 1 - Very narrow & frail
- 3 - Narrow & frail
- 5 - Intermediate width & strength
- 7 - Wide & strong
- 9 - Very wide & strong

3. BODY DEPTH

Measures overall depth primarily at the rib cage in relation to the rest of the cow.

- 1 - Extremely shallow
- 3 - Shallow
- 5 - Intermediate depth
- 7 - Deep
- 9 - Extremely deep

4. DAIRY FORM

Structure includes evidence of milking ability, including cleanness, sharpness, openness of rib, flatness of bone and length of neck.

- 1 - Very coarse & tight ribbed
- 3 - Coarse & tight ribbed
- 5 - Intermediate sharpness, openness & cleanness
- 7 - Sharp, open ribbed & clean cut
- 9 - Very sharp, open ribbed & clean cut

5. RUMP ANGLE (Side View)

Measures the degree of slope from hooks to pins.

- 1 - Pins higher than hooks - 2" reverse slope
- 3 - Pins level with hooks
- 5 - Slight slope from hooks to pins - 1" slope
- 7 - Moderate slope - 2" slope
- 9 - Extreme slope - 4" slope

6. THURL WIDTH

Measures the width of thurls in relation to the rest of the cow.

- 1 - Extremely narrow at thurls
- 3 - Slightly narrow at thurls
- 5 - Intermediate width at thurls
- 7 - Moderately wide at thurls
- 9 - Extremely wide at thurls

7. REAR LEGS (Rear View)

Scored as the animal walks or stands.

- 1 - Severe hocking in
- 4 - Considerable hocking in
- 6 - Moderate hocking in
- 8 - Straight tracking, parallel hind legs
- 9 - Slight hocking out

8. REAR LEGS (Side View)

Scores the amount of set of the leg.

- 2 - Extremely posty
- 4 - Nearly straight in hock
- 5 - Slight set in hock
- 7 - Moderate set in hock
- 9 - Extremely sickle hocked

DESCRIPTION OF LINEAR TYPE TRAITS

9. FOOT ANGLE

Measured on the first inch down from the hair line (30° = 1 point).

- 1 - Extremely low angle - 35°
- 3 - Moderately low angle - 40°
- 5 - Intermediate angle - 45°
- 7 - Moderately steep angle 50°
- 9 - Extremely steep angle - 55°

10. FORE UDDER ATTACHMENT

Measures strength of attachment of the fore udder to the body wall.

- 1 - Extremely loose, weak or broken
- 3 - Very loose, weak
- 5 - Strong attachment
- 7 - Very strongly attached
- 9 - Extremely tight & strongly attached

11. REAR UDDER HEIGHT

Measured at the top of the secretory tissue in relation to the midpoint of the pins and the point of the hock.

- 1 - Extremely low
- 3 - Low
- 5 - Intermediate height (2" above the midpoint)
- 7 - High
- 9 - Extremely high

12. REAR UDDER WIDTH

Measured at the top of the crease between the leg and udder.

- 1 - Extremely narrow - 4"
- 3 - Narrow - 5"
- 5 - Intermediate width - 6 1/2"
- 7 - Wide - 8"
- 9 - Extremely wide - 10"

13. UDDER CLEFT

Measures the depth of cleft of the udder (1/3" per point).

- 1 - Negative cleft, broken support
- 2 - Flat
- 3 - Slight cleft - 1/3"
- 5 - Defined halving & cleft - 1"
- 7 - Deep cleft - 1 2/3"
- 9 - Extremely deep cleft - 2 1/3"

14. UDDER DEPTH

Measured from the point of hock as viewed from the rear in relation to the floor of the udder (1" per point).

- 1 - Extremely deep - below hock - 2" below
- 3 - Level with the hock
- 5 - Slightly above hock - 2" above
- 7 - Floor well above hock - 4" above
- 9 - Extremely high - shallow - 6" above

15. TEAT PLACEMENT (Rear View)

Measures placement of front teats on the quarter.

- 1 - Base of front teats extremely wide
- 3 - Placement moderately toward outside (wide)
- 5 - Placement slightly toward outside
- 6 - Centrally placed
- 7 - Placement slight toward inside (close)
- 9 - Base of teats extremely close

16. TEAT LENGTH

From average of 2 1/4", a 3/4" change adjusts score 2 points.

- 1 - Extremely short - 3/4"
- 3 - Moderately short - 1 1/2"
- 5 - Intermediate length - 2"
- 7 - Moderately long - 3"
- 9 - Extremely long - 3 3/4"