

Dairy Cow Unified Body Characters

General Appearance

1. Stature- Height including moderate length in the leg bones with a long bone pattern throughout the body structure.
2. Front End- Adequate constitution with strength & dairy refinement.
3. Shoulder blades & elbow- Set firmly & smoothly against the chest wall & withers to form a smooth union with the neck & body.
4. Chest- Deep & full with ample width between front legs.
5. Back- straight & strong, Loin board, strong, & nearly level & rump long, wide & nearly level with pin bones slightly lowered than hip bones.
6. Thurls- High & Wide apart
7. Tail Head- Set nearly level with top line & with tail head & tail free from coarseness.
8. Legs & feet- Bone flat & strong.
9. Front Legs- Straight, Wide apart & squarely placed.
10. Hind Legs- Nearly perpendicular from hock to pastern from a side view and straight from a rear view.
11. Hocks- Cleanly molded & free from coarseness & puffiness.
12. Pasterns- Short & Strong with some flexibility.
13. Feet- Short & well rounded with deep heel & level sole.

Healthy Animal Characters

1. Moist muzzle
2. Shining skin.
3. Bright Eyes.
4. Active body movements.
5. Proper feeding and drinking water.
6. Proper rumination.
7. Proper consistency in dung quality, i.e. No watery portion, etc.

Milch Animal Characters

1. Wedge shape body.
2. Big udder size.
3. More space between hind limbs.
4. Proper attachment of Udder to the body.
5. Teat should be squarely placed.
6. All teats must be functioning properly.
7. Big prominent zig zag vein.
8. Front & hind ridges broad.
9. Udder maximum attached to front side.

Udder Characters

Strongly attached, well balanced with adequate capacity, possessing quality indicating heavy milk production for a longer period of usefulness.

1. Fore Udder - Strongly & smoothly attached, moderate length & uniform width from front to rear.
2. Rear Udder - Strongly attached high & wide with uniform width from top to bottom & slightly rounded to udder floor.
3. Udder Support - Udder carried snugly above the hocks showing a strong suspensory ligament with clearly defined halving.
4. Teats- Uniform size of medium length & diameter, cylindrical, squarely placed under each quarter, plumb, & well spaced from side & rear view.
5. Balance symmetry & Quality - Symmetrical with moderate length, width, & depth, no quartering on sides & level floor as viewed from side.