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PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT**

**SCORE CARD METHOD OF SELECTION
AND JUDGMENT OF ANIMAL**

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DAIRY COW SCORE CARD

Breed on order of observation	Perfect score	Cow A	Official Score	Cow B	Official Score
<p>•GENERAL APPEARANCE <i>Attractive individuality ,revealing vigor femininity with a harmonious blending and correlation of parts</i> <i>Impressive style and attractive carriage with a graceful walk</i></p> <p>•BREEDCHARACTERISTICS (see below)</p> <p>HEAD -medium in length clean -cut ; broad muzzle 12 with large open nostrils; le strong jaw ; full, bright eyes ; forehead broad between the eyes and. Moderately dished; bridge of nose straight early medium size and alertly carried.</p> <p>SHOULDER BLADES set smoothly against chest wall 10 and withers, forming neat junction with the body.</p> <p>BACK strong and appearing straight with vertebra well defined</p> <p>LOIN broad strong and nearly level. 10</p> <p>RUMP long ,wide; top –line level from loin to and including tail head.</p>	30				

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<p>HIPS wide approximately level laterally with back from excess tissue.</p> <p>THURLS wide apart.</p> <p>PIN BONES wide apart and slightly lower than hips, well defined.</p> <p>TAIL HEAD slightly above and neatly set between pin bones.</p> <p>TAIL long and tapering with nicely balanced switch. _____</p> <p>LEGS wide apart, squarely set, clean-cut and strong with fore legs straight. o8</p> <p>HINDLEGS nearly perpendicular from hock to pastern. When viewed from behind, legs wide apart and nearly straight bone, flat and flinty, tendons well defined. Pasterns, of medium length, strong and springy. Hocks cleanly molded.</p> <p>FEET short and well rounded with deep heel and level sole. _____</p>					

Dairy Character

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<p>2. DAIRY CHARACTER</p> <p><i>Animation, angularity, general openness, and freedom from excess tissue, giving due regard to period of lactation.</i></p> <p>NECK long and lean, blending smoothly into shoulders and brisket; clean cut throat and dewlap.</p> <p>WITHERS well defined and wedge shaped with the dorsal processes of the vertebrae rising slightly above the shoulder blades.</p> <p>RIBS wide apart. Rib bone wide flat and long. 20</p> <p>FLANK deep, arched and refined.</p> <p>THIGHS incurving to flat form the side; wide apart when viewed from the rear, providing sufficient room for the udder and its attachment.</p> <p>SKIN of medium thickness, loose, and pliable. Hair fine.</p>	20				

Body Capacity

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<p>Body Capacity <i>Relatively large in proportion to size of animal, providing ample digestive capacity, Strength and vigor.</i></p> <p>BARREL deep, strongly supported, ribs wide apart and well sprung; depth and width tending to increase toward rear of barrel. 12</p> <p>HEART GIRTH large, resulting form long, well sprung fore ribs, wide chest floor between front legs and fullness at the point of elbow. 08</p>	20				

Mammary System

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<p>Mammary System <i>A capacious, strongly attached, well carried udder of good quality, indicating heavy production and a long period of usefulness.</i></p> <p>UDDER – CAPACITY and SHAPE, long wide and of moderate depth. Extending well forward strongly attached reasonably level floor. Rear attachment, high and wide. Quarters evenly balanced and symmetrical. TEXTURE soft pliable and elastic, Well collapsed after milking.</p> <p>TEATS uniform, of convenient length and size, cylindrical in shape, free from obstructions, well apart and squarely placed, plumb.</p> <p>MAMMARY VEINS long, tortuous, prominent and branching, with numerous large wells. Veins on under numerous and clearly defined.</p>	<p>30</p>				
<p style="text-align: right;">Total</p>	<p>100</p>				

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