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Cough			
None		Coughs on movement	
Nasal discharge			
Normal serous discharge	Small amount of unilateral cloudy discharge	Bilateral, cloudy or excessive mucus discharge	Copious bilateral mucopurulent discharge
			
Eye scores			
Normal	Small amount of ocular discharge	Moderate amount of bilateral discharge	Heavy ocular discharge
			
Ear scores			
Normal	Ear flick or head shake	Slight unilateral droop	Head tilt or bilateral droop
			
Fecal scores			
Normal	Semi-formed, pasty	Loose, but stays on top of bedding	Watery, sifts through bedding
			
Nesting Score			
	1	2	3
	Forelimbs completely covered by bedding when calf lying down	Forelimbs partially visible when calf lying down	All of forelimbs visible when calf lying down

Udder Hygiene Scoring Guide



SCORE 1
Free of dirt

SCORE 2
Slightly dirty
2 – 10 % of surface area

SCORE 3
Moderately covered with dirt
10 – 30 % of surface area

SCORE 4
Covered with caked on dirt
>30% of surface area

Hock Scoring Guide



SCORE 1
No swelling.
No hair is missing.

SCORE 2
Mild swelling and/or
Bald area on the hock

SCORE 3
Swelling is evident or
Lesion through the hide

Lameness Scoring Guide

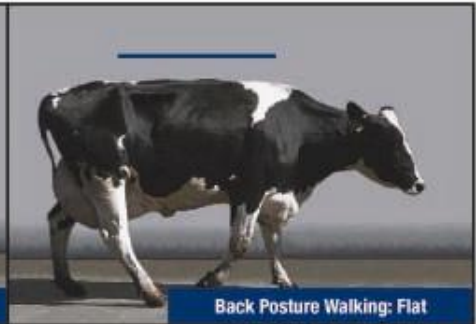
LAMENESS SCORE

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Clinical Description:

NORMAL

Description: Stands and walks normally with a level back. Makes long confident strides.



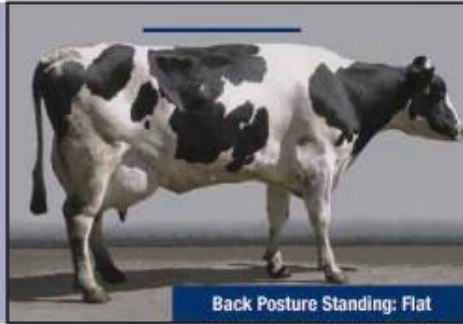
LAMENESS SCORE

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Clinical Description:

MILDLY LAME

Description: Stands with flat back, but arches when walks. Gait is slightly abnormal.



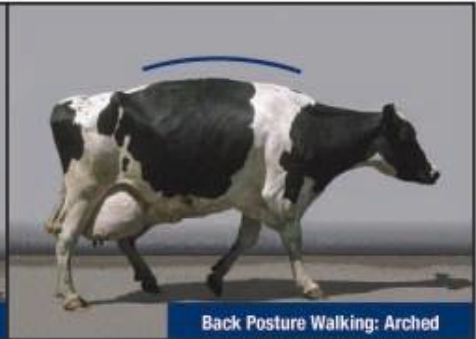
LAMENESS SCORE

1

Clinical Description:

MODERATELY LAME

Description: Stands and walks with an arched back and short strides with one or more legs. Slight sinking of dew-claws in limb opposite to the affected limb may be evident.



LAMENESS SCORE

1

Clinical Description:

LAME

Description: Arched back standing and walking. Favouring one or more limbs but can still bear some weight on them. Sinking of the dew-claws is evident in the limb opposite to the affected limb.



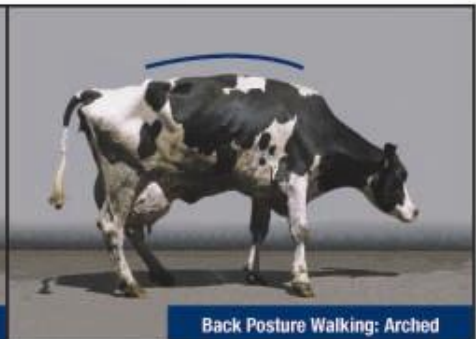
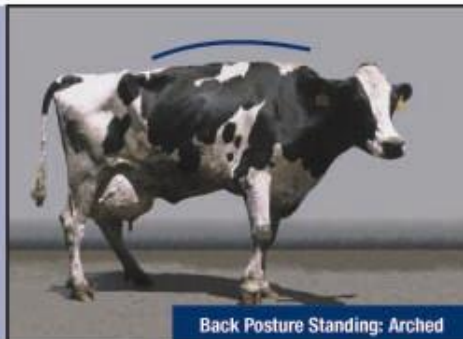
LAMENESS SCORE

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Clinical Description:

SEVERELY LAME

Description: Pronounced arching of back. Reluctant to move, with almost complete weight transfer off the affected limb.



Dairy Body Condition Score (BCS) Flow Chart

First view the pelvic area from the side.
Check line from hooks, to the thurl, to the pins.



U If the line forms a crescent or flattened **U** consider **BCS** \geq **3.25**.

View from behind.

V If the line forms a flattened **V** then **BCS** \leq **3.0**.



View from behind.

1 If sacral and tailhead ligaments visible **BCS** = **3.25**.



2 If sacral ligament visible and tailhead ligament barely visible **BCS** = **3.50**.



3 If sacral ligament barely visible and tailhead ligament not visible **BCS** = **3.75**. If sacral and tailhead ligament not visible **BCS** = **4.0**.



3 If pins angular **BCS** $<$ **2.75**.
If palpable fat pad on point of pins **BCS** = **2.50**.

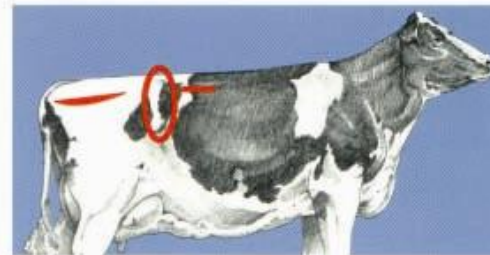


2 If hooks angular **BCS** $<$ **2.75**.
Check pins. If pins padded **BCS** = **2.75**.



1 If hooks rounded **BCS** = **3.0**.

4 If no fat pad on pins **BCS** $<$ **2.50**. View the short ribs. Look for corrugations along the top of short ribs as fat covering disappears. If corrugations visible 1/2 way between tip and spine of short ribs, **BCS** = **2.25**. If corrugations visible 3/4 way from tip to spine **BCS** = **2.0**. If thurl prominent and saw-toothed spine **BCS** $<$ **2.0**.



4 If thurl flat **BCS** $>$ **4.0**. If tip of short ribs barely visible **BCS** = **4.25**. If thurl flat and pins buried **BCS** = **4.5**. If hooks barely visible **BCS** = **4.75**. If all bony prominences well rounded **BCS** = **5.0**.

Water trough cleanliness

1. Clean trough, clean water – little evidence of feed, no film on walls or floor, water clear, easy to see trough bottom
2. Evidence of floating or submerged feed, film development on walls and floor, water clear
3. More floating or submerged feed that is decomposing, definite film on walls and floor, filamentous algae often with trapped gas bubbles, water clarity and quality affected



1.



2.



3.