

## Dairy Cow Score Card

### 1. General Appearance

Attractive individuality indicating femininity, vigour, strength, stretch, size, and stature; with harmonious blending and proportional balance of all parts, and impressive

carriage. Consider all parts of a cow in evaluating general appearance

**Perfect score 20**

### 2. Dairy Character

Evidence of milking ability, angularity, and general openness, without weakness; freedom from coarseness, giving due regard to stage of lactation

#### Head

clean cut; eyes large and bright; ears carried alertly; resulting in a head with Holstein Breed Character

#### Head

Long and lean, blending smoothly into shoulder; clean cut about the throat, dewlap, and brisket

#### Withers

well defined and wedge-shaped, with the dorsal processes of the vertebrae rising slightly above the shoulder blades

#### Ribs

wide apart; rib bones wide, flat, and long

#### Flanks

deep and refined

#### Thighs

incurving to flat from side view; from the rear view, wide apart, providing ample room for the udder and its rear attachment

#### Skin

loose and pliable. Hair fine

#### Udder

soft and pliable; free from excess tissue or edema

#### Bone

flat, strong, and clean cut

**Perfect score 14**

### 3. Capacity

Head with adequate strength and size; mid-section relatively large in proportion to size of animal, providing ample capacity, strength and vigour

#### Head

broad muzzle with large, open nostrils; jaws meeting properly; strong lower jaw; broad forehead

#### Shoulder Blades

set smoothly against chest wall and withers, forming neat junction with the body

#### Chest

wide floor, resulting in ample width between legs

#### Heart Girth

large and deep; full at elbows with well sprung fore ribs blending smoothly into the shoulders

#### Crops

well filled

#### Back

strong and straight, with vertebrae well defined

#### Loin

broad and slightly arched; vertebrae well defined; attachment to hip bones high and wide

#### Mid-section

long ribs highly and widely sprung, with depth and width tending to increase toward rear

**Perfect score 14**

