

BEEFMASTER BREEDERS UNITED STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

HEAD:

Male

1. Masculine, alert and proportionate to animal
2. Full muzzle
3. Nostrils wide and open
4. Good width between eyes

Female

1. Feminine and proportionate to animal showing refinement
2. Clean jaw and throat latch
3. Full muzzle
4. Nostrils wide and open

Discriminations:

- A. Long and narrow not proportionate to body or short and dished

NECK:

Male

1. Medium in length
2. Muscular, but neat, smooth attachment
3. Moderate crest, hump and clean dewlap development

Female

1. Moderately thin to thin, neat and blending smoothly in shoulders
2. Clean dewlap development

Discriminations:

- A. Thin neck in bulls
- B. Thick, coarse neck in cows
- C. Excessive or too large a crest in bulls

SHOULDERS & FOREARMS:

Male

1. Well muscled and masculine
2. Thickly muscled with definition of forearm muscling

Female

1. Smooth and moderately muscled, blending smoothly into rest of body
2. As viewed from side, should be slightly shallower in forequarter than rear quarter

Discriminations:

- A. Coarse, bold shoulders in either bulls or cows
- B. Excessive width or open shoulders in either bulls or cows

CHEST:

Male & Female

1. Full and wide chest floor

2. Full heart girth with ample capacity

Discriminations:

- A. Protruding and/or heavy brisket
- B. Pinched or narrow heart girth
- C. Narrow chest floor

BACK & RIBS:

Male & Female

1. An abundance of natural thickness down top
2. Turn down top
3. Ribs well sprung from backbone (well arched with good length to give good depth of body and capacity)

Discriminations:

- A. Short middle or short coupling
- B. Tight ribs and middle giving appearance of a barrel belly
- C. Flat ribbed, no outward curve
- D. Weak or slack top
- E. Hump back

HINDQUARTERS:

Male & Female

1. Tail head smoothly attached
2. Rump long, naturally thick, level and square from hooks to pins

Discriminations:

- A. Sloping rump from hooks to pins
- B. Extremely rounded or "Apple-Butted"
- C. Tapering (or narrowing) from hooks to pins

ROUND & TWIST:

Male

1. Thick and deep, meeting well down to the hocks
2. Long with well developed stifle; muscle extending well into flank

Female

1. Moderate to moderately heavy muscled but most important, smoothly muscled
2. Deep and full

Discriminations:

- A. Shallow round or twist lacking natural thickness
- B. Excessive muscling in cows and/or coarseness (any indication of double muscling in either)

SHEATH & NAVEL:

Male & Female

1. Sheath be of moderate size in bulls
2. Evidence of a definite navel in cows

Discriminations:

- A. Long pendulous sheath
- B. Lacking sheath in bulls
- C. No evidence of navel in cows

UDDER:

1. Showing ample capacity
2. High attachment - extending forward and upward in rear
3. Four teats moderate in size and placed proportionately on all four quarters of the udder

Discriminations:

- A. Pendulous udder
- B. Fleshy udder
- C. Large or uneven teats
- D. Small, underdeveloped udder

TESTICLES:

1. Well developed and proportionate in size

Discriminations:

- A. Small or underdeveloped testicles

LEGS:

Male & Female

1. Length proportionate to animal
2. Well boned or heavy boned
3. Straight and correctly placed

Discriminations:

- A. Crooked front legs
- B. Slipping of pastern

- C. Excessive set to hocks (cow hocked)
- D. Post-legged - absence of any set of hocks
- E. Fine bone

GENERAL:

1. Hide - loose, pliable
2. Cows feminine, regular calving
3. Bulls masculine, virile, high libido
4. Disposition - mild, tractable
5. Size – large and growthy for age – fast gaining
definite consideration will be given to environmental conditions under which animals have been raised
6. Hair (dependent on environment) short straight, slick coat
7. Proper Beefmaster breed character (desirable blending of the Bos indicus and Bos Taurus from which derived)

Discriminations:

- A. Nervous and/or mean disposition
- B. Genetically small for age
- C. Tight hide, excessive skin folds, sheath, navel flap
- D. Lack of masculinity and/or virility in Bulls

Disqualifications:

1. Any extreme manifestations of discriminations listed above, or combinations of discriminations, that will be a definite detriment to our breed improvement
2. Inherited deformities that occur in Bovine, such as Hernia, Cryptochid (one descending testicle), wry nose, wry tail, double muscling, malformed genitalia, undershot and overshot jaw, dwarfism, freemartin heifers, etc.

