Evaluating BEEFMASTER Cattle

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1. Muzzle
2. Face
3. Forehead
4. Poll
5. Throat
6. Dewlap
7. Brisket
8. Neck
9. Point of Shoulder
10. Shoulder
11. Top of Shoulder
12. Elbow
13. Forearm
14. Knee
15. Cannon
16. Dewclaw
17. Hoof
18. Lower Forerib, Fore Flank
19. Forerib
20. Back or Top
21. Rib
22. Loin
23. Hook or Hip
24. Rump
25. Pin Bone
26. Tailhead
27. Quarter
28. Stifle
29. Rear Flank
30. Switch
31. Hock
32. Pastern
33. Udder (Cow, Heifer)
   Cod (Steer)
   Scrotum (Bull)
Feet & Leg Placement - Front Leg Set

Correct
Over at the Knee (Buck Kneed)
Back at the Knee (Calf Kneed)
Weak Pasterns
Bowlegged
Knocked-Kneed
Correct
Splayfooted (Toed Out)
Pigeon-Toed (Toed In)

Feet & Leg Placement - Rear Leg Set

Extremely Straight (Posty)
Correct
Extremely Curved (Sickled)
Bowlegged
Correct
Cow Hocked

Foot & Leg Placement Diagrams provided by South Dakota State University’s College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences Department of Animal & Range Sciences

Terminology for Cattle Judging on Back of Brochure.
## Terminology for Judging Cattle

### Advantages

**General**
- Stouter/Stouter Constructed; Nicer Balanced; Growthy/Growthier; Leveler Topped and Hipped; Eye Appealing; More Dimensional; and Cleaner Chested and Fronted

**Muscle**
- Heavier Muscled; Thicker Topped; Wider Tracking; Deeper Quartered; More Muscular Expression Loin/Rump/Stifle/Quarter; Wider Based; Square Hip; Square from Hooks to Pins; and Set Wider at Pins

**Structure**
- More Desirable Slope of Shoulder; More Angle to Shoulder; More Structurally Correct; Easier Moving; Freer on the Move; Square on Feet and Legs; More Athletic on the Move; More Flex off - Hocks/Pasterns/Both Ends; and Better Fills their Track on the Move

**Frame**
- Larger Framed; Smaller Framed; More Future Growth and Outcome; and Moderate Frame

**Volume & Capacity**
- Bolder/Wider Sprung - More Outwards Slope to Rib; More Spring of Fore Rib; Deeper Ribbed; Higher Volume; Deeper through Rear Rib of Flank; Wider Based; and Bigger Ribbed

**Condition**
- Easier Fleshing; Freer of Fat through the Lower 1/3; Trimmer through Brisket/Flank/Udder; More Desirable Condition; and Softer Appearing

### Criticisms

**General**
- Needs More Size; Poorly Balanced; Lacks Growth; Weak Topped; Less Eye Appealing; Deep Chested; and High Flanked

**Muscle**
- Light Muscled; Narrow Topped; Narrow Tracking; Shallow Quartered; Narrows from Hooks to Pins; and Set Narrow at Pins

**Structure**
- Straight Shoulder; Structurally Incorrect; Restricted in Movement; Tight Hip; and Short Strided

**Frame**
- Smaller Framed; Larger Framed; and Lacks Growth, Less Outcome

**Volume & Capacity**
- Narrower Made; Flatter Ribbed; Less Volume; and Narrower Based

**Condition**
- Harder Fleshing; Wastier; Excessive Degree of Condition; Wasty through Brisket/Flank/Udder; and Less Condition

### Breeding Cattle

**Heifers**
- More Feminine; More Feminine through her Head, Neck and Shoulder; Smoother Blending through her Front End; Blends Smoother from Shoulder to Fore Ribs; and Cleaner in Navel or Underline

**Bulls**
- More Masculine; Tighter Sheath; More Testicular Development; More Powerful; Stouter; More Desirable Scrotal Shape; and More Correct Angle to Underline

### Breeding Cattle

**Heifers**
- Coarse Fronted; Short Necked; Wastier Navel; Wasty Fronted; Round Shouldered; and Thicker Necked

**Bulls**
- Refined; Loose Sheath; Less Testicular Development; Twisted Testicle; Pendulous Sheath; Wastier Sheath; Finer Boned; Small Footed; and Short Necked