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# ASSESSOR REFERENCE CARD

## SLAUGHTER CATTLE *(Current as at April 2015)*

### STOCK CATEGORY

| Stock Category   | Dentition/Comments  |
|--|---|
| Calf   | Any sex   |
| Vealer   | Any sex. Still on cow until delivery, no permanent incisors<br>Use for Slaughter Stock.       |
| Weaner   | Any sex. No permanent incisors, further defined as<br>Weaned or Unweaned. Use for Store Stock |
| Yearling   | Any sex. No permanent incisors  |
| Steer  | Castrated male, 1 or more permanent incisors  |
| Heifer   | Female, 1 but no more than 7 permanent incisors   |
| Steers & Heifers   | Mixed sex, 1 or more permanent incisors   |
| Cow  | Female, 8 permanent incisors  |
| Cows & Calves  | Females with calves at foot   |
| Bull   | Entire Male, 1 or more permanent incisors   |
| Manufacturing  | Mixed sex manufacturing cattle  |
| <i>Note: Use the Stock Category appropriate for the oldest cattle in the lot</i> |   |

*Note: When using dressed weight use 20kg increments with 40kg increments for liveweight*

### STANDARD DRESSED WEIGHT RANGES

| Class | Weight kg | Class | Weight kg |
|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 4     | Below 40  | 24    | 220-240   |
| 7     | 40-70     | 26    | 240-260   |
| 9     | 70-90     | 28    | 260-280   |
| 11    | 90-110    | 30    | 280-300   |
| 13    | 110-130   | 32    | 300-320   |
| 15    | 130-150   | 34    | 320-340   |
| 16*   | 150-160   | 36    | 340-360   |
| 18    | 160-180   | 38    | 360-380   |
| 20    | 180-200   | 40    | 380-400   |
| 22    | 200-220   | 42    | Over 400  |

*\*Note: Weight Class (16) 10kg only*

### FAT SCORES

| Fat Score | Fat Depth (P8 Site) | Fat Score | Fat Depth (P8 Site) |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1         | 0-2 mm              | 4         | 13-22 mm            |
| 2         | 3-6 mm              | 5         | 23-32 mm            |
| 3         | 7-12 mm             | 6         | 32 mm plus          |

### FAT SCORE SUBDIVISION

|    |        |    |          |    |            |
|----|--------|----|----------|----|------------|
| 1  | 0-2 mm | 3H | 10-12 mm | 5H | 28-32 mm   |
| 2L | 3-4 mm | 4L | 13-17 mm | 6L | 33-42 mm   |
| 2H | 5-6 mm | 4H | 18-22 mm | 6H | 43 mm plus |
| 3L | 7-9 mm | 5L | 23-27 mm |    |            |

### FAT DISTRIBUTION

Even  
Slightly uneven  
Uneven

*Note: Fat distribution is for individual animal*

### SEX CODE

Steer  
Heifer  
Mixed Sex (Nominate number of each sex)  
Bull

### SALE TYPES

H \$ per head  
L c per kg liveweight  
C c per kg carcase weight

### TEMPERAMENT

Quiet  
Slightly stirry (OK in mob)  
Stirry (difficult to handle)  
*Note: Enter percentages*

### CARCASE QUALITY GRADE

HQ1 High quality 1st grade  
GAQ Good average quality 1st grade  
FAQ Fair average quality 2nd grade  
3MX 3rd grade manufacturing  
CNR Canner

**DRESSING %**

**MAJOR FACTORS AFFECTING DRESSING PERCENTAGE**

Cattle lose liveweight quickly in the first few hours (approximately 7% in the first 12 hours), then the rate of loss gradually decreases.

Carcase weight is not greatly affected for at least 48 hours.

*Example only*

|        | LWT | HSCW | D% |
|--------|-----|------|----|
| 0 hrs  | 400 | 200  | 50 |
| 3 hrs  | 390 | 200  | 52 |
| 12 hrs | 372 | 200  | 54 |
| 24 hrs | 367 | 200  | 55 |

*Note: Above dressing percentages are rounded off.*

**STOCK HISTORY**

Where bred—if purchased, nominate district of origin

**GRAZING CONDITIONS**

Nominate prior to and following assessment.

Nominate grain fed, no. of days on lot at assessment.

**MUSCLE SCORE**

|   |       |   |     |
|---|-------|---|-----|
| A | V.HVY | D | MOD |
| B | HVY   | E | LGT |
| C | MED   |   |     |

*Enter percentages.*

**MUSCLE SCORES**

| A<br>VERY HEAVY<br>MUSCLE | B<br>HEAVY MUSCLE | C<br>MEDIUM MUSCLE | D<br>MODERATE MUSCLE | E<br>LIGHT MUSCLE |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                           |                   |                    |                      |                   |
|                           |                   |                    |                      |                   |
|                           |                   |                    |                      |                   |

**JOINING DETAILS**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Not Station Mated | No deliberate access to bulls. Include any ChanceMating details   |
| Station Mated     | Had access to bulls for a joining period. Include whether continuously joined or nominate joining dates, and bull breed/s |
| AI                | Artificially Inseminated. Include date and bull details   |
| Pregnancy Testing | Include details on who tested, date and number  |

**HEALTH/VET TREATMENTS**

Include details on individual products and date administered. Note if cattle are within a Withholding Period or Export Slaughter Interval

**LIVEWEIGHT GAIN OR LOSS**

Enter anticipated weight gain or loss following delivery, in kg/day

**LIVEWEIGHT DELIVERY ADJUSTMENT %**

Adjustment % required to allow for a curfewed weight at delivery when this varies from hours off feed at assessment.

**ASSESSOR COMMENTS**

Should include: carcass quality, muscling, fat distribution (even or uneven), breeding, temperament, and market suitability.