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# ASSESSOR REFERENCE CARD

## STORE 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 Use for Slaughter Stock.
Weaner	Any sex. No permanent incisors, further defined as 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
<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 LIVELWEIGHT WEIGHT RANGES

Class	Weight kg	Class	Weight kg
4	Below 80	24	440-480
7	80-140	26	480-520
9	140-180	28	520-560
11	180-220	30	560-600
13	220-260	32	600-640
15	260-300	34	640-680
16*	300-320	36	680-720
18	320-360	38	720-760
20	360-400	40	760-800
22	400-440	42	Over 800

*\*Note: Weight Class 16 20kg 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		

### HEALTH/VET TREATMENTS

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

### 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 carcass weight

### TEMPERAMENT

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

### 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.

**STORE STOCK QUALITY**

Should not be confused with condition - relates to the quality of the line being assessed.

**EXCELLENT** Top sires used, with high standards of selection and management, ie the very small percentage of REALLY first class stock.

**VERY GOOD** Quality sires used. Medium to heavy bone. Structurally sound. Strict selection criteria used. Will realise full potential.

**GOOD** Exhibiting some better characteristics of the breed, and showing evidence of some reasonable selection practices. Medium bone.

**FAIR** Limited potential. Lacking better characteristics of the breed. Light bone structure.

**PLAIN** Very poor quality, with structural or conformation faults. Limited future growth and fattening potential. Very light bone structure.

**STORE CONDITION DESCRIPTION**

Store stock condition scoring is given to expand the description.

**FORWARD TO PRIME** Fully cleaned up in coat; large percentage of line killable. High development of muscle.

**FORWARD STORE** Rising in condition/nutrition. Very light fat cover. Showing muscle potential. Cleaned up in coat.

**STORE** Nil to very light fat cover; bone structure just visible. Beginning to clean up in coat. Some filling out of muscle.

**BACKWARD STORE** Low but strong condition, nil fat, bone structure clearly visible; dry coat, sufficient strength to travel reasonable distances.

**POOR** Very low condition, nil fat; bone structure clearly visible; dry coat, sufficient strength to travel reasonable distances.

**FRAME**

*Relative to Breed and Age*

Very Large

Large

Medium

Small

**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 in calf

**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: Pregnancy status, breeding, temperament/handling, rising/falling nutrition, health, any problems with feet/udders/eyes etc, growth and anticipated market potential.

**MUSCLE SCORE**

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

*Enter percentages.*

**MUSCLE SCORES**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>VERY HEAVY MUSCLE</b>	<b>HEAVY MUSCLE</b>	<b>MEDIUM MUSCLE</b>	<b>MODERATE MUSCLE</b>	<b>LIGHT MUSCLE</b>
				
				