

# IBMS Breeding Services Type and Structural Assessment

All the bulls catalogued for this sale have been inspected and assessed on the IBMS Type/Structure system, by Dick Whale. They were all considered acceptable for structural soundness and muscling. If any potential buyers wish to discuss any of the bulls prior to the sale, please contact Dick on (0427 697968), or talked to him at the sale.

## Structural Soundness Traits

**Feet** – Evaluation of front and rear feet, with 25 being ideal. Scores lower than 25 exhibit some scissor claw in the feet. Scores greater than 25 are open clawed.

**Rear Leg Set** – Evaluation of rear leg set with 25 being ideal. Scores greater than 25 tend towards being sickle hocked, less than 25 post legged.

**Feet and Pasterns** – Evaluation of the length and strength of the pastern and foot angle. Scores greater than 25 indicate stronger pasterns with more heel depth.

## Descriptive Traits

**Stature** – Evaluation of bulls for maturity pattern and frame size. A stature score of 25 is average. This score may be influenced by age of dam, nutrition, etc. Scores greater than 25 are generally larger framed latter maturing cattle.

**Capacity** – Evaluation combines the depth of rib, spring of rib, and chest floor width. Scores greater than 35 indicate bulls with greater capacity.

**Body Length** – Evaluation of body length from point of shoulder to pin bone. Scores greater than 25 indicate longer body length.

**Muscle Score** – Is the muscularity of the bull devoid of subcutaneous fat. Higher scores indicate animals with higher yield attributes.

Scores : 25 = C- muscle

30 = C

35 = C+

40 = B-

45 = B

50 = B+

**Doability** – is the ability of an animal to deposit fat in the fat depots of the body, relative to their peers under a common management regime.

**Sheath Score** - 5 is a bull with a tight sheath.

1 is a bull with a very pendulous sheath.

**Grade** – 1 = Cull, 2 = Just, 3 = Below Average, 4 = Average, 5 = Above Average, 6 & Higher = Best Bulls