

# ASSESSOR REFERENCE CARD

## SLAUGHTER CATTLE *(Current as at July 2018)*

### 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
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 carcass weight

### TEMPERAMENT

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

### CARCASS 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.*

**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

**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: carcase quality, muscling, fat distribution (even or uneven), breeding, temperament, and market suitability.

**MUSCLE SCORES**

