

Animal Care

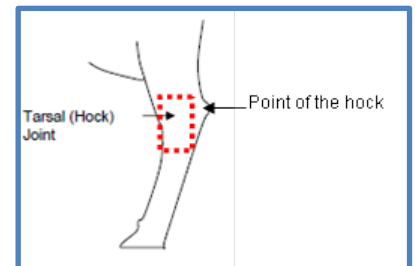


Quick Guide to Hock, Knee and Neck Scoring

Hock Scoring

Condition of the hocks can be an important indicator of the abrasiveness of the resting surface, stall design, and cow comfort.

Score only the tarsal joint but not the point of the hock.



Knee Scoring

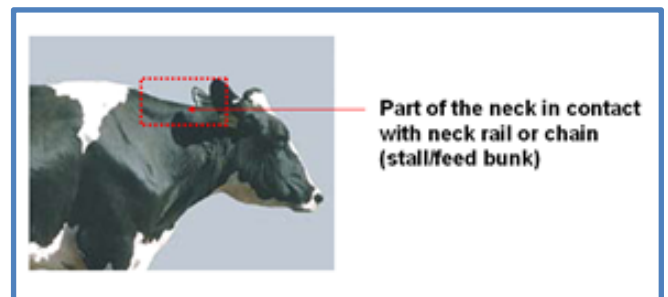
Condition of the knees is an important indicator of cow comfort and the hardness of the resting surface floor.

Score only the front of the knee (i.e. carpal joint).

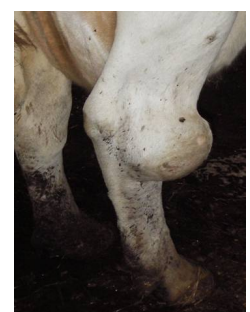
Neck Scoring

Condition of the neck is an important indicator of whether the feed bunk/neck rail/chain is at the correct height/length and that the feed is consistently within easy reach for the animal.

Score only the neck crest (ears to withers).



Hock Scoring Chart:



0 = No swelling.
No hair is missing,
some hair loss or
broken hair.

1 = No swelling or minor
swelling (< 1 cm).
Bald area on hock.





2 = Medium swelling (1 to 2.5 cm)
and/or lesion **or** scab on bald area.

3 = Major swelling
(> 2.5 cm). May have
bald area/lesion.




Score 'A' Acceptable

Score 'R' Requires corrective action

Knee Scoring Chart:

Score 'A' Acceptable	
<p>0 = No swelling. No hair is missing, some hair loss or broken hair.</p> 	<p>1 = No swelling. Bald area.</p> 
Score 'R' Requires corrective action	
<p>2 = Broken skin or scab and/or swelling (< 2.5 cm). May have bald area.</p> 	<p>3 = Major swelling (≥ 2.5 cm). May have bald area/lesion.</p> 

Neck Scoring Chart:

Score 'A' Acceptable	Score 'R' Requires corrective action
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>0 = No swelling. No hair is missing, some hair loss or broken hair.</p> <p>1 = No swelling. Bald area visible.</p>	 <p>2 = Broken skin or scab and/or swelling. May have bald area.</p>