Dairy Cattle Judging – Cows

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Evaluating Udder Traits

1. Which cow’s udder is highest above the hocks? ____ Which cow’s udder is near or below the hocks? ____
2. Which cow has the most capacious udder? ____ Which cow has the least capacious udder? ____
3. Which cow has the most centrally placed front teats? ____ Which cow has the widest front teat placement? ____
4. Which cow has the highest R.U. attachment? ____ Which cow has the lowest R.U. attachment? ____
5. Which cow has the widest R.U. attachment? ____ Which cow has the narrowest R.U. attachment? ____
6. Which cow has the deepest udder cleft? ____ Which cows are lacking in udder cleft (crease)? ______
7. Which cow has the tightest, strongest F.U. attachment? ____ Do any cows have a loose or bulgy F.U. attachment? ____
8. Which cow has the most nearly correct teat size and shape? ____ Which cow has the least desirable teat size and shape? ____
9. Which cow is more nearly level on the floor of the udder? ______ Which cows are not level on the udder floor? ____ Do any of the cows have a reverse tilt? ____
10. Do any of the cows have an unbalanced udder? ____ Which one(s)? ______ Describe _________________________

Place the cows on Udder: 1st  2nd  3rd  4th

Evaluating Dairy Strength

1. Which cow has the longest body and most open in her ribbing? ____ Which cow is short and most compact in her ribbing? ____
2. Which cow has the most width and strength through the front end? ____ Are any cows narrow and weak in the chest? ____
3. Which cow has the most well sprung fore ribs? ____ Are any cows not deep in the flank? ____
4. Which cow is cleaner cut and most incurving in the thigh region? ____ Which cow is thickest and roundest in the thigh region? ____
5. Which cow is sharpest at the point of withers? ____ Which cow is rounded over at the point of withers? ____
6. Which cow has the longest, leanest neck? ____ Do any cows have a short, thick, beefy looking neck? ____
7. Which cow is the most prominent in the hips, pins and thurls? ____ Which cow is carrying the most condition in these areas? ____
8. Which cow appears the thickest, most over conditioned throughout? ____

Place the cows on Dairy Character: 1st  2nd  3rd  4th

Evaluating Frame Traits

1. Which cow has the longest, widest rump? ____ Do any of the cows lack length or width of rump? ______
2. Which cow has the most nearly correct rump (pins slightly lower than hips)? ____ Are any of the cows too high in the pins? ____ Are any of the cows too low in the pins? ____
3. Which cow has the most stature (tallest at the withers or rump)? ____ Rank the rest of the cows on stature: 2nd  3rd  4th
4. Which cow blends most smoothly and tightly through the shoulders and front end? ____ Are any cows loose or open at the point of shoulder or elbow? __________
5. Which cow has the straightest, strongest back (chine and loin)? ____ Are any cows weak in the loin? ____ In the chine? ____
6. Should any cows be penalized for lacking in breed character? ____ If so, why? _____________

Place the cows on Frame: 1st  2nd  3rd  4th

Evaluating Feet & Legs

1. Which cow has the deepest heel and shortest toe? ____ Which cow has the shallowest heel and longest toe? ____
2. Do any cows have weak pasterns? ____ Do any cows toe out on their front legs? ______
3. Which cow walks and stands straightest ahead on her rear legs? ____ Are any “cow hocked” on their rear legs? ____
4. Which cow has the most nearly correct set to her rear leg? ____ Do any cows have legs that are too straight or “posty”? ____
5. Do any cows have legs that are too set (crooked or sickled)? ____
6. Do any cows appear to have problems with “mobility” (ease of movement)? ____ If so, describe: __________
7. Do any cows have swollen or bruised hocks? ____ Describe: ____________

Place the cows on Feet & Legs: 1st  2nd  3rd  4th

Final Placing for the class: 1st  2nd  3rd  4th