

HOLSTEIN LINEAR CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM

Stature: measured at the point midway between back bone and hip

50	60"
45	59" Extremely tall
40	58"
35	57" Tall
30	56"
25	55" Intermediate
20	54"
15	53" Short
10	52"
5	51" Extremely short
1	50"

Dairy Form: openness and slant of rib; thinness of thigh and tail, length of neck, and flatness of bone

50	
45	Extremely open
40	
35	Open
30	
25	Intermediate
20	
15	Tight
10	
5	Extremely tight
1	

Rear Legs, Side View: angle to hock joint; set to rear hock

50	
45	Extremely sickled in hock
40	
35	Slightly sickle hocked
30	
25	Intermediate set in hock
20	
15	Neatly straight in hock
10	
5	Posty and straight legged
1	

Rear Udder Height: distance between the base of the vulva and where the secretory tissue begins

50	(<7")
45	Extremely high (- 7")
40	(- 8")
35	Very high (- 9")
30	
25	Intermediate height
20	
15	Low (- 12")
10	
5	Extremely low
1	(>14")

Udder Depth: lowest point of udder floor relative to hock

50	7" or more above hock
45	6" above hock; Shallow udder
40	5" above hock
35	4" above hock: udder floor well above hocks
30	3" above hock
25	2" above hock; Udder floor above hocks
20	1" above hock
15	Udder floor at point of hocks
10	1" below hock
5	2" below hock; Very deep udder well below hocks
1	3" or more below hock

Strength: width of chest, width of muzzle, substance of bone in the front end.

50	
45	Extremely strong & wide
40	
35	Very strong
30	
25	Intermediate strength and width
20	
15	Narrow and frail
10	
5	Extremely narrow and frail
1	

Rump Angle: slope from hooks (hips) to pins

50	
45	Extremely sloped from hooks to pins
40	
35	Moderate slope
30	
25	Slight slope, hooks to pins
20	Level from hooks to pins
15	Pins slightly higher than hooks
10	
5	Pins clearly higher than hooks
1	

Foot Angle: angle of hoof or toes to ground

50	
45	Extremely steep foot angle
40	
35	Steep angle
30	
25	Intermediate angle 45°
20	
15	Low angle
10	
5	Extremely low angle
1	

Rear Udder Width: distance between lateral ligament attachments

50	8"
45	7 1/2" Extremely wide
40	7"
35	6 1/2" Very wide
30	6"
25	5 1/2" Intermediate width
20	5"
15	4 1/2" Narrow
10	4"
5	3 1/2" Extremely narrow
1	3"

Front Teat Placement

50	
45	Extremely close, base of teats on inside quarter
40	
35	Placement on inside of quarter
30	
25	Centrally placed on udder
20	
15	Placement toward outside of quarter
10	
5	Extremely wide, placement is on outside of quarter
1	

Body Depth: depth of rear rib

50	
45	Extremely deep body
40	
35	Deep body
30	
25	Intermediate in body depth
20	
15	Shallow body
10	
5	Extremely shallow body
1	

Rump Width inside measurement between the pin bones.

50	7.0" and above
45	6.5"
40	6.0"
35	5.5"
30	5.0"
25	4.5"
20	4.0"
15	3.5"
10	3.0"
5	2.5"
1	2.0" and below

Fore Udder Attachment

50	
45	Extremely snug and strong attachment
40	
35	Very strong attachment
30	
25	Intermediately strong attachment
20	
15	Loose attachment
10	
5	Extremely loose attachment
1	

Udder Cleft: depth of medial cleft at the lower point of the udder

50	(- 2 3/4")
45	Extremely strong
40	(- 2")
35	Strong
30	(- 1 1/2")
25	Intermediate (- 1 1/4")
20	
15	Weak
10	
5	Extremely weak
1	

Teat Length

50	3 1/2"
45	3 1/4" Extremely long
40	3"
35	2 3/4" Long
30	2 1/2"
25	2 1/4" Intermediate
20	2"
15	1 3/4" Short
10	1 1/2"
5	1 1/4" Extremely short
1	1"