

# BEEFMASTER BREEDERS UNITED STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

## HEAD:

### Male

1. Masculine, alert and proportionate to animal
2. Full muzzle
3. Nostrils wide and open
4. Good width between eyes

### Female

1. Feminine and proportionate to animal showing refinement
2. Clean jaw and throat latch
3. Full muzzle
4. Nostrils wide and open

#### Discriminations:

- A. Long and narrow not proportionate to body or short and dished

## NECK:

### Male

1. Medium in length
2. Muscular, but neat, smooth attachment
3. Moderate crest, hump and dewlap development

### Female

1. Moderately thin to thin, neat and blending smoothly in shoulders
2. Moderate dewlap development

#### Discriminations:

- A. Thin neck in bulls
- B. Thick, coarse neck in cows
- C. Excessive or too large a crest in bulls
- D. Lack of dewlap

## SHOULDERS & FOREARMS:

### Male

1. Well muscled, massive, masculine
2. Thickly muscled with definition of forearm muscling

### Female

1. Smooth and moderately muscled, blending smoothly into rest of body
2. As viewed from side, should be slightly shallower in forequarter than rear quarter

## CHEST:

### Male & Female

1. Full and wide chest floor
2. Full heart girth with ample capacity

#### Discriminations:

- A. Protruding and/or heavy brisket

B. Pinched or narrow heart girth

C. Narrow chest floor

## BACK & RIBS:

### Male & Female

1. An abundance of natural thickness down top
2. Turn down top
3. Ribs well sprung from backbone (well arched with good length to give good depth of body and capacity)

#### Discriminations:

- A. Short middle or short coupling
- B. Tight ribs and middle giving appearance of a barrel belly
- C. Weak or slack top
- D. Hump back

## HINDQUARTERS:

### Male & Female

1. Tail head smoothly attached
2. Rump long, naturally thick, moderate slope from hooks to pins

#### Discriminations:

- A. Extremely sloping rump
- B. Extremely rounded or "Apple-Butted"
- C. Completely level or flat rump, in females, indicating excessive fat deposits around reproductive organs

## ROUND & TWIST:

### Male

1. Thick and deep, meeting well down to the hocks
2. Long with well developed stifle; muscle extending well into flank

### Female

1. Moderate to moderately heavy muscled but most important, smoothly muscled
2. Deep and full

#### Discriminations:

- A. Shallow round or twist lacking natural thickness
- B. Excessive muscling in cows and/or coarseness (any indication of double muscling in either)

## SHEATH & NAVEL:

### Male & Female

1. Sheath be of moderate size in bulls
2. Evidence of a definite navel in cows

#### Discriminations:

- A. Long pendulous sheath
- B. Lacking sheath in bulls
- C. No evidence of navel in cows

**UDDER:**

1. Showing ample capacity
2. High attachment - extending forward and upward in rear
3. Four teats moderate in size and placed proportionately under the udder

## Discriminations:

- A. Pendulous udder
- B. Fleshy udder
- C. Large or uneven teats

**TESTICLES:**

1. Well developed and proportionate in size

## Discriminations:

- A. Small or underdeveloped testicles

**LEGS:**

## Male &amp; Female

1. Length proportionate to animal
2. Well boned or heavy boned
3. Straight and correctly placed

## Discriminations:

- A. Crooked front legs
- B. Slipping of pastern
- C. Excessive set to hocks (cow hocked)
- D. Post-legged - absence of any set of hocks
- E. Fine bone

**GENERAL:**

1. Hide - loose, pliable
2. Cows feminine, regular calving
3. Bulls masculine, virile, high libido
4. Disposition - mild, tractable
5. Size – large and growthy for age – fast gaining  
definite consideration will be given to environmental conditions under which animals have been raised
6. Hair (dependent on environment) short straight, slick coat
7. Proper Beefmaster breed character (desirable blending of the Bos indicus and Bos Taurus from which derived)

## Discriminations:

- A. Nervous and/or mean disposition
- B. Genetically small for age
- C. Tight hide, excessive skin folds, sheath, navel flap
- D. Lack of masculinity and/or virility in Bulls

## Disqualifications:

1. Any extreme manifestations of discriminations listed above, or combinations of discriminations, that will be a definite detriment to our breed improvement
2. Inherited deformities that occur in Bovine, such as Hernia, Cryptorchid (one descending testicle), wry nose, wry tail, double muscling, malformed genitalia, undershot and overshot jaw, dwarfism, freemartin heifers, etc.

