# Calf Health Scoring Guide

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<td>Coughs on movement</td>
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<td><strong>Nasal discharge</strong></td>
<td>Normal serous discharge</td>
<td>Small amount of unilateral cloudy discharge</td>
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<td><strong>Eye scores</strong></td>
<td>Normal</td>
<td>Small amount of ocular discharge</td>
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<td>Normal</td>
<td>Ear flick or head shake</td>
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<td><strong>Fecal scores</strong></td>
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<td>Semi-formed, pasty</td>
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<td><strong>Nesting Score</strong></td>
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<td>Forelimbs completely covered by bedding when calf lying down</td>
<td>Forelimbs partially visible when calf lying down</td>
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Udder Hygiene Scoring Guide

SCORE 1
Free of dirt

SCORE 2
Slightly dirty
2 – 10 % of surface area

SCORE 3
Moderately covered with dirt
10 – 30 % of surface area

SCORE 4
Covered with caked on dirt
>30% of surface area

Hock Scoring Guide

SCORE 1
No swelling.
No hair is missing.

SCORE 2
Mild swelling and/or
Bald area on the hock

SCORE 3
Swelling is evident or
Lesion through the hide
Lameness Scoring Guide

**LAMENESS SCORE 0**

Clinical Description:

NORMAL

Description: Stands and walks normally with a level back. Makes long confident strides.

Back Posture Standing: Flat
Back Posture Walking: Flat

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**LAMENESS SCORE 0**

Clinical Description:

MILDLY LAME

Description: Stands with flat back, but arches when walks. Gait is slightly abnormal.

Back Posture Standing: Flat
Back Posture Walking: Arched

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**LAMENESS SCORE 1**

Clinical Description:

MODERATELY LAME

Description: Stands and walks with an arched back and short strides with one or more legs. Slight sinking of dew-claws in limb opposite to the affected limb may be evident.

Back Posture Standing: Arched
Back Posture Walking: Arched

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**LAMENESS SCORE 1**

Clinical Description:

LAME

Description: Arched back standing and walking. Favouring one or more limbs but can still bear some weight on them. Sinking of the dew-claws is evident in the limb opposite to the affected limb.

Back Posture Standing: Arched
Back Posture Walking: Arched

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**LAMENESS SCORE 1**

Clinical Description:

SEVERELY LAME

Description: Pronounced arching of back. Reluctant to move, with almost complete weight transfer off the affected limb.

Back Posture Standing: Arched
Back Posture Walking: Arched

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First view the pelvic area from the side. Check line from hooks, to the thurl, to the pins.

View from behind.

4. If no fat pad on pins BCS < 2.50. View the short ribs. Look for corrugations along the top of short ribs as fat covering disappears. If corrugations visible 1/2 way between tip and spine of short ribs, BCS = 2.25. If corrugations visible 3/4 way from tip to spine BCS = 2.0. If thurl prominent and saw-toothed spine BCS < 2.0.

1. If sacral and tailhead ligaments visible BCS = 3.25.

3. If sacral ligament barely visible and tailhead ligament not visible BCS = 3.75. If sacral and tailhead ligament not visible BCS = 4.0.

2. If sacral ligament visible and tailhead ligament barely visible BCS = 3.50.

1. If hooks rounded BCS = 3.0.

2. If hooks angular BCS < 2.75. Check pins. If pins padded BCS = 2.75.

4. If thurl flat BCS > 4.0. If tip of short ribs barely visible BCS = 4.25. If thurl flat and pins buried BCS = 4.5. If hooks barely visible BCS = 4.75. If all boney prominences well rounded BCS = 5.0.
Water trough cleanliness

1. Clean trough, clean water – little evidence of feed, no film on walls or floor, water clear, easy to see trough bottom

2. Evidence of floating or submerged feed, film development on walls and floor, water clear

3. More floating or submerged feed that is decomposing, definite film on walls and floor, filamentous algae often with trapped gas bubbles, water clarity and quality affected