

Dam Classification Sheet

The dam of each bull forward at the sale has, where possible, been inspected and a classification sheet will be displayed at his pen (alongside the usual weight and shoulder-height measurement). A sample sheet is reproduced below. Please ask breeders for further explanations of the information given. In addition, a summary of the dam information is reproduced below each bull's pedigree in the sale catalogue.

General Information	
Cow colour	
Date of birth	
Age at 1 st calving	
Average calving interval	
No of calvings	
No of sets of twins	
Classification Scores	
Feet	
Hind Legs	
Udder	
Teats	
General Observation Scores	
Temperament (1=flighty, 10=docile)	
Condition Score (1=lean, 10=excessive fat)	
Skeletal size (1=small, 10= very large)	

Traits scored on scale 1 – 10 (1=poor, 5=average, 10=excellent)
N.B. cows with 1st or 2nd calves at foot cannot score higher than average

General observations the cow has been scored within her group on the farm, therefore taking into account the influence of the particular environment. A cow scoring above average in any trait is considered to be an improver in that trait. The classification sheet is intended as a tool to aid those looking to correct particular traits within their herd.