

# Judge Along



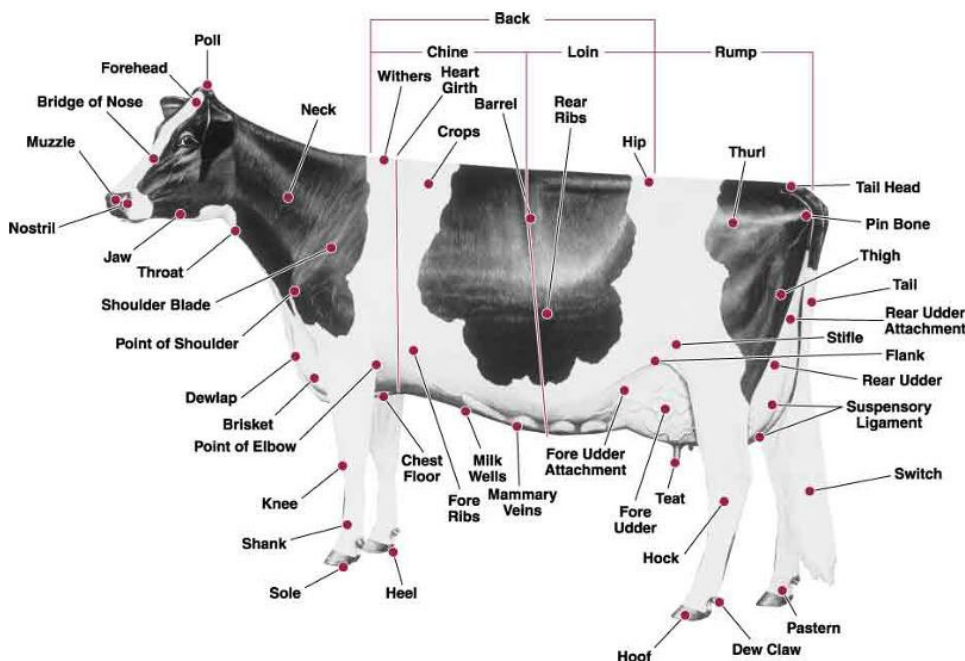
## ◆ DAIRY CATTLE

### What a Judge might look for in dairy cows:

- \* Dairy cows that have a wide and straight top line.
- \* Also, they look for structure, which means the cow has to walk correct and hit their stride.
- \* Udders that are large enough to make a lot of milk but easily adapt to milking machines. Udders that are high enough above the ground to prevent them from getting injured easily and that have squarely placed and medium-sized teats.
- \* Cows that show a lot of “dairy character”, which means that they are using the food they consume to produce milk, not meat, so they may look somewhat skinny and boney.
- \* Tall and large bodies (deep, wide, and long) to hold the large amounts of feed necessary to produce large quantities of milk.

### What a Judge might look for in the show ring:

- \* Showmanship includes general appearance, especially cleanliness of the animal and the exhibitor’s ability to lead and pose the animal in the ring.
- \* It is highly recommended that dairy showmen wear all white to exhibit a clean and subtle look. The showman does not want to distract the judge from the cow by wearing flashy colors.
- \* The exhibitor will lead the dairy cow backwards to show off the udder slowly to the judge.
- \* A good showman is polite and courteous to other exhibitors and pays attention to both the animals and to the judge.



<u>Your Choice:</u>	<u>Judge's Decision:</u>
1st _____	1st _____
2nd _____	2nd _____
3rd _____	3rd _____
4th _____	4th _____
5th _____	5th _____

## Dairy Cow Terminology

- \* **Cow:** A female dairy animal that has given birth.
- \* **Calf:** A baby dairy animal can be male or female.
- \* **Heifer:** A female dairy animal that has not given birth.
- \* **Bull:** A male dairy animal that can reproduce.
- \* **Steer:** A male dairy animal that has been neutered.
- \* **Colostrum:** The first milk given by a dairy cow following birth that is rich in fat and protein and has immunity elements. Colostrum is given to newborn calves in the first 24 hours of life.

## Fun Facts

- \* A cow must have a calf in order to produce milk.
- \* An average dairy cow weighs 1,200 pounds.
- \* An average dairy cow produces 7 to 9 gallons of milk a day.
- \* There are seven main breeds of dairy cattle in the USA, they are Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn, Red and White Holstein.
- \* Holstein's spots are like fingerprints, no two cows have the same pattern of black and white spots.
- \* It takes 21.2 pounds of whole milk to make one pound of butter.

## Test Your Knowledge

1. One of the top milk producing counties in Georgia is Macon County. **True or False**
2. When leading your animal in the show ring, you should lead her counterclockwise. **True or False**
3. When grooming a cow, you should groom in the opposite direction the hair lays. **True or False**
4. When placing a halter on a dairy cow, the lead strap should be on the left side of the animal's head.  
**True or False**
5. A showmen must always keep their eyes on the judge, besides to look where they are going and to set up their animal. **True or False**
6. The halter shank needs to be tight at all times, so the exhibitor can feel all movements of the calf.  
**True or False**

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### **Unscramble the words.**

1. OOHNRRTS \_\_\_\_\_
2. OBRWN SSISW \_\_\_\_\_
3. TNSIHLOE \_\_\_\_\_
4. EJYERS \_\_\_\_\_
5. RSIEYHAR \_\_\_\_\_

1.Shorthorn 2.Brown 3.Swiss 4.Holstein 5.Jersey