

TEAT & UDDER SCORING

Teat and udder conformation are traits essential to a productive cow. Poor teat or udder quality may lower herd productivity, provide an opportunity to cull females, and increase difficulty for a newborn calf to suckle. The American Angus Association accepts udder scores from members through a simple two category system, teat size and udder suspension. The teat size and udder suspension are scored on the same quarter but are scored independently.

For **SUBMISSION OF SCORES**, they must be collected within 24 hours of calving. Teat and udder scores can be collected when collecting calf birth weight and calving ease data. Submit information through AAA Login.

GUIDELINES:

- Collect within 24 hours of calving
- Use weakest quarter to score both teat size and udder suspension
- Score both teat size and udder suspension on 1-9 scale, independently
- Calving ease and birth weight data can also be collected at the same time
- Submit data with calving book information
- Best if one person scores all females in each management group



TEAT & UDDER SCORECARD FOR CATTLE

Teat Size

Very large & misshapen **1**



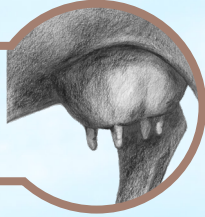
Large **3**



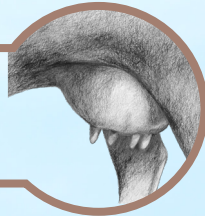
Intermediate **5**



Small **7**



Very small **9**



Udder Suspension

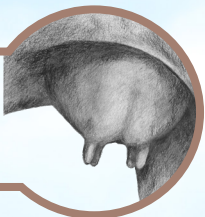
Very pendulous **1**



Pendulous **3**



Intermediate **5**



Tight **7**



Very tight **9**

