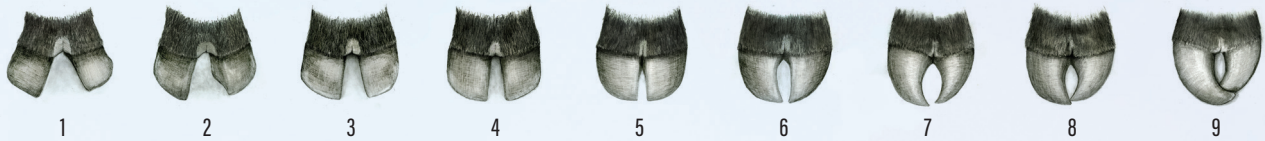


FOOT SCORE GUIDELINES

FOOT ANGLE (5 IS IDEAL)



CLAW SET (5 IS IDEAL)



Guidelines:

- **Animals must be scored prior to hoof trimming.**
- **When there is variation among an animal's feet, score the worst foot for both traits combined.**

When to Score:

- **Score yearling bulls and heifers.**
(Bulls or heifers must be at least 320 days of age at scoring time.)
- **Females can be scored annually.**
(Foot structure changes as animals age. Scores will be adjusted for age as a part of the analysis. Scores should describe animals as they are at the time of scoring, without consideration of age.)
- **Scores for large groups of 18-month or 2-year-old bulls can be submitted if available.**



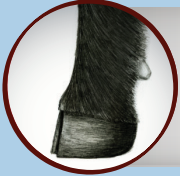
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1

Extremely straight pasterns.
Very short toe. Unsound.



2

Straight front and rear pasterns.
Marginally unsound.



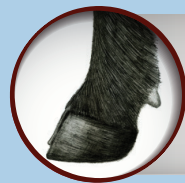
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Moderately straight front
and rear pasterns.



4

Slightly straight front
and rear pasterns.



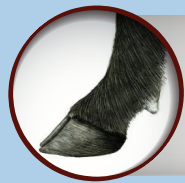
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Ideal. Approximately 45-degree angle at
pastern joint. Appropriate length of toe
and depth of heel.



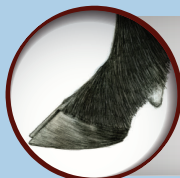
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Slightly shallow heel and long toe.



7

Moderately shallow heel and long toe.
Somewhat weak pasterns.



8

Shallow heel and long toe.
Marginally unsound.



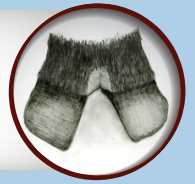
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Extremely shallow heel and long toe.
Extremely weak pasterns. Unsound.

CLAW SET (5 IS IDEAL)

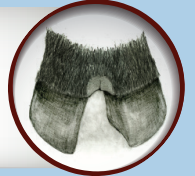
Extremely weak, open,
divergent claw set. Unsound.

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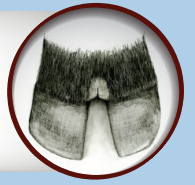
Open, divergent claw set.
Marginally unsound.

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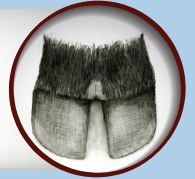
Moderately open/divergent
claw set.

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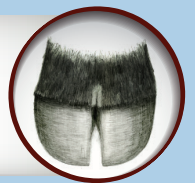
Slightly open/divergent
claw set.

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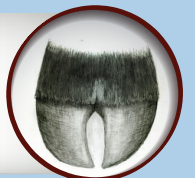
Ideal. Symmetrical claws, with
appropriate space between claws.

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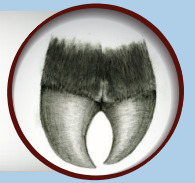
Slight tendency for claws to curl.
One claw may be slightly larger
than the other.

6



Tendency for claws to curl, with one
claw larger than the other.

7



Moderate scissor claw and/or screw claw.
Curling of one or both claws. Near crossing
of claws. Marginally unsound.

8



Extreme scissor claw and/or screw claw.
Pronounced curling of one or both claws.
Crossing of claws. Unsound.

9

