

American Angus Association®

FOOT SCORE GUIDELINES

Foot Angle (5 is ideal)



Claw Set (5 is ideal)



Guidelines

- 1** Animals must be scored prior to hoof trimming.
- 2** When there is variation among an animal's feet, score the worst foot.
- 3** Score yearling bulls and heifers
 - Bulls or heifers must be at least 320 days of age at scoring time
- 4** Older females can be scored following guidelines used when collecting mature weights.

(Note: Foot structure changes as animals age. Scores will be adjusted for age as part of the analysis. Scores should describe the animal as they are at the time of scoring, without consideration of age).
- 5** Large groups of 18-month or 2-year-old bulls can also be submitted, if available.

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Foot Angle (5 is ideal)



1

Extremely straight pasterns.
Very short toe. Unsound.



2

Straight front and rear pasterns.
Marginally unsound.



3

Moderately straight front
and rear pasterns.



4

Slightly straight front
and rear pasterns.



5

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



6

Slightly shallow heel and long toe.



7

Moderately shallow heel and long toe.
Somewhat weak pasterns.



8

Shallow heel and long toe.
Marginally unsound.



9

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

Claw Set (5 is ideal)

Extremely weak, open,
divergent claw set. Unsound.

1



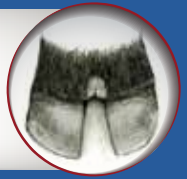
Open, divergent claw set.
Marginally unsound.

2



Moderately open/divergent
claw set.

3



Slightly open/divergent
claw set.

4



Ideal. Symmetrical claws, with
appropriate space between claws.

5



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

