

DIFFERENT EXTERNAL BODY POINTS OF A COW

Objectives:

1. To describe animal more clearly for judging and selection.
2. To properly apply husbandry and veterinary practices.
3. To identify breeds and also male and female.

Division of whole body region of animal:

The whole body of a cattle are divided into five regions:

- a) Head region
- b) Neck region
- c) Forelimb region
- d) Body region
- e) Hindlimb region

a) Points of head region:

1. Poll 2. Horns 3. Forehead 4. Bridge of nose 5. Nostrils 6. Muzzle 7. Ear 8. Face 9. Mouth 10. Angle of mouth 11. Eye 12. Upper lip 13. Lower lip 14. Upper jaw 15. Lower jaw 16. Angle of jaw 17. Mandible 18. Cheek 19. Chin 20. Chin groove.

b) Points of neck region:

1. Apex of neck 2. Base of neck 3. Crest 4. Jugular vein 5. Jugular groove 6. Dewlap.

c) Points of fore limb region:

1. Hump 2. Shoulder 3. Points of shoulder 4. Shoulder joint 5. Brisket 6. Point of elbow 7. Elbow joint 8. Fore arm. 9. Knee joint or Carpal joint 10. Fetlock joint 11. Pastern joint 12. Dew claws 13. Coffin joint 14. Hoof

d) Points of body region:

1. Back 2. Loin 3. Hearth girth 4. Flank 5. Ribs 6. Barrel 7. Belly 8. Abdomen 9. Udder (female) 10. Teat (female) 11. Milk vein (female) 12. Scrotum (male) 13. Sheath (male) 14. Penis (male).

e) Points of hind limb region:

1. Rump or Croup 2. Dock or Tail-head 3. Tail 4. Switch of tail 5. Buttock 6. Point of Pin bone 7. Hip joint 8. Thigh 9. Stifle joint 10. Point of hock 11. Hock joint 12. Shank bone or cannon 13. Hamstring tendon or tendon Achilles 14. Fetlock joint 15. Pastern joint 16. Coffin joint 17. Dew claws 18. Hoof

