

Locomotion Scoring of Dairy Cattle*



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<p>LOCOMOTION SCORE 1</p> <p>Clinical Description: NORMAL</p> <p>Description: Stands and walks normally with a level back. Makes long confident strides.</p>	 <p>Back Posture Standing: Flat</p>	 <p>Back Posture Walking: Flat</p>
<p>LOCOMOTION SCORE 2</p> <p>Clinical Description: MILDLY LAME</p> <p>Description: Stands with flat back, but arches when walks. Gait is slightly abnormal.</p>	 <p>Back Posture Standing: Flat</p>	 <p>Back Posture Walking: Arched</p>
<p>LOCOMOTION SCORE 3</p> <p>Clinical Description: MODERATELY LAME</p> <p>Description: Stands and walks with an arched back and short strides with one or more legs. Slight sinking of dew-claws in limb opposite to the affected limb may be evident.</p>	 <p>Back Posture Standing: Arched</p>	 <p>Back Posture Walking: Arched</p>
<p>LOCOMOTION SCORE 4</p> <p>Clinical Description: LAME</p> <p>Description: Arched back standing and walking. Favouring one or more limbs but can still bear some weight on them. Sinking of the dew-claws is evident in the limb opposite to the affected limb.</p>	 <p>Back Posture Standing: Arched</p>	 <p>Back Posture Walking: Arched</p>
<p>LOCOMOTION SCORE 5</p> <p>Clinical Description: SEVERELY LAME</p> <p>Description: Pronounced arching of back. Reluctant to move, with almost complete weight transfer off the affected limb.</p>	 <p>Back Posture Standing: Arched</p>	 <p>Back Posture Walking: Arched</p>

* Adapted from Sprecher, D.J.; Hostetler, D.E.; Kaneene, J.B. 1997. Theriogenology 47:1176-1187 and contribution from Cook, N.B. University of Wisconsin.