# Locomotion Scoring of Dairy Cattle\*



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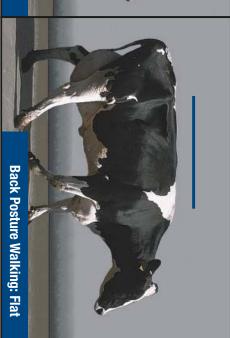
### LOCOMOTION SCORE

#### NORMAL

Makes long confident strides. Description: Stands and walks normally with a level back.



Back Posture Standing: Flat



#### **LOCOMOTION SCORE**

#### MILDLY LAME

Description: Stands with flat back, but arches when walks. Gait is slightly abnormal.

Back Posture Standing: Flat

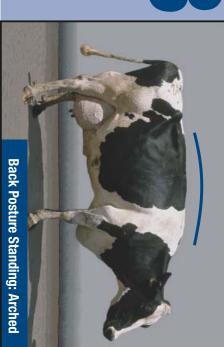




#### **LOCOMOTION SCORE**



MODERATELY LAME
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.





#### **LOCOMOTION SCORE**

#### LAME

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.



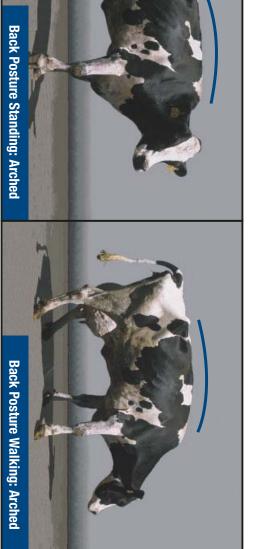


#### **LOCOMOTION SCORE**

## **SEVERELY LAME**

Description: Pronounced arching of back. Reluctant to move, with almost complete weight transfer off the affected limb.





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