

REASONS TERMINOLOGY FOR MARKET LAMBS

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Market steers are generally placed on a combination of:

- ✓ Muscle
- ✓ Correctness of finish
- ✓ Body capacity or body volume
- ✓ Growth and Performance
- ✓ Structural correctness
- ✓ Balance



MUSCLE TERMINOLOGY

Advantages

Heavier muscled
More muscular
Thicker made
Showed more natural thickness
More muscular (forearm, top, rump, leg)
More bulge and expression...
Meatier topped
Showed more expression of muscling
Fuller and squarer out his dock
Thicker leg
More thickness from end to end
Meatier, deeper (rack, loin)
More spread down his top
Longer loined
Heavier, deeper, thicker, plumper leg
Thicker through (top, stifle, lower) leg
More inner bulge and outer flare to leg
Deeper through twist
Wider tracking

Criticisms

Less muscular
Tapers from end to end
Flat in stifle
Narrow out his (rump, dock)
Tapers out his dock
Narrow and tapering leg
Shallow loined
Narrow topped
Short hindsaddled
Narrow, shallow, fat leg

CORRECTNESS OF FINISH TERMINOLOGY-LEANNESS

Advantages

Firmer
Lighter conditioned
More correctly conditioned
Firmer handling
Freer of excess condition
Trimmer through (breast, fore rib)
Trimmer
Trimmer middled
Fresher handling
Cleaner middled
More correctly finished

Criticisms

Patchy over his ribs
Over finished
Fatter
Wastier
Uneven in finish
Rough over the rump and dock
Heavy conditioned
Soft over fore rib
Wasty breasted
Heavy middled
Excessively finished

BODY CAPACITY OR BODY VOLUME TERMINOLOGY

Advantages

More capacious
Higher volume
Deeper bodied
Wider chested
Wider based
Bolder sprung
More spring of fore and rear rib
Deeper ribbed
Deeper hearted
Wider through floor of chest
More spring of rib
More arch of rib

Criticisms

Shallow bodied
Narrow based
Shallow through fore and rear rib
Shallow ribbed
Flat ribbed
Tight in the fore rib
Pinched in fore rib
Tight in heart
Narrow gauged
Narrow chested

GROWTH-PERFORMANCE TERMINOLOGY

Advantages

Growthier
More size and scale
Larger framed
Taller fronted
Showed greater length and extension
Longer, stretchier, more length
More extended in growth curve
Appears to have a higher W.D.A. in class

Criticisms

Smaller framed
Short coupled
Short fronted
Lower W.D.A. in class

STRUCTURAL CORRECTNESS TERMINOLOGY

Advantages

Squarer on feet and legs
Stronger pasterns
Stands wider based
More correct in the set of his legs
More correct in his feet and pasterns
Straighter and stronger on both front and rear legs
Stood sounder and stronger on his pasterns
Longer, freer striding
Freer, more fluid stride
More structurally correct
Wider tracking
Stands on more substance of bone
Stands on more rugged bone
Easier moving

Criticisms

Short, restricted stride
Sickle hocked
Stands close at the hocks
Toes out
Weak pasterns
Stands narrow based
Excessive set to the hock
Straight hocked
Toes-in
Buck kneed
Straight shouldered
Moved underneath himself
Narrow tracking
Fine-boned
Light boned

GENERAL APPEARANCE-BALANCE TERMINOLOGY

Advantages

More stylish
Cleaner patterned
Eye appealing
Smoother shouldered
Squarer (dock, rump)
More symmetry, more balance
Straighter lined
Taller fronted
Longer necked
More extension throughout
Smoother made
Neck blends smoother into shoulder
Trimmer fronted
Lays in neater and tighter in shoulder
Stronger topped
Longer (hindsaddle, loin, rump, dock)
More level rumped/docked
Longer and leveler out his dock

Criticisms

Coarse shouldered
Weak topped
Short fronted
Short coupled
Ewe necked
Heavy fronted
Wasty fronted
Breaks behind shoulder
Short sided
Tapers out dock
Steep (rump, dock)
Droops out dock

CARCASS TERMINOLOGY

Advantages

Hang a more muscular, more shapely carcass
Meatier carcass
Should rail a higher cutability carcass
More muscular carcass
Trimmer carcass
Should rail a carcass with a higher leg conformation score
Should have a carcass with less retail fat trim
Should rail a carcass yielding more total pounds or more desirable product

Criticisms

Lower cutability
Lighter muscled
Fatter
Wastier
Lower leg conformation score
Less total pounds of product

