

LOCOMOTION SCORING OF BEEF CATTLE



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Clinical Description:

Normal

Description:

- Animal walks normally
- Hind feet land in a similar location to front feet
- No apparent lameness or change in gait



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Clinical Description:

Mild Lameness

Description:

- Animal exhibits shortened stride, dropping the head slightly
- Does not exhibit a limp when walking



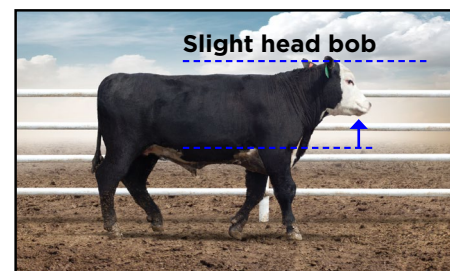
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Clinical Description:

Moderate Lameness

Description:

- Animal exhibits obvious limp, favoring affected limb or limbs
- Limb(s) still bears weight
- Slight head bob when walking



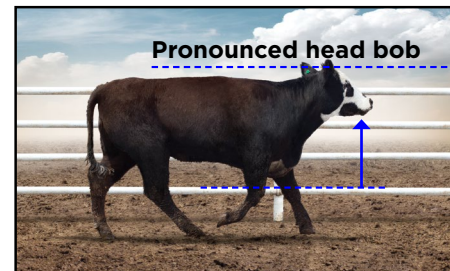
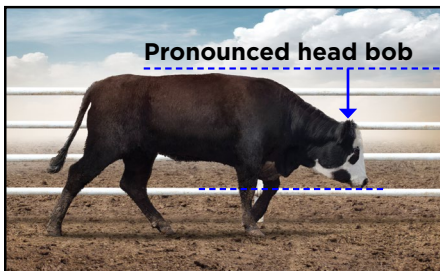
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Clinical Description:

Severe Lameness

Description:

- Animal applies little or no weight to affected limb
- Reluctant or unable to move
- While walking, animal's head will be dropped and back arched, with head bob and limp detected



- Locomotion scoring is based on the observation of cattle walking (gait), with special emphasis on head bob and stride length.
- Animal observations should be made on a flat surface that provides good footing.

- Locomotion score 1 or higher should be examined to determine cause of lameness.
- Appropriate treatment and management practices should be applied to minimize economic loss due to lameness and improve overall animal wellbeing.

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