

JUDGING POINTERS - JERSEY CATTLE

With respect to Jersey cattle there are no specific requirements in terms of colouring and markings, as a breed it is generally accepted that pin setting can be a little higher than that normally acceptable with the more common Holsteins, also as a breed rear udder width is also often not as wide.

General Appearance

- Good size, height and strength
- Impressive style and carriage
- Well-balanced, with straight, angular lines

Dairy Character

- Absence of extra fat, especially over the wither and back and through the thighs, brisket and neck
- Evidence of milking ability – prominent veins on udder and attachments
- Clean cut head with large, bright eyes and ears carried alertly

Body Capacity

- Body includes barrel and heart girth
- Barrel should be long and wide and deep in proportion to the animal
- Strong, straight back to support the large barrel
- Large heart girth: long, well sprung fore ribs and wide chest floor

Feet and Legs

- Short and well-rounded with deep heel
- Flat and strong leg bones
- Forelegs should be straight and wide apart with feet squarely placed underneath
- Hind legs nearly straight from the hock to pastern (side view)

Rump

- Long and wide rump, blending cleanly with loin
- Hips should be wide and slightly higher than pin bones
- Tail-head level with backline and set slightly higher than the pins

Mammary System

- Mammary system includes udder teats and milk vines
Well balanced and roomy udder with soft and supple texture
- Fore Udder well attached to body
- Uniform quarters, well veined
- Teats moderate length and diameter, straight, barre-shaped and squarely placed under each quarter
- Rear udder attached high, wide and strong
- Median Suspensory ligament should be strong, showing definite division between halves

As with any breed a medium sized cow, avoiding extremes is commonly the most desirable, it should show a combination of dairyness and femininity with strength, capacity and robustness. The animal should also carry a high, wide and well attached udder showing vianation and walk and move freely on a great set of feet and legs.