

# Livestock Judging Terminology

## Market Hog Terminology

### Muscle:

Stouter/ powerfully constructed  
Heavier muscled  
Product oriented  
Advantage in muscle shape  
Carcass oriented  
More descriptive in muscle shape  
More lower ham  
Expressively muscled  
Stouter forearm

### Skeletal Width

Wider chested  
Pulled apart  
Opens up with more skeletal width/base  
Bigger/ Boulder blade  
Center body dimension  
Stouter headed  
More upper rib shape on either side of spine (combine this with top side shape & LEA)

### Condition:

Trimmer  
Leaner  
Composition = Combination of muscle and finish.  
Compositionally correct  
Composition advantage/preferred  
Trimmer made/patterned  
Freer of fat  
Trimmer through the lower 1/3 of body

### Structural Correctness

Sounder  
Looser constructed/ structured  
Durably made/design  
More flexibility

Easier striding  
Organized in his skeleton  
Structural Integrity  
More mobility

## **Body**

Depth of body  
Center rib dimension  
Softer made  
Deeper Flank  
Upper rib shape

## **Frame Size/ Growth**

Larger Framed  
Larger Scaled  
Larger Outlined  
Later Maturing

## **Market Steers**

## **Muscle**

Heavier Muscled  
Stouter Made/ Heavier Constructed  
Topside shape  
Meat animal shape  
More expressively muscled  
Carcass oriented  
Terminal merit

## **Correctness of Finish Terms. ( Trimness, cutability, YG)**

Trimmer

Leaner

Freer of excess condition

The heavier muscled steer is also trimmer made and as a result I expect him to offer a higher cutability carcass

His added muscle shape and trimness leads me to predict that he will harvest a carcass with a lower numerical yield grade.

His compositional advantages suggest that he would be more preferred on a grid based system favoring cutability.

## **Structural Correctness**

Sounder  
Structural correct  
More correct in his skeleton  
More organized in his skeleton  
Structural Integrity  
Looser constructed  
More slope/ angle to shoulder  
Easier moving  
More comfortably striding  
Bigger footed and deeper heeled  
More readily fills his track when led  
Set back further in shoulder and knee.  
More ideal in set to rear leg/pastern/hock  
Cleaner jointed

## **Market Lambs**

### **Muscle**

Heavier Muscled  
Stouter  
Product Driven  
Topside power  
Expressively muscled  
Powerfully constructed  
Progressively thicker from his rack back  
Thicker Leg  
Stouter Leg  
If ribbed should fabricate the larger eye. (Say if ribbed because a lamb carcass is shipped whole.)  
Deeper twisted

### **Finish**

Fresher  
Firmer  
Harder  
Trimmer  
Correctly Finished  
Ideally Finished  
Compositionally Correct

### **Growth/ Weight**

Larger outlined

Larger framed

Appears pounds heavier

Appears heavier weight

More elevated at his breastplate

More weight per day of age

Later Maturing

Growth Oriented

The larger framed pounds heavier wether should produce the more profitable whole lamb carcass.

Longer measuring

More length of hindsaddle

### **Balance/Structural Correctness**

More captivating from the profile

Higher quality look

Nicer Balanced

More symmetrical from the side

Impressive profiling

Intriguing from the profile

Presence from the profile

Organized in Skelton

Structural Integrity

Heavier Structured

Sounder Structured

**\*\*\*\*\*Remember to use words like handles, measures, spans, etc**

## **Breeding Cattle Terminology**

### **Structural Correctness**

Organized in his skeleton

Sounder

Structural Integrity

More functional in her skeleton

More slope to her shoulder

Leveler hipped

Set back further in knee and shoulder

More functional set to pastern/hock

Cleaner jointed

Bigger footed

Deeper healed

More readily covers his track when led

Longer striding

## **Body Volume/ Fleshing Ability**

Higher volume  
Deeper bodied  
Soggy  
Capacious  
Broody  
Internal Dimension  
Big bodied  
Functional  
Practical  
Deeper ribbed  
Big bodied  
More Maternal look  
Deeper forerib  
Deeper flanked  
More uniformed in body depth from forerib to flank.  
Easier fleshing

## **Muscle Terms**

Stouter Made  
Heavier Muscled  
Powerfully constructed  
More massive top  
Thicker ended  
Wider Pin set  
Stouter Hip  
Top Side Power

## **Performance/ Frame Size**

Higher Performing  
Weight per day of age  
More growth potential  
More conventional in frame size  
Moderate in frame size  
Conservative in frame size and mature weight  
More drastically bent the growth curve (need performance data)  
Later Maturing  
Early Maturing

## **Balance**

Nicer Balanced  
Higher quality  
Intriguing from the side/profile  
More captivating from the profile  
Leveler in her lines  
She has an elite look from the profile  
More uniformly balanced

## **Sex Characteristics (Heifers):**

Feminine  
Refined  
Fancy  
Feminine Featured  
More prolonged in Gestation  
Appears more advanced in gestation by her udder development  
Advanced in udder development

## **Sex Characteristics (Bulls)**

Masculine  
Rugged  
Stout  
Large testicled  
Clean/ tight sheath

## **Performance Class Terms**

Ample/ Adequate/ Sufficient in data  
More desired genetic profile  
Greater Spread  
No red flags in EPD profile  
The most balanced in his genetic profile  
Consistent on paper

## **Breeding Sheep**

### **Performance Terms**

Larger Framed  
Larger Outlined  
Bigger Scaled  
Larger Outlined

More Growth Oriented

Later Maturing

Taller Fronted

More extended

Taller at the apex of his shoulder

Longer in his cannon bone

More modern in terms of growth

3 is a more modern Southdown ram. He extended in frame size and gives you a higher quality look through his front 1/3.

## **Structural Correctness**

Longer leveler hip

Squarer hip

Leveler out of hip and dock

Attractive in hip placement

## **Body**

Deeper Bodied

Deeper rear flank

Shape to her upper rib

Easier Doing

Easier Fleshing

## **Muscle**

Wider Based

Heavier Muscled

Stouter Constructed

Thicker Made

Top side Shape

## **Masculinity**

Stouter constructed

Rugged appearing

Masculine featured Ram

Larger in scrotal circumference

**Pretend that they are little bulls and use sheep terms**

## **Femininity**

Feminine featured.

Displays more femininity about her head and neck

**Pretend they are little heifers and use sheep terms.**

## **Breeding Swine**

### **Structure**

More durably constructed/ made  
Looser structured  
Skeletally correct  
Organized in her skeleton  
Functional  
Practical  
Sounder  
Heavier constructed  
More mobile  
Structural correct  
Bigger footed  
More even in toe size  
More Durable Foundation  
Confinement adaptable

### **Skeletal Width**

Wider chested  
Pulled Apart  
More opened up  
Wider skeletal base  
More expansive rib shape  
Wider skeletal foundation  
Center body mass  
Wider skeleton  
Inner Dimension  
Center body width

### **Frame/ Extension**

Skeletally extended  
Larger framed  
Later maturing  
Longer cannoned  
Taller Fronted  
Taller Shouldered  
Longer spine  
More Extended from her blades forward



## **Muscle**

Heavier muscled  
Powerfully constructed  
Stouter made  
More muscle dimension  
More muscle shape

**On gilts keep muscle simple. No need to explain in detail like you would on market hogs.**

## **Design**

Leveler from the profile  
Intriguing from the profile  
Longer from a blade forward  
Stronger and leveler in her topline. Especially behind her blades.  
Sets higher in her tail and squarer out of her hip  
Leveler and looser spine  
Higher headed, looser made gilt that is more attractive in her hip and tail placement.  
Taller shouldered looser constructed gilt  
Her design advantages are a benefit of structural correctness.

## **Condition**

Sufficiently lean  
Ideal in condition  
Appropriately conditioned  
Trimmer patterned

**Keep this simple in gilts. Sometimes you may get a scenario that will stress something about selling progeny on a lean value system Then if one of them has an compositional advantage then when can predict about the carcass merit of the offspring and how that might effect the producer profit margin. \*\*\*\*\*Remember that more gilts today will have an issue with being to raw as compared to overly conditioned.**

## **Femininity:**

More feminine head and neck  
Maternal look  
Feminine look  
A more feminine underline

## **Underlines and Vulvas**

More prominent (underline and vulva) that means the teats hang down further and are bigger. Simply means the vulva is larger.  
High Counting  
More teats from her navel forward.  
Evenly spaced

Starts more forward in her underline placement  
More consistent in size and spacing  
More refined in her underline  
Set further forward in her underline  
Better set to her vulva  
Swollen vulva (Sign of heat)  
More correct in size and shape of vulva

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## **Connective and Supplemental Terms**

### **Grants**

I realize  
I fully realize  
I admit  
I am aware that  
I recognize  
I can see  
I saw  
It was apparent  
I acknowledge  
It was obvious  
I certainly credit  
I credit  
I appreciate  
Indeed  
I honor the fact  
I noticed  
I am aware that  
I respect  
I fully realize  
Sure  
Without question

**Try and use three different grants in a set.**

### **Opening Pairs**

In the concluding pair of \_\_\_\_\_ I placed 1 over 2  
Even so in the initial pair  
Nevertheless in the middle pair  
Focusing on the intermediate pair  
In regards to the concluding pair  
Concluding with the final pair

