



TEXAS LONGHORN EVALUATION BREED STANDARDS					Point Evaluation	
Division of Characteristics		Desirable	Questionable	Undesirable	Max	Actual
1	General Type	Good length with moderate depth and thickness. Top of hips slightly higher than top of shoulders. Angular shaped body. Strong legs with free movement. Bulls thicker and more heavily muscled than cows, exhibiting masculine crest development on neck at maturity.		Any evidence of hump directly over shoulder region or evidence of other than Longhorn breed standards.	3	
2	Ears	Medium to small, short round ears, pigmented and fitted horizontally under horns or sloping slightly upward.	Longer, droopy ears.	Extremely large and/or droopy ears. Unpigmented ears.	1	
3	Head	Showing masculinity or femininity according to sex; moderate width. From poll to muzzle straight profile. Pigmented around eyes. Symmetrical eyes, and nose alignment.	Wide blocky head. Convex forehead. "Roman nose."	Masculine or steer type head on cows. Steer type head on bulls. Long nose.	3	
4	Muzzle	Mealy mouthed or pigmented, wide and symmetrical. Teeth correctly aligned.	Non-pigmented.	Wry nose, overshot or under shot jaw. Harelip or deformed palate.	4	
5	Neck	Trim on cows, muscular on bulls. Long with minimal loose skin.	Ewe neck or very short. Pendulous dewlap.	Masculine on cow. Feminine on bull.	4	
6	Shoulders	Free moving, smooth. Well-muscled on bulls, blending smoothly to neck and ribs.	Open on top sharply dropping down behind shoulders.	Wide, coarse, or too vertical.	3	
7	Brisket	Trim and free from excessive fleshiness.	Excessive fat, downward sloping and excessive dewlap.	Fullness in lower neck and brisket to give a Buffalo type silhouette.	2	
8	Tail	Long with full switch.	Very short tail.	Wry tail or genetic bob tail.	2	
9	Back	Strong straight topline with maximum length between the shoulders and hooks.	Extreme swayback and shortness between shoulders and hooks.	Long chine bones on cows extending much higher than shoulder blades revealing inconsistent calving history.	7	
10	Loin	Broad and full rib eye area.	Narrow and low.	Extremely narrow and low.	4	
11	Ribs	Well sprung elliptical.	Slab sided.	Extremely wide.	2	
12	Hooks and Pins	Reasonably prominent with maximum length between.	Excessive narrowness between hooks. Short between hooks and pins.	Excessive downward slope toward rear. Excessively level from hooks to pins.	4	
13	Hindquarters	Long, slightly sloping from hooks to pins. Full and well developed.	High pins and tail head associated with tilted vulva.	Short, narrow, extra droopy. Small and concave.	6	
14	Heart Girth	Full on Bulls. Angular on Cows.		Deep chested non angular cows.	2	



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15	Legs and Feet	Squarely set, sound feet, legs, hocks, and joints with abundant bone. Hard hooves.	Short legs, sickle hocks or "Post" legs - extra close weak hocks, very small bones.	Mule footed. Unsoundness. Weak pasterns. Open toes.	6	
16	Size and Flesh	Easy fleshing. Adequate size for environment to show good gain and health.	Small for age and environment.	Unthrifty, chronic-poor flesh. Lacking mature size for environment.	6	
17	Hide	Vascular and pliable.	Too tight or excessive skin fold. Excessive sheath, neck flap or navel flap.		2	
18	Hair (dependent on environment)	Cows - Short, straight, slick coat. Bulls - Coarse, wire-type hair on head and neck. Long hair in ears.	Dull, dry bristly hair.	Slow shedding in spring season. Long shaggy hair indicative of impurities such as Scotch Highland.	1	
19	Sheath	Retracted prepuce, small orifice, flat small-sized navel flap.		Long pendulous sheath, non-retractable prepuce. Excessive navel flap on male and female.	3	
20	Udder and Teats	Well attached udder, equally balanced quarters, pigmented small teats, and abundant milk production adequate to raise a fat calf.	Teats too large for calf to nurse at birth.	Hard, firm, meaty udder, unable to produce enough milk for her calf.	6	
21	Disposition	Mild, tractable.	Nervous	Unmanageable	7	
22	Reproduction	Early maturity and longevity. Cows - Regular calving and early puberty. Bulls - Masculine, virile, high libido, high quality semen in volume.	Abnormal reproductive organs.	Cows - Slow breeders, late puberty, abortive. Bulls - Unmatched testes and below breed average scrotal circumferences.	6	
23	Color	More varied than those of the Rainbow. Colors and mixes are so various that no two appear exactly alike. Wild, flamboyant, loud colors.	Color patterns that would indicate impurities such as Hereford markings.	Non-pigmented around eyes, nose, ears, and teats.	6	
24	Horn Growth	Cows - Wide, twisted outward, measuring 70" or more, tip to tip at maturity. Bulls - Horns with lateral length and a slight forward upward sweep of 70" or more tip to tip on mature bulls, and a base circumference of 12" or more.	Cows - Horns that curve sharply upward and or measure under 45" tip to tip at maturity. Bulls - Horns that curve sharply upward and or inward with under 60" tip to tip at maturity. Small base circumference.	Small amount of horn as to indicate impurities or below traditional horn size.	10	
Texas Longhorn		Noted for fertility, ease of calving, hardiness, resistance to many common diseases, rustling ability, good feet and legs, longevity and adaptability to a wide variety of environmental conditions.		Total Possible	100	
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