

UNIVERSAL CATTLE DOCILITY SCALE

UCDS WAS CREATED BASED ON THE NEED TO HAVE A UNIFORM RATING SYSTEM TO PORTRAY THE DOCILITY OF THE CATTLE BEING TRADED.



Rating 1+ (Plus)- Show Quality

This animal will accept a halter, stand untethered for human contact (brushing or hand feeding). Will lead or stand tied without resistance. An animal with this rating is what you expect to see from a champion caliber show cow.

Rating 1- Docile

This animal will stand untethered for human contact and accept food from a human's hand.



Rating 2- Restless

Quiet but slightly restless, may be stubborn during handling, pulls back on head gate, some flicking of the tail, exits crush promptly. This animal will accept treats directly from a human's hand. An animal with this rating will be content with a human in any enclosure with a dimension under 20'. They may accept occasional human contact, such as petting or brushing, particularly in a confined space. Will come to grain if a human is within 2' of the feed.

Rating 3- Nervous

Manageable but nervous and impatient, a moderate amount of struggling, movement, and tail flicking. The animal will flee human presence within 10 feet. An animal with this rating will keep the most distance possible from a human in any enclosure with a dimension under 20'. Will not come to grain if a human is within 2' of the feed.



Rating 4-Flighty

Jumpy and out of control, quivers and struggles violently, may bellow and froth at the mouth, continuous tail flicking, defecates and urinates during handling, frantically runs fence line and may jump when penned individually. The animal will flee human presence within 50 feet. An animal with this rating will be anxious and searching for an opening in any enclosure with a dimension under 20' when human presence is in the same space. Will not come to grain if a human is within 5' of the feed.

Rating 5- Aggressive

Similar to score 4 but with added aggressive behavior fearful, extreme agitation, continuous movement which may include jumping and bellowing while in crush, exits crush frantically and may exhibit attack behavior when handled alone. The animal will flee any human presence within a 100-foot radius. An animal with this rating will not come to grain if a human is within 20' of the feed.



History

*The UCDS system was put together by Cyrus Ridge Farm and is based on a program formerly known as BreedPlan. BreedPlan was developed for the commercial Angus cattle industry and has been used with much success for decades. While still in use, BreedPlan is expanded into a broader scope of cattle genetics. UCDS focuses solely on the temperament of the cattle.

