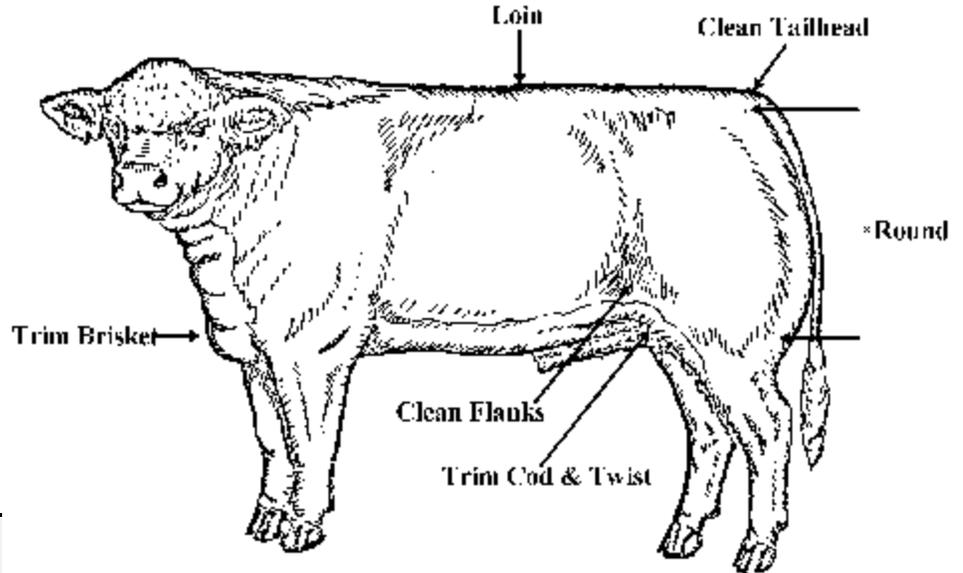


# Beef Handbook

## Points Of An Ideal Steer

A trim muscular steer will have lots of muscling in his hindquarters. His rounds will be long, deep and bulging, when viewed from the side and rear. The forearm is also a good indicator of muscling. He will be trim and tight in his flanks and twist, and will not have large fat deposits in his brisket, cod, and tailhead. His muscles will bulge and move as he walks.



### Conformation

**General Appearance** - Heavy muscled; trim, stretchy; relatively straight-lined; stylish and well balanced with a great degree of development in the high priced cuts; namely, the hindquarters; adequate size for age; adequate length of body and length of leg.

Hindquarters		Forequarters		Middle and Underline	
Hind legs:	Set wide apart, out under the corners; straight	Back:	Broad, straight and strong; Uniform in width.	Middle:	Trim; Ample depth of rib but not too deep.
Twist:	Moderately deep; extreme depth not desirable	Ribs:	Well strung, both fore and rear.	Underline:	Reasonably straight but slightly cut up in rear flank.
Round:	Wide; plump as viewed from side and rear; Long; Deep; Especially wide through the stifle.	Shoulders:	Muscular arm and forearm but not coarse or open in skeletal makeup; Long; Sloping.		
Pins:	Wide apart; not narrow.	Chest:	Wide; front legs well apart.		
Loin:	Meaty; strong and level, neither too weak nor too high; Deep; Smooth; Muscular to the touch.	Brisket:	Neat, trim; Not large and wasty.		
Rump:	Long, wide, square, level; Tail-head square and smooth with tail coming neatly out of body on a line with the back; not rough or patchy.	Neck:	Medium length; Trim throat and dewlap.		

### Finish

Uniformly covered with the correct amount of smooth, firm finish.  
 Correctly finished over back, loin and rump.  
 Correctly finished over ribs (fore and rear).  
 Smoothly finished throughout, particularly the loin edge, rump and tailhead.  
 Clean in flanks, both fore and rear.

### Quality

Bone: Ample substance.  
 Head: Clean-cup and stylish; not coarse or staggy.  
 Hide & hair: Thin, pliable hide; Bloomy hair coat.