

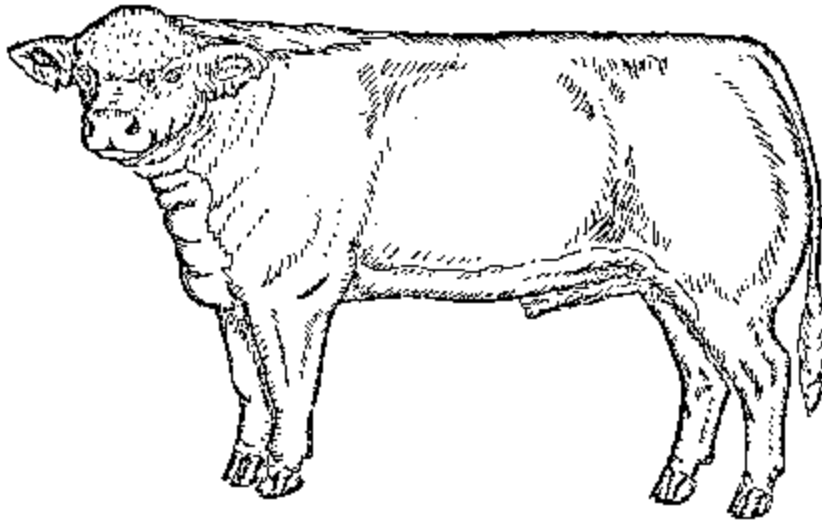
Beef Handbook

Viewing Beef Conformations

Characteristics that should be watched for from each view are listed below:

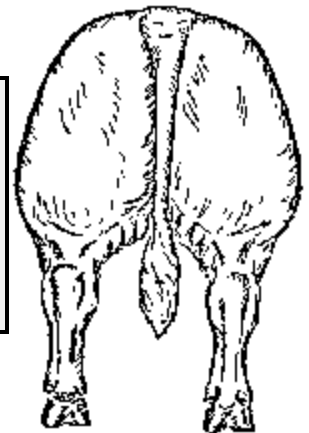
Side View

- i Neck should be moderately long and trim.
- i Topline should be long and level from top of the shoulders extending through the rump.
- i Round should be deep, wide, and thick through the stifle.
- i Rear flank and underline should be trim.
- i Forequarter should be well-muscled with a large forearm.
- i Brisket should be clean and trim.
- i Legs should be ample and correctly placed under the body.



Rear View

- i Back and loin should be oval over the top.
- i Fullness should be present in foreribs, across the loin & back, and over the rump.
- i Animal should stand squarely on its rear legs and walk with ease.
- i Hindquarters should be well-muscled, with maximum width in the thighs about midway between the tail and the hock, with bulge through the stifle.



Front View

- i Arm and forearm should be well-muscled.
- i Shoulders should taper slightly toward the top.
- i Shoulders should exhibit balance, fullness, and good muscling.
- i Brisket should be clean and trim legs should be correctly set.

Combining **all** of the characteristics listed in one animal would create an animal with ideal beef conformation.