

Understanding the star guide



Star ratings, 1 to 5 stars, is a guide line to make comparisons easier, and to easily know what an animal's strengths and weaknesses are at a glance. Without getting involved in the details of individual recordings.

44% of all animals in the breed receive 2.5 to 3 stars. This is noted to be an average and acceptable.

★★★★★ 5-star animals are rare and sought after.

★★★ 3-star animals are average and acceptable.

★ 1-star animals are not desirable.

Star guides and EBV's are a general tool and guide line for selection, which takes a look into its ancestors giving an indication of the probability of what the bull might breed and to reduce the risk slightly.

When buying a bull, the impact of that bull can last for many years. If a good choice, he will breed heavy weaners and fertile daughters who will last in the herd. If it's the wrong bull it can reduce genetic progress and reduce profitability. Buy the best bull you can afford.

Important EBVs for selection:

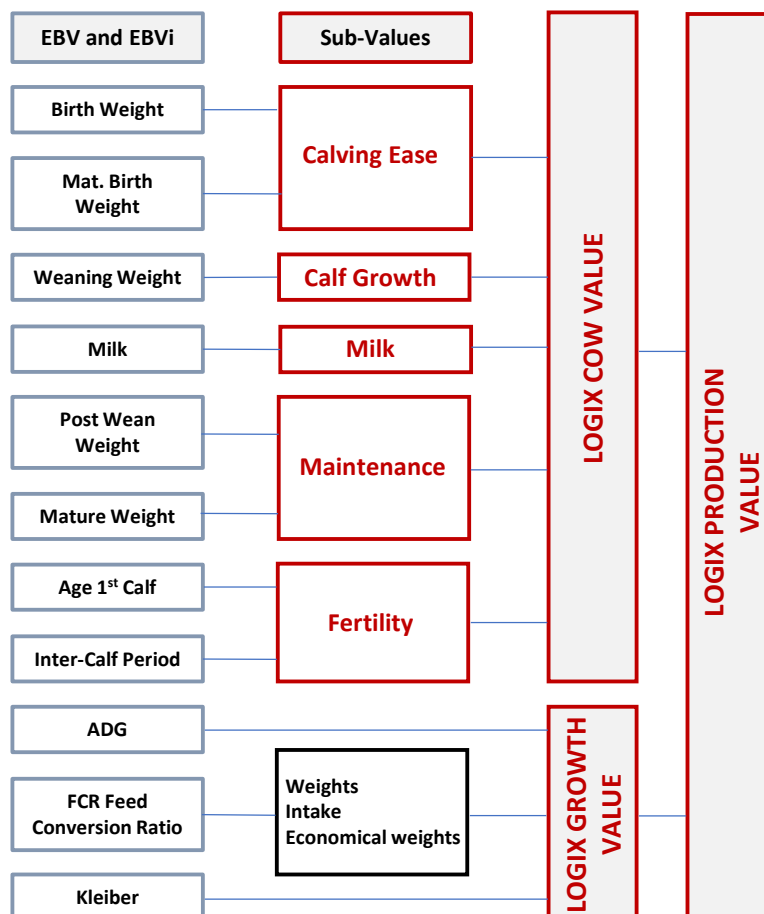
Weaner production: High calf growth and cow value.

18 months marketed off grazing: High growth value.

Replacement heifers: High cow value.

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Calving Ease	Calf Growth	Milk	Maintenance	Fertility	Cow Value	Growth Value	Prod Value
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Most importantly, the bull must be pleasing to the eye, as like breeds like, and must have suitable visual traits to improve herd qualities, to make a difference in genetic progress and profitability.