

Heifers February 2009

Placings: 3-4-2-1

Cuts: 4-4-6

I placed the class of heifers 3-4-2-1, starting with the most maternal female in the class, I chose 3 over 4. As the black heifer is the cowiest in her make up being the longest, deepest bodied female with the most spring of rib, while also putting down the biggest volume of bone and foot. She also presents the most in terms of structure as she is the female who is relaxed in shoulder and is the squarest to the ground. A female when compared to others in class will go to pasture and be the most maintenance free. I definitely have to admit that 3 is a touch heavy in her condition, and that is where 4 has the advantage over 3, as 4 is the leaner of the pair and is a touch more feminine in her head and neck, but she goes second because she gets to be a touch more straight fronted, and shorter hipped.

In my middle pair its volume and femininity that places 4 over 2, as the white heifer is the bigger ribbed wider bodied female of the pair while putting it together with nicest package as she is the more feminine fronted heifer. The white heifer is also stronger and leveler topped heifer who carries this advantage through her hooks and pins. I will certainly admit that 2 has the advantage in terms of length of body and structural correctness in her shoulder, but the light red heifer gets to be heavy fronted, tight in her heart girth and relaxed in her top.

It gets much easier in the bottom pair of sloppier fronted females as structure separates 2 over 1 fairly quickly, as the light red heifer is far more correct in her shoulder and knee, and carries this advantage into her hip and hind leg as she is squarer to the ground and more relaxed in her hock, all the while standing on more bone and foot. To further compliment 2 she is the nicer balanced female who also excels in terms of volume being the wider of the pair. I will agree that 1 the darker red heifer is stronger topped but that is where it ends, as she is the poorest balance female who is the frailest in her bone and foot. She is the coarsest made female in the class who would present the most potential for problems when sent to the pasture.

Thanks

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