

BROWN SWISS COWS SAMPLE REASONS

I placed this class of three- year-old Brown Swiss cows 4-3-2-1. I started the class, in a very close placing, with the most complete individual in the class, combining both mammary system and dairy character to the highest degree. In my middle pair, 3 excelled 2 in both frame and body capacity. 1 was the smallest in the class being an easy bottom, and therefore, leaving a logical third in 2.

After closely analyzing my top pair, I chose 4 over 3 because she was a more refined, stylish, angular individual with decisive advantages in dairy character and mammary system. In this advantage in dairyness, 4, the dark colored cow, was cleaner about the head and neck, sharper over the withers, cleaner across the topline, more prominent about the hips and pins, and also flatter in the thigh. She also excelled in mammary being in bloom and thus having a more capacious udder.

I must admit that 3 had a tremendous advantage in size and scale.

In reviewing my second pair of 3 over 2, 3 was the most upstanding, longest, growthiest, most powerfully front-ended individual in the pair. 3 had an advantage in frame possessing more harmonious blending of body parts, blending especially more smoothly through the shoulders. Furthermore, 3 excelled in body capacity being deeper through the heart, possessing more depth of fore and rear rib, more spring of rib when viewed from the rear, and also more width throughout the rump.

However, I realize 2 did have an advantage in udder capacity.

Going to my bottom pair in a logical placing, 2 places over 1 for her definite advantage in mammary system. 2 had a more youthful udder with a higher, wider, stronger rear udder attachment. She was also stronger and straighter across the top, especially over the chine and loin.

In placing 1, the light colored cow, at the bottom of the class, I do realize she did have a very desirable udder, except for the fore udder attachment, but because she lacked the size and scale, was weak over the top, and possessed a sloping rump, I could not place her any higher in the class today. These reasons justify my placing of this class of 3 year-old Brown Swiss Cows, 4-3-2-1.

Thank you. Are there any questions?

MAKING NOTES FOR ORAL REASONS

To be a successful judge of dairy animals, you must cultivate your memory and, thereby, have a clear, mental picture of the class. However, a brief and complete set of notes can be very valuable to you for study before giving oral reasons to the judge.

Notes are for study purposes only and not to read to the judge. **Do not refer to your notes while giving reasons.**

This example is on the Brown Swiss cow's sample reasons in the manual:

4-H JUDGING REASON NOTECARD		Identification
Class Name <u>Brown Swiss Cows</u> Placing <u>4-3-2-1</u>		1. <u>light colored</u>
Opening Statement <u>Close placing, most complete ind., mammary system, dairy character</u>		2. _____
		3. _____
		4. <u>Dark colored</u>
Top Pair - Reasons for <u>4</u> over <u>3</u>		Grant to <u>3</u>
<u>D.C. - More refined; stylish; angular; cleaner head & neck; sharper withers, topline, hips & pins flatter thigh</u>		<u>Size & scale</u>
<u>MS - Bloom; capacious</u>		Criticize _____
Middle Pair - Reasons for <u>3</u> over <u>2</u>		Grant to <u>2</u>
<u>F - upstanding; longest; powerful front end; harmonious blending (shoulder)</u>		<u>Udder capacity</u>
<u>BC - deepen heart; depth base & rear rib, spring of rib; width through rump</u>		Criticize _____
Bottom Pair - Reasons for <u>2</u> over <u>1</u>		Grant to _____
<u>MS - youthful udder; wider, stronger rear udder attachment</u>		
<u>F - stronger & straighter top; especially over chine & loin</u>		Criticize _____
I placed <u>1</u> last because: <u>weak fore udder attachment; lacked size & scale; weak top; sloping Rump</u>		



Writing Reasons*

- _____ is my placing for this class of (class name).
- ___ places over ___ primarily because:
- She is also:
- I admit that ___ is:
- In the middle pair, ___ places over ___ because of her definite advantage in:
- Furthermore, she is:
- However, I realize that ___ is
- Finally, ___ places over ___ because of her decided advantage in:
- In addition, she is:
- I realize that ___ is:
- But she lacks the: _____ to merit a higher placing.
- These are my reasons for placing this class of (class name) , _____ .

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