

Where to score cows?

Cows are most easily scored in the paddock or in the dairy at milking.

In the paddock:

- Walk through the herd, scoring cows as you go.
- Position yourself within 20–30 metres of the cows.
- Score cows when they are standing with their tail, rump and back clearly visible.

In the dairy at milking:

Rotary:

- Look at cows from a position above and to the rear of them using a raised platform close to the cows.
- Ensure lighting is adequate.
- Select cows based strictly on where they are milked. For example: mark every 8th bail on the platform.
- Don't score the first or last 70 cows to be milked.

Herringbone:

- It is not possible to score cows accurately from the pit.
- Step up to view selected cows from above and to the rear.
- Select cows based strictly on where they are milked. For example: mark every 4th set of cups and score cows in those positions only.
- Don't just score the first or last 70 cows to be milked, or the first or last cow in on each side to be milked.
- Alternatively, score cows in the exit race as they leave the dairy.