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Nguni selection – Visual appraisal Potchefstroom college of Agriculture

Student Practicals

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Selecting a bull



Narrow scrotal neck without fat deposits



- Avoid twisted testicles.
- Elongated & round scrotum are accepted.
- 2 yrs old bull = 30 cm



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THE WHEELS



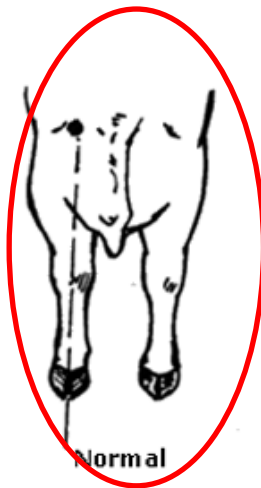
Correct



Too straight



Sickle-hocked



Normal



Knock-kneed



Bow-legged



Correct



Bow-legged



Cow-hocked



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Correct



Too much angle



Too straight



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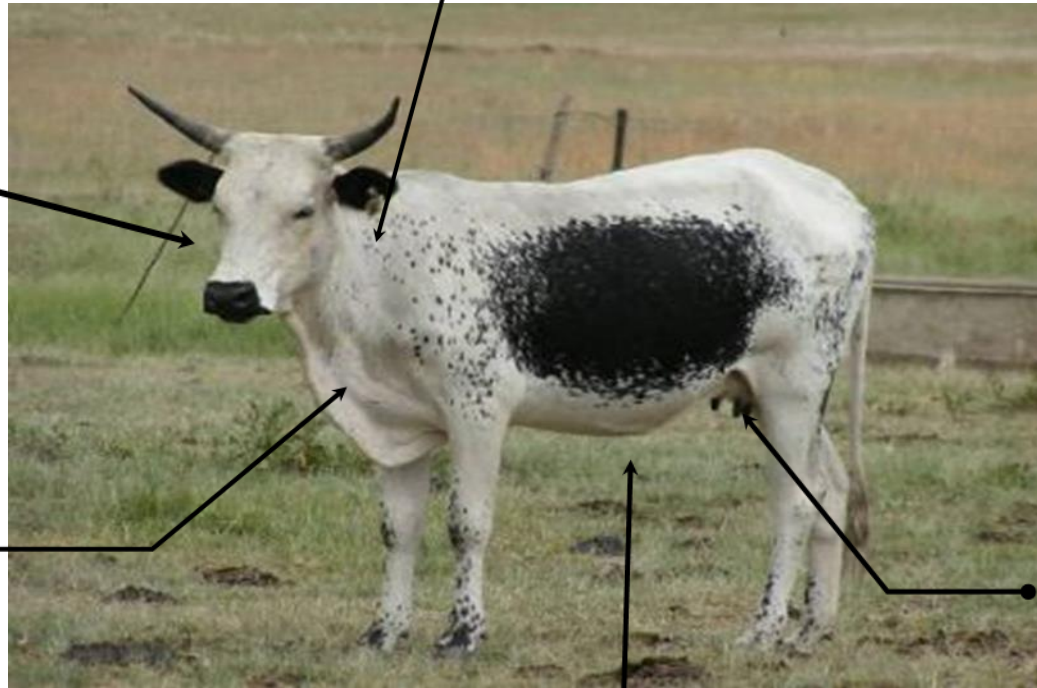
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SELECTING A COW



Slender neck

Feminine head:
smooth

Flat brisket with
no fat deposits.

Naval

Well developed
udder with well
space teats.
(smooth)



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SELECTING HEIFERS

- Select heifers that calve easily without assistance & that show good maternal characteristics.
- Heifers are shy breeders; they should be separated from mature cows.
- Avoid over fat heifers because they have calving problems.
- Select heifers according to their dam's records (no. of calves, ICP & weaning index).



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