

Structural Scoring Workshop

Armidale, NSW, 22nd – 23rd March 2012

An accreditation workshop for Structural Scoring of cattle is to be held in Armidale on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd March. This is your opportunity to become accredited for structural scoring, Mr Bob Dent will be the trainer for the 2 days.

Accreditation of scorers is carried out by Performance Beef Breeders Association (PBBA) who authorise scorers to submit data to ABRI for inclusion on breed society data bases. Only accredited scorers are permitted to submit data. Structural scores are used for two purposes, to describe animals in sale catalogues and to collect data for genetic evaluation. There are a number of scorers who are currently providing a scoring service to the cattle industry. This workshop allows others to gain accreditation.

The accreditation workshop will cover two days. The first day will allow participants to practice scoring and to learn the Beefclass system. The second day will include scoring groups of females and bulls that will be scored and then rescored. Accredited scorers must pass minimum standards of repeatability and accuracy.

The workshop will have a limited number of places available and only those that wish to provide services to the industry on a fee basis should attend. The cost of the workshop will be \$300 excluding accommodation. Accommodation is available at a variety of Armidale motels. If you are interested in attending, please contact me by Monday 27th February to book a place. A draft program is enclosed

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison McIntosh', written in a cursive style.

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Day 1

Venue Armidale Bowling Club

8.30am	Introduction to participants
8.45am	Introduction to structural scoring
	History, trial results, current proposal for sale animals and genetic evaluation
9.15am	Current structural scores and requirements
9.30 am	Requirements for submitting scores to ABRI
10.00am	Depart for demonstration property
10.30am	Demonstration of scoring
11.00 am	Scoring exercises
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Scoring exercises
2.30pm	Review scores
3.30pm	Scoring exercises
4.15pm	Review results
5.00pm	Return to Armidale

Day 2

7.30am	Depart for accreditation property
9.15am	Scoring exercises
10.15am	Morning tea
10.30am	Repeat scoring exercises
12noon	Lunch
1.00pm	Scoring exercises
2.00pm	Repeat scoring exercises
3.00pm	Evaluation and close
3.15pm	Return to Armidale

The second day will be conducted on a property west of Armidale. It will take an hour and a half to get there and may require sharing vehicles.