SALE PRECHECKS

Please be aware of the following before entering Simmental Cattle to any of our Society sales:

Testicles

Bull's testicles will be measured and inspected by the veterinary surgeon. They must be a minimum size of 36 cm in circumference (14 Months), and 38 cm (over 18 months), measured at the widest point of the scrotum. The vet retains the right at his discretion to reject any bulls with uneven or soft testicles. Progeny from bulls with small/uneven/soft testicles which fail inspections will not be accepted into the BSCS herd book 10 months after the sale inspection date. Bulls which may have suffered injury will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Warts

Animals with active warts must be treated by the member's veterinary surgeon and a vet's certificate should be available for inspection at the Sale

Teeth

Teeth must make proper contact with the dental pad of the upper jaw but due allowance will be made for the age and dental development of the animal. Any animal with severely undershot or severely overshot jaws will be rejected and progeny from such animals will not be accepted into the BSCS herd book 10 months after the sale inspection date. Where the veterinary surgeon declares that an animal is marginally overshot or undershot that animal may still be offered through the sale but will be excluded from the show. The Auctioneer will announce that at the point of inspection of animal was found to be marginally overshot or undershot

General Health

Animals with active infections, a contagious disease, or a disorder or condition, may be rejected by the veterinary surgeon. Minor injuries may be treated by a veterinary surgeon in the market but this must be announced at the time of sale. The decisions of the veterinary surgeon appointed by the Society are final and binding. Any animal which is considered by the vet to be not in a healthy and proper condition to be presented as representing a good specimen of the breed at an official collective sale, will be rejected.

Feet

Please ensure that feet and legs are sound and locomotion is satisfactory.

Check that the animals are of good conformation/condition and meet the required minimum weight for age as per the chart below:-

AGE IN DAYS	WEIGHT	AGE IN DAYS	WEIGHT	AGE IN DAYS	WEIGHT						
365	573	440	660	520	738	595	806	670	873	745	941
370	580	445	665	525	743	600	810	675	878	750	945
375	586	450	670	530	747	605	815	680	882	755	950
380	593	455	675	535	752	610	819	685	887	760	954
385	600	460	680	540	756	615	824	690	891	765	959
390	607	465	685	545	761	620	828	695	896	770	963
395	613	470	690	550	765	625	833	700	900	775	968
400	620	475	695	555	770	630	837	705	905	780	972
405	625	480	700	560	774	635	842	710	909	785	977
410	630	485	705	565	779	640	846	715	914	790	981
415	635	490	710	570	783	645	851	720	918	795	986
420	640	500	720	575	788	650	855	725	923	800	990
425	645	505	725	580	792	655	860	730	927		
430	650	510	729	585	797	660	864	735	932		
435	655	515	734	590	801	665	869	740	936		

IT IS THE PURCHASER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE HEALTH STATUS OF THE CATTLE PURCHASED MEET THE CRITERIA OF THEIR EXISTING HERD HEALTH SCHEME.

If in any doubt or we can help any further please contact the Society for further information.