When scoring feet, the following guidelines should be followed:

1. Animals should be scored prior to hoof trimming.
2. For claw shape and hoof angle score, the animal’s worst hoof (front or back).
3. Animals should be scored on a dry, flat, and hard surface.
4. Age of measurement:
   a. Yearling bulls and heifers can be scored between 270-500 days of age.
   b. Mature females should be scored following the same guidelines as mature weight.
   c. Scoring mature bulls will not likely contribute to genetic evaluation due to limited contemporary information
5. All animals within a contemporary group should be scored by the same evaluator on the same day.
6. Variation must exist in submitted scores to determine genetic differences.