

# IN THE GENOMIC ERA



## DOCILITY OR DISPOSITION SCORING "PEN SCORE" SYSTEM

Animal response to human presence in a pen. Individual pen scoring should be applied to an animal placed in a pen with two to four other animals. The score ranges from one to five, with one being very calm and five being very aggressive.

- 1 = Extremely gentle, must kick to get out of the way
- 2 = Calm but moves away from you when you get close
- 3 = Calm but moves away from you sooner than a 2 (larger flight zone)
- 4 = Nervous and moves away rapidly when you enter their flight zone
- 5 = Extremely nervous and may attack the scorer in the pen

## BREEDING AND PREGNANCY DATA SUBMISSION

Submission of heifer breeding data includes artificial insemination (AI) dates and/or natural service breeding dates. Collection of pregnancy status at the end of the breeding season can also be valuable data for use in developing heifer pregnancy EPDs. Heifer pregnancy EPDs generally estimate differences among individuals in the proportion of their daughters who will successfully conceive and calve at two years of age. Heifer exposure and pregnancy diagnosis reports can be submitted to IBBA.

See example chart on page 33 for submitting breeding data.