

PHENOTYPES REMAIN KING

HAIR SHEDDING SCORING SYSTEM

Hair shedding scores are subjective, visual scores indicating the level of hair shedding by an animal. Members should report a value between one and five, with a score of five indicating no evidence of shedding their winter coat and a score of one indicating complete shedding of their winter coat which exhibits a slick, summer hair coat.

- 1 = complete shedding of winter hair coat (desirable)
- 2 = shedding about three-fourths (75%) of their winter hair coat
- 3 = shedding of half (50%) of their winter hair coat
- 4 = shedding about one-fourth (25%) of their winter hair coat
- 5 = no shedding of the winter hair coat (least desirable)

The increased shedding of winter hair coat leads to heavier weaning weights, which becomes even more pronounced the further south and east that you produce cattle. Hair shedding scores should be taken about four to six weeks after the last freeze, or last major cold front, of the year. This obviously varies from state to state or region to region.



Shedding Score 1



Shedding Score 3



Shedding Score 4