



Measuring Scrotal Circumference

Scrotal circumference measurements are used to predict the Scrotal Circumference EBV. Scrotal circumference is associated not only with male fertility (fertility increases as size increases), but also early maturity of the bull's daughters (bulls with greater scrotal circumferences typically produce heifers that will reach puberty sooner).

Measurements should be collected between 350 and 500 days of age and only one measurement can be submitted for each animal during this time. The circumference should be measured at the widest part of the scrotum and recorded in centimetres. Care should be taken when measuring this trait to avoid injury.

Measurement of this trait is voluntary. Where no measurements exist, EBVs will be predicted from relatives' measurements and the correlations that Scrotal Circumference has with the other traits which have been measured.

Note: all animals sold at BLCS sales are inspected for scrotal circumference. The permitted minimum is 32cm on the day of sale. Animals with measurements below this are excluded from the sale. Measurements taken at a sale may not be used for performance recording purposes, since animals are typically outwith the accepted age range.

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