

# CHAROLAIS

American-International Charolais Association

## CALF VIGOR GUIDELINES



Calf Vigor is used to describe the calf's strength and activity after birth. This score reflects how aggressively calves get up and suck post-calving. Scoring should be recorded with calving ease and within an hour of calving if possible.

### Scoring Description

<b>0</b>	Unobserved (might be left)
<b>1</b>	Extremely aggressive standing and sucking behaviour
<b>2</b>	Somewhat aggressive standing and sucking behaviour
<b>3</b>	Clearly not aggressive, delayed standing and sucking
<b>4</b>	Required assistance to nurse
<b>5</b>	Was hand fed (tube, bottle, etc.)

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## American-International Charolais Association MOTHERING ABILITY GUIDELINES



Mothering ability is measuring a cow's natural instinct and ability to care for and nurture her calf. It is collected at calving and reflects how aggressively a cow responds to her calf post-calving. Mothering scores should be assigned shortly after birth.

### Scoring Description

0	Unobserved (might be left)
1	Strong interest in calf
2	Normal interest in calf
3	Limited interest in calf
4	No interest in calf (required intervention)