Quick Guide to Injury Scoring

Hock Injury Scoring
Condition of the hocks can be an important indicator of the abrasiveness of the resting surface, stall design, and cow comfort.
Score only the tarsal joint but not the point of the hock.

Knee Injury Scoring
Knee health is an important indicator of cow comfort and the hardness of the resting surface floor.
Score only the front of the knee (i.e. carpal joint).

Neck Injury Scoring
Neck injury is an important indicator of whether the feed bunk/neck rail/chain is at the correct height/length and that the feed is consistently within easy reach for the animal.
Score only the neck crest (ears to withers).

Hock Injury Scoring Chart:

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<td>‘A’</td>
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<td>‘R’</td>
<td>Requires corrective action</td>
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<td>No Swelling.</td>
<td>No hair is missing, some hair loss or broken hair.</td>
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<td>No Swelling or minor swelling (&lt; 1 cm).</td>
<td>Bald area on hock</td>
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<td>Medium swelling (1-2.5 cm) and/or lesion on bald area.</td>
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<td>Major swelling (&gt; 2.5 cm). May have bald area/lesion.</td>
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Knee Injury Scoring Chart:

**Score ‘A’ Acceptable**
- No Swelling. No hair is missing, some hair loss or broken hair.
- No Swelling, Bald area.

**Score ‘R’ Requires corrective action**
- Broken skin or scab and/or swelling (< 2.5 cm).
- Major swelling (≥ 2.5 cm). May have bald area/lesion.

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Neck Injury Scoring Chart:

**Score ‘A’ Acceptable**
- No swelling. No hair is missing, some hair loss or broken hair.
- No swelling. Bald area visible.

**Score ‘R’ Requires corrective action**
- Broken skin or scab and/or swelling. May have bald area.