

# Scoring udder edema

**Score**   **Definition**

- 0. No edema apparent.
- 1. Edema in the base of the udder around one or two quarters.
- 2. Edema in the base of the udder around three or four quarters.
- 3. Edema covering the lower half of the udder.
- 4. Edema beginning to show in the midline and navel.
- 5. Extensive fluid accumulation along midline and navel.
- 6. Edema covering entire udder. Median suspensory ligament crease has disappeared.
- 7. Midline fluid accumulation extended to the brisket.
- 8. Midline fluid accumulation extended dorsally. The subcutaneous abdominal vein is indistinguishable.
- 9. Fluid accumulation extended to the thighs.
- 10. Severe edema. Marked fluid accumulation in the vulva. Edema extensive in all of the areas mentioned above.

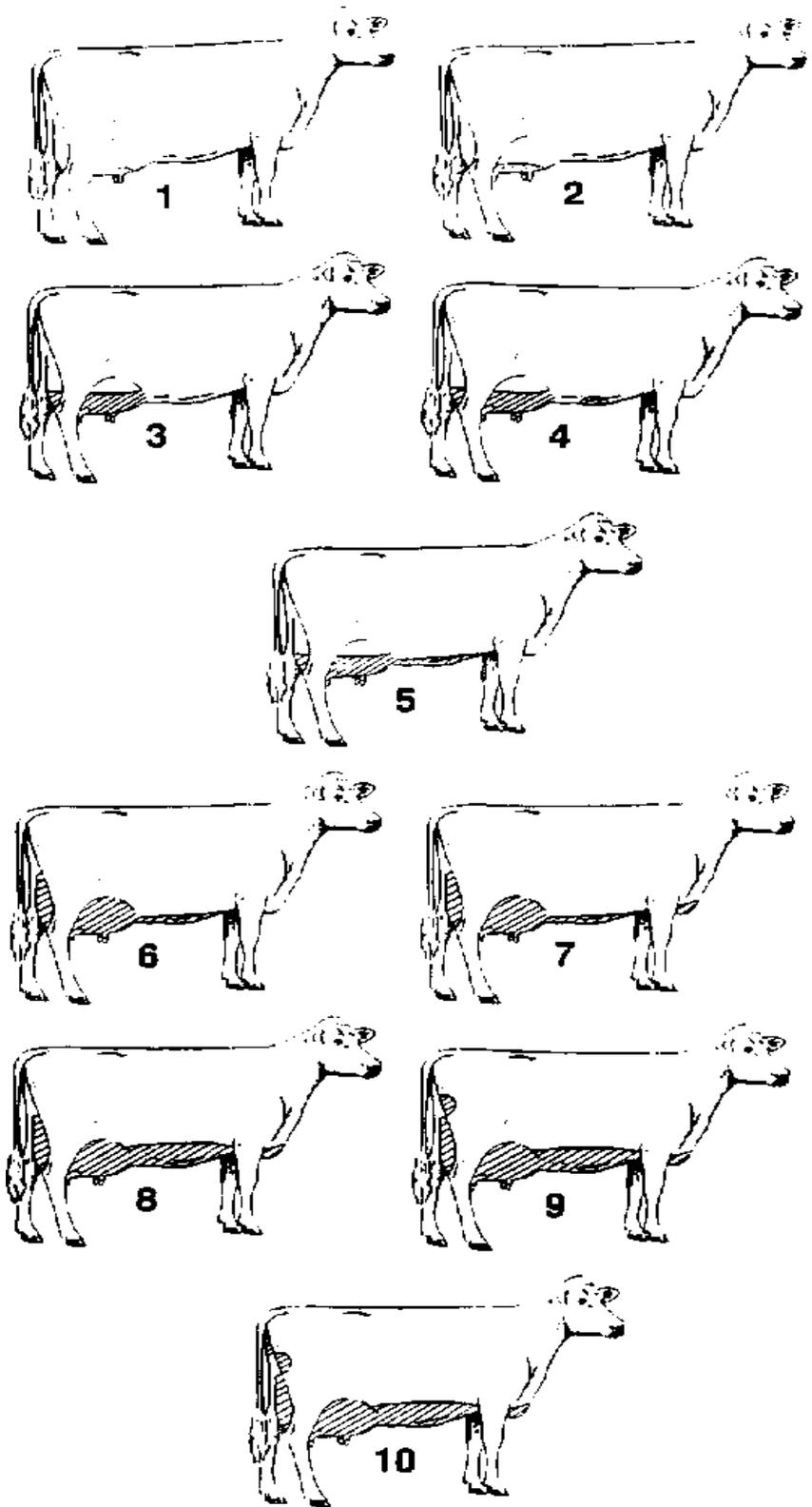


Figure 1. a) Edema scores (1 to 10). Hatched areas represent locations of edema.