

## Breast Myopathy Scoring

The breast myopathy score cards below give an indication as to the location and severity of some of the myopathies mentioned in the Broiler Myopathies Handbook. *The scoring system shown on these cards is for research and investigation purposes only; the scores do not show breast meat sorting criteria in the processing plant.*

### Woody Breast

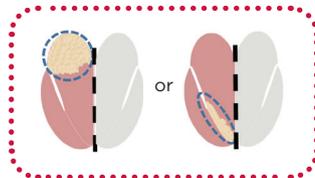
#### Score 0

Normal, does not feel hard in any section of the breast.



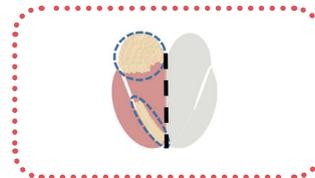
#### Score 1

A hard area affecting no more than approximately 30% of the breast in any one area (top, middle or bottom).



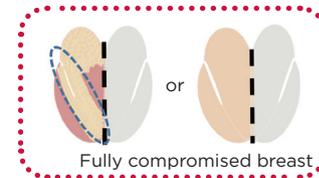
#### Score 2

A hard area found in any two parts of the breast (top and middle or middle and bottom) or an area of hardness accounting for approximately 50-60% of the breast, or hardness affecting the entire breast but the breast still able to be flexed across its central part.



#### Score 3

Hardness affecting the entire breast and with a loss of flexibility across its central part. In some cases, there may be presence of citrine color, viscous fluid and/or hemorrhagic areas on the surface.



Fully compromised breast

Normal areas of breast shown in pink, and affected areas in cream.

## Breast Myopathy Scoring

The breast myopathy score cards below give an indication as to the location and severity of some of the myopathies mentioned in the Broiler Myopathies Handbook. *The scoring system shown on these cards is for research and investigation purposes only; the scores do not show breast meat sorting criteria in the processing plant.*

### White Striping

#### Score 0

Normal, no striping on any section of the breast.



#### Score 1

Noticeable striping covering approximately 30% of the breast surface.



#### Score 2

Noticeable thin striping (<2 mm/0.08 in) covering the entire surface of the breast, or some thicker lines (3-4 mm/0.12-0.16 in) covering approximately 40% of the breast.



#### Score 3

Extensive coverage of the breast with a mixture of thick (3-4 mm/0.12-0.16 in) and thin lines (<2 mm/0.08 in).



## Breast Myopathy Scoring

The breast myopathy score cards below give an indication as to the location and severity of some of the myopathies mentioned in the Broiler Myopathies Handbook. *The scoring system shown on these cards is for research and investigation purposes only; the scores do not show breast meat sorting criteria in the processing plant.*

### Stringy-Spongy

#### Score 0

Normal breast with no sign of stringy-spongy.



#### Score 1

An area of open breast fibers affecting no more than approximately 30% of the breast in any one area (top, middle or bottom), or an area of looseness that can be pinched and lifted accounting for approximately 40-50% of the breast meat.



#### Score 2

Two areas of breast showing open areas with exposed fibers, or one area showing severe damage with exposed fibers affecting >50% of the surface.

