

The "3 C's" of Manure Scoring: A Qualitative Guide for Dairy Health

A visual framework for diagnosing cattle nutrition and rumen health using the qualitative "3 C's" method.

THE "3 C'S" QUALITATIVE FRAMEWORK



(Dietary Indicator):

Reflects the forage base; normal colors range from dark green to olive-brown.

(Rumen Health):

Measures passage rate and moisture; the "Gold Standard" is a porridge-like texture with concentric rings.

(Digestive Efficiency):

Identifies undigested feed or long fibers (>0.5 inches), which signal rumen mat failure or poor processing.

THE 1-5 CONSISTENCY SCORING SCALE

