

How do I measure my Mini?



Minis are measured across their hip, at the highest point. The idea being that a 43 inch tall Miniature Hereford should be able to just barely walk under a 43 inch high bar. Measuring at the hip has proven to be more accurate than shoulder or wither measurements.

A measuring stick can be purchased, or built from PVC pipe. This measuring stick should have an "arm" that can be gently lowered over the back of a Mini, while the foot of the stick is set firmly on level ground. The frame chart shown below was created by the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association and the American Hereford Association by continuing the AHA chart downward. There are some discrepancies however, as some of the Miniature Hereford cattle mature at an earlier age, and thus their growth is not consistent with the chart during the growth period, but should mature at the designated point.

COWS					Age/months	BULLS				
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26.5	28.5	30.5	32.5	34.5	6	27	29	31	33	35
27.25	29.25	31.25	33.25	35.25	7	28	30	32	34	36
28	30	32	34	36	8	29	31	33	35	37
28.75	30.75	32.75	34.75	36.75	9	30	32	34	36	38
29.5	31.5	33.5	35.5	37.5	10	31	33	35	37	39
30.25	32.25	34.25	36.25	38.25	11	32	34	36	38	40
31	33	35	37	39	12	33	35	37	39	41
31.5	33.5	35.5	37.5	39.5	13	33.75	35.75	37.75	39.75	41.75
32.25	34.25	36.25	38.25	40.25	14	34.5	36.5	38.5	40.5	42.5
32.75	34.75	36.75	38.75	40.75	15	35	37	39	41	43
33.25	35.25	37.25	39.25	41.25	16	35.5	37.5	39.5	41.5	43.5
33.75	35.75	37.75	39.75	41.75	17	35.75	37.75	39.75	41.75	43.75
34	36	38	40	42	18	36	38	40	42	44
34.25	36.25	38.25	40.25	42.25	19	36.25	38.25	40.25	42.25	44.25
34.5	36.5	38.5	40.5	42.5	20	36.5	38.5	40.5	42.5	44.5
34.75	36.75	38.75	40.75	42.75	21	36.75	38.75	40.75	42.75	44.75
35	37	39	41	43	22	37	39	41	43	45
35.25	37.25	39.25	41.25	43.25	23	37.25	39.25	41.25	43.25	45.25
35.5	37.5	39.5	41.5	43.5	24	37.5	39.5	41.5	43.5	45.5
36	38	40	42	44	2 years	39	41	43	45	47
37	39	41	43	45	3 years	40	42	44	46	48