


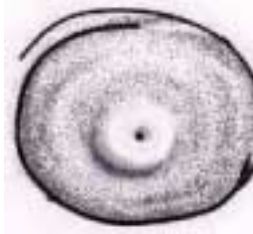


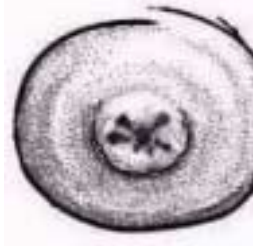
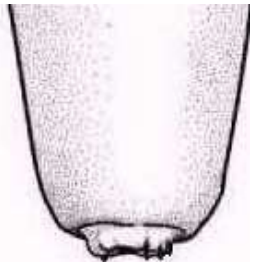



A scoring system for teat-end condition (Mein et al. 2001)

Score	Description	Illustration		
N	<p>No ring The teat-end is smooth with a small, even orifice.</p> <p>This is a typical status for many teats soon after the start of lactation</p>			
S	<p>Smooth or Slightly rough ring A raised ring encircles the orifice. The surface of the ring is smooth or it may feel slightly rough but no fronds of old keratin are evident.</p>			
R	<p>Rough ring A raised, roughened ring with isolated fronds or mounds of old keratin extending 1 - 3 mm from the orifice.</p>			
VR	<p>Very Rough ring A raised ring with rough fronds or mounds of old keratin extending 4 mm or more from the orifice. The rim of the ring is rough and cracked, often giving the teat-end a "flowered" appearance.</p>	