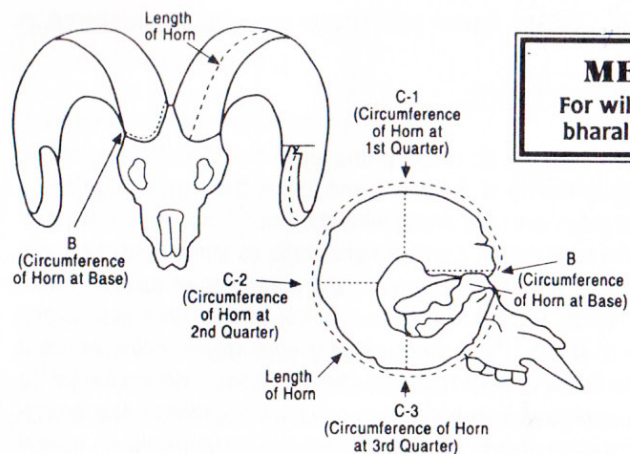




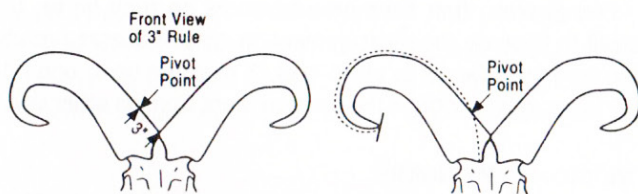
METHOD 11

For wild sheep, aoudad, bharal and eastern tur.

I. LENGTH OF HORN

Measure the length of each horn on its outer curve. With **most sheep**, the line of measurement is on the front surface of the horn fairly close to the frontal-orbital edge (or ridge), which is the one that begins on the forehead. Measure from the lowest point at the base of the horn to the tip, following the hairlike grain of the horn material. Do not deviate from the direction of the grain; it must be followed carefully the full length of the measurement. Keep the cable or tape tight; do not press it down into depressions.

With **eastern tur, bharal, aoudad, Cyprian mouflon and Armenian mouflon**, the measurement differs from

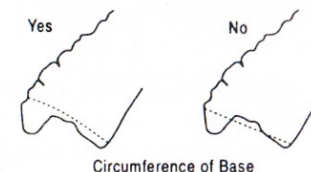


that of most sheep in that it incorporates the **"three-inch rule"** at the beginning, then pivots and follows the frontal-nuchal edge (or ridge) of the horn to the tip. (The frontal-nuchal edge does not begin on the forehead, but near the center of the skull where the horns are nearest each other.) To locate the pivot point, measure from the base of the frontal-nuchal edge three inches toward the tip, and mark this point with a pencil. The actual measurement then begins at the lowest point of the horn base on the forehead and goes in a direct line to the pivot point (pencil mark), crossing the grain of the horn enroute, then pivots and follows the frontal-nuchal edge to the horn tip. Keep the cable or tape tight; do not press it down into depressions. *This is a 1987 method change. Previous instructions were not specific enough for these confusing horns, so different measurers interpreted them differently. The purpose of the three-inch rule is to ensure that all these horns will be measured in the same way. As this rule may give a slightly longer measurement, previously entered trophies should be remeasured and resubmitted on a new entry form (at no charge). The remeasurement box should be checked, the former score and entry number filled in if known.*

If the horn tip is broken so that its far end is not on the line of measurement, it should be carded off (see *General Instructions 24*); do not measure across the flattened end of a broken horn tip.

II. CIRCUMFERENCE OF HORN AT BASE

Measure the circumference of each horn at its base, or as close to the base (or hairline) as possible while holding the tape tightly in a continuous loop and keeping it above any scallops or malformations. Keep the tape on horn material at all times—not on bone, hair or air space. The measurement should be at the same angle as the base of the horn; it need not be at a right angle. Do not press the tape down into depressions. Do not "walk" the tape around the edge of an irregularly shaped base.



III. CIRCUMFERENCE OF HORN AT QUARTERS

Measure the circumferences of each horn at 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4 the distance from the base to the tip, **based on the length of the longer horn**. First, divide the length of the **longer** horn (*Measurement I*) by four. (Quarter-length tables are provided in the measuring kit.) Then, beginning at the base, mark both horns with pencil at these same distances—the **shorter horn must be marked at the same distances from its base as the longer horn**. Measure the circumference of each horn at these three marks, using a tight tape in a continuous loop at a right angle to the axis of the horn. If a growth ring or other depression occurs at one of the quarters, it is permissible to avoid it by taking the measurement further toward the tip (but not toward the base). (Note: If the shorter horn is broken off very short, the third quarter mark may fall beyond its broken end, making Measurement C-3 impossible to obtain.)

For the sheep that require the three-inch rule, remember that the total length of the horn is measured from the lowest point of the horn base on the forehead, through the pivot point and along the frontal-nuchal ridge to the tip. The quarter lengths are marked off along this same line of measurement.

Record each circumference on the proper line. Circumferences are numbered in sequence, C-1, C-2, C-3.

IV. TOTAL SCORE

Total all measurements. Record fractions in 1/8ths of an inch.

NOTE: It may be helpful to put small pieces of masking tape at the points where you will mark your quarter measurements and with a pencil mark those distances on the tape for easier viewing.

