

SCORE CARD

Visual indicators for assessing soil quality
under pastoral grazing on flat to rolling country

SOIL INDICATORS

Land use:

Site location/Paddock name:

Date:

Soil type:

Textural qualifier: ☐ Sandy ☐ Loamy ☐ Clayey

Moisture condition: ☐ Dry ☐ Slightly moist ☐ Moist ☐ Wet

Seasonal weather conditions: ☐ Dry ☐ Wet ☐ Cold ☐ Warm ☐ Average

Visual Indicator of Soil Quality	Visual Score (VS) 0 = Poor condition 1 = Moderate condition 2 = Good condition	Weighting	VS Ranking
Soil structure & consistence (Fig. 1, p.57)		× 3	
Soil porosity (Fig. 2, p.59)		× 3	
Soil colour (Fig. 3, p.61)		× 2	
Number and colour of soil mottles (Fig. 4, p.63)		× 2	
Earthworm counts (Fig. 5, p. 65)		× 3	
Surface relief (Fig. 6, p. 67)		× 1	
RANKING SCORE (Sum of VS rankings)			

Soil Quality Assessment	Ranking Score
Poor	< 10
Moderate	10 – 20
Good	> 20

If your soil quality assessment is moderate or poor, guidelines for sustainable management are given in Volume 2, Part Two.