

**Hook Valley Farm,
Wincanton, Somerset (HVFE13) (HVFX 13)**
The Animal Bone
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Introduction

A total of 14 (29g) fragments of animal bone were recovered by hand during archaeological works undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology Services Ltd at Hook Valley Farm, Wincanton, Somerset. The remains were recovered from Area 2 enclosure ditch [2003].

Results

The remains were generally of a poor overall condition with evidence of leaching and rootlet etching of the cortical bone, averaging at grade 4 on the Lyman criteria (1996).

No evidence of butchery, gnawing, burning or pathology was noted on the remains.

Table 1, Summary of Identified Bone

Cut	Context	Taxon	Element	Side	Number	Weight	Comments
2003	2003	Large Mammal Size	Skull	X	2	2	
	2004	Unidentified	Unidentified	X	11	7	Fragmentary
		Cattle	Tooth	R	1	20	Upper M2

As can be seen from Table 1, only Cattle was identified to species.

The assemblage is too small to provide meaningful information on animal husbandry and utilisation on site, save the presence/use of the animals on site.

References

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