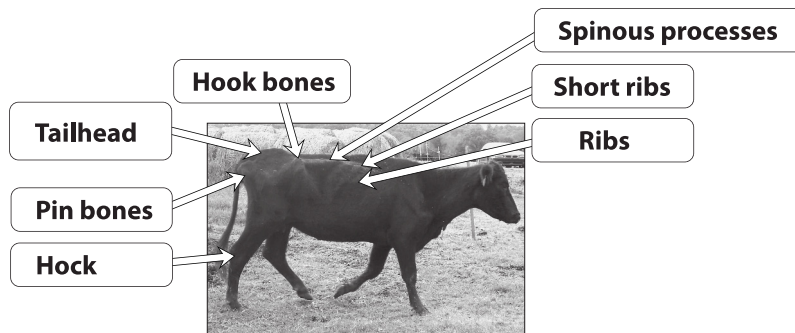


Body Condition Score- Beef Cattle



1. Emaciated

There is no palpable fat over the spinous processes, short ribs (transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae), ribs, and hook and pin bones. The tailhead, ribs, and vulva are prominent with a depressed anal area. Considered unfit to travel.



2. Poor

The animal still lacks fat over the spinous processes and hook and pin bones. However, the tail head, ribs, and anal area are less prominent.



3. Thin

Individual ribs are still noticeable though not sharp to the touch. Fat is able to be palpated around the tailhead and spinous processes. There is a thin layer of backfat over the ribs close to the vertebrae.



4. Borderline

Individual spinous processes are palpable but not sharp to the touch. Ribs may or may not be individually distinguishable. Some fat is present over the ribs, short ribs, and hook bones.



5. Moderate

Fat cover is palpable on either side of the tailhead. Fat over the ribs feels spongy. Overall, the animal has a lean and fit appearance.



6. High Moderate

The animal has a moderate amount of fat over the ribs and around the tailhead. Firm palpation is needed to feel the individual spinous processes of the vertebrae.

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7. Good

The animal displays considerable fat cover. Palpable fat over the ribs and around the tailhead is spongy. Deposits of fat are beginning to form around the tailhead.



8. Fat

Palpation of the spinous processes is not possible. Large fat deposits are present over the ribs and around the tailhead. There is a large amount of fat between the pin bone and tailhead, also referred to as a “fat pone” or “round”.



9. Extremely Fat

The tailhead and hocks are covered in fatty tissue with excessive fat between the pin and tailhead. Bone structures are no longer visible or palpable. The animals appear to be very blocky, and fat deposits may be so severe that they impair their mobility.