

	A. NECK	B. WITHERS	C. SHOULDER	D. RIBS	E. BACK	F. TAILHEAD
1. Poor (Emaciated)	Bone structure of neck easily noticeable; no fat deposition can be felt	Bone structure of withers easily noticeable	No fatty tissue can be felt behind the shoulder	No fatty tissue can be felt; ribs projecting prominently	Bony projection of vertebrae (spinous processes) clearly seen	Bony projection of vertebrae (spinous processes) clearly seen; no fatty tissue felt
2. Very Thin	Bone structure of neck faintly noticeable	Bone structure of withers faintly noticeable	Slight fat cover can be felt behind the shoulder	Slight fat cover can be felt; ribs projecting prominently	Slight fat covering the bony projection of vertebrae (spinous processes), but clearly seen	Slight fat covering the bony projection of vertebrae (spinous processes), but clearly seen
3. Thin (Underweight)	Neck accentuated	Withers accentuated	Shoulders accentuated	Slight fat cover over ribs can be felt	Slight fat covering the bony projection of vertebrae (spinous processes), but clearly seen	Tailhead clearly seen but individual vertebrae cannot be seen
4. Moderately Thin	Neck not obviously thin; may have dip between wither and neck depending on conformation	Withers not obviously thin	Shoulders not obviously thin	Faint outline of ribs seen	Spine clearly shown with a negative crease along the back	Tailhead prominence depends on conformation
5. Moderate (Ideal)	Neck blends smoothly into body	Withers rounded over bony projections of vertebrae (spinous processes)	Shoulders blend smoothly into body	Ribs not visibly seen; Can be easily felt under slight fat covering	Smooth, level back	Slight fat covering felt around tailhead
6. Moderately Fleshy	Fat deposited along neck, especially crest	Fat deposited along withers	Fat covering behind shoulders	Ribs not easily seen; fat feels spongy; individual ribs can be felt	May have slight crease down back	Tailhead feels spongy from fat deposition
7. Fleshy (Overweight)	Fat deposited along neck, especially crest	Fat deposited along withers	Fat deposited behind shoulders	Ribs not visible; noticeable filling between ribs; individual ribs can be felt	May have slight crease down back	Tissue around tailhead is soft
8. Fat (Obese)	Fat deposited along neck, especially crest; noticeable widening of neck	Area along withers filled with fat; either side of withers is soft	Area behind shoulders filled with fat	Ribs not visible; difficult to feel ribs	Noticeable crease down back	Tailhead is soft; noticeable fat cover
9. Extremely Fat (Very Obese)	Large fat deposit along top (crest and sides of neck); creases present	Bulging fat along withers	Bulging fat behind withers	Fat appearing patchy over ribs; ribs difficult or impossible to feel	Obvious crease down back	Tailhead is very soft; bulging fat cover

Table 1. Description of body condition scores adapted from Henneke (1983)

Body Condition Scoring Worksheet

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9. Extremely Fat (Very Obese)						