

## BODY CONDITION SCORE

<b>Condition</b>	<b>BCS</b>	<b>Description</b>
Very thin to thin	1	Emaciated
	2	Poor
	3	Thin
Borderline	4	Borderline
Idea	5	Moderate
	6	Good
Fat	7	Very good
	8	Fat
	9	Obese

Idea times to BCS cattle are 90d pre-calving, calving, breeding, weaning

Source: Beef Improvement Federation Guidelines 9<sup>th</sup> Ed.

Body Condition Score 3



visible foreribs – some muscle tone to hindquarter

Body Condition Score 4



visible hindribs only – some muscling in hindquarter

Body Condition Score 5



ribs not visible – flat muscling in hindquarter

Body Condition Score 6



smooth appearance over ribs – rounded appearance to hindquarter – no fat pones at tailhead

Body Condition Score 7



smooth appearance over ribs - rounded appearance to hindquarter – fat pones around tailhead

Body Condition Score 8



Excessive fat cover causes tailhead to blend into hindquarter – fat blends front shoulder smoothly with neck and rib fat cover - excess fat in brisket area between front leg