



BEEF COW BODY CONDITION SCORING

Reference cards

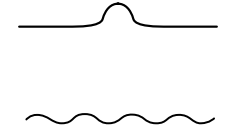
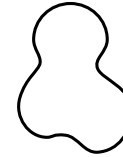




BCS 4

Tailhead	Narrow tailhead, holes.
Pin bones	Sharp angles, tap shaped.
Hips	Sharp angles, prominent W shape hips to spine.
Spine	Notches just visible, very sharp ridge.
Short ribs	Ends of individual ribs sharp and clearly visible.
Rump	Slight depression, V-shaped line pin to hip.

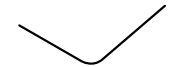
PIN BONES **SPINE**



TAILHEAD **HIPS**



SHORT RIBS **RUMP**



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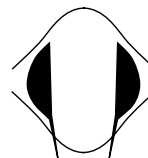
BCS 5

Tailhead	Narrow tailhead, shallow holes.
Pin bones	Discernable, triangular.
Hips	Smooth corners on hips, slight W shape hips to spine.
Spine	No notches visible, obvious ridge.
Short ribs	Ends of individual ribs rounded but visible.
Rump	Slight depression, U-shaped line pin to hip.

PIN BONES **SPINE**



TAILHEAD **HIPS**



SHORT RIBS **RUMP**



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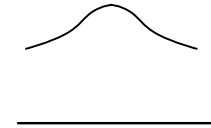
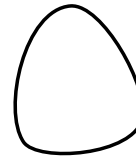




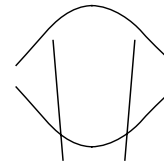
BCS 6

Tailhead	Tailhead slightly widened, no holes.
Pin bones	Discernable, rounded.
Hips	Rounded hips, slight W shape hips to spine.
Spine	Smooth ridge.
Short ribs	Ends of individual ribs not visible, sharp line.
Rump	Slight U shape pin to hip.

PIN BONES **SPINE**



TAILHEAD **HIPS**



SHORT RIBS **RUMP**



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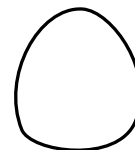




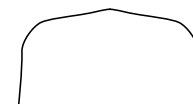
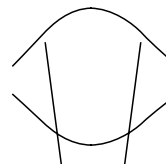
BCS 7

Tailhead	Wide tailhead, no holes.
Pin bones	Indistinct, rounded.
Hips	Rounded hips, almost flat across to spine.
Spine	Slight, smooth ridge.
Short ribs	Ends of individual ribs not visible, rounded line.
Rump	Flat line pin to hip.

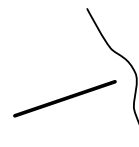
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TAILHEAD **HIPS**



SHORT RIBS **RUMP**



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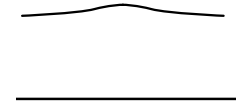
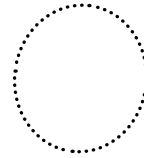




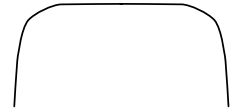
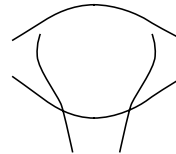
BCS 8

Tailhead	Wide tailhead, with fat rolls.
Pin bones	Indistinct, well covered, slight bulging with fat.
Hips	Smoothly rounded hips, flat across to spine.
Spine	Tiny ridge.
Short ribs	Ends of individual ribs not visible, rounded line.
Rump	Full muscle, starting to bulge.

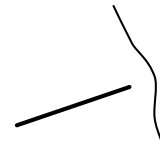
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BCS 9

Tailhead	Wide, high tailhead surrounded by fat.
Pin bones	Indistinct, well-covered, bulging with fat.
Hips	Very smooth rounded hips.
Spine	No ridge.
Short ribs	Very rounded line.
Rump	Rounded, full muscle, bulging.

BCS 10

Tailhead	Wide, high tailhead surrounded by deep fat.
Pin bones	Indistinct, well-covered, bulging with fat.
Hips	Very smooth rounded hips.
Spine	No ridge, wide flat back.
Short ribs	Line barely visible.
Rump	Bulging muscle/fat.

BCS 9

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