

Body Condition Scoring Sheet

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HORSE: _____

DATE: _____

PERFORMED BY: _____

CONDITION	NECK	WITHERS	SHOULDER	RIBS	BACK	TAIL
1 POOR	Bone structure easily noticeable	Bone structure easily noticeable	Bone structure easily noticeable	Ribs protruding prominently	Spinous processes projecting prominently	Tail head, pin bones and hook bones projecting prominently
2 VERY THIN	Bone structure faintly discernible	Bone structure faintly discernible	Bone structure faintly discernible	Ribs prominent	Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes: transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded, spinous processes prominent	Tailhead prominent
3 THIN	Neck accentuated	Withers accentuated	Shoulder accentuated	Slight fat cover over ribs, ribs easily discernible	Fat buildup halfway on spinous processes but easily discernible, transverse processes cannot be felt	Tailhead prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be visually identified, hook bones appear rounded but easily discernible, pin bones not distinguishable
4 MODERATELY THIN	Neck not obviously thin	Withers not obviously thin	Shoulder not obviously thin	Faint outline of ribs discernible	Negative crease (peaked appearance) along back	Prominence depends on conformation, fat can be felt, hook bones not discernible
5 MODERATE	Neck blends smoothly into body	Withers rounded over spinous processes	Shoulder blends smoothly into body	Ribs cannot be visually distinguished but can be easily felt	Back is level	Fat around tail head feels somewhat soft
6 MODERATELY FLESHY	Deposited fat faintly discernible along neck	Deposited fat faintly discernible along withers	Deposited fat faintly discernible behind shoulder	Fat over ribs feels spongy	May have a slight positive crease (groove) down back	Fat around tail head feels soft
7 FLESHY	Fat deposited along neck	Fat deposited along withers	Fat deposited behind shoulder	Individual ribs can be felt with pressure but noticeable fat filling between ribs	May have positive crease down back	Fat around tail head feels soft
8 FAT	Noticeable thickening of neck	Area along withers filled with fat	Area behind shoulder filled in and flush with body	Difficult to feel ribs	Positive crease down back	Fat around tail head feels very soft
9 EXTREMELY FAT	Bulging fat along neck	Bulging fat along withers	Bulging fat behind shoulder	Pathy fat over ribs	Obvious crease down back	Bulging fat around tail head