

Dairy Cattle Body Condition Scoring Chart

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Condition score	Description	
5.00	overall appearance	-
4.75	-	Hook bone just visible
4.50	Flat	Pin bone not visible
4.25	-	Tips of transverse processes not visible
4.00	Flat U	No visible sacral or coccygeal ligaments Transverse processes just visible
3.75	-	Tail head ligament not visible Sacral ligament barely visible
Too Fat		
3.50	U	Coccygeal ligament barely visible Sacral ligament visible
3.25	-	Sacral/coccygeal ligaments visible
>3.0	U	Sacral/coccygeal ligaments appearance
START - Rump V or U		
<3.0	V	Hook and pin bone fat pads
2.75	-	Hook is angular/pin padded
2.50	-	Hook is angular/pin is angular palpable fat pad on pin
Too Thin		
<2.5	V	Hook and pin bone angular Look at transverse processes
2.25	-	Short ribs Transverse processes edge to spine .5-.6 tip to spine
2.00	-	.75 tip to spine
<2.0	-	Thurl bone appearance Spine, overall appearance