A.NECK	B. WITHERS	C. SHOULDER	D. RIBS	E. BACK	F. TAILHEAD
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	Boney projection of vertebrae (spinous processes) clearly seen	Boney projection of vertebrae (spinous processes) clearly seen; no fatty tissue felt
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 boney projection of vertebrae (spinous processes), but clearly seen	Slight fat covering the boney projection of vertebrae (spinous processes), but clearly seen
Neck accentuated	Withers accentuated	Shoulders accentuated	Slight fat cover over ribs can be felt	Slight fat covering the boney projection of vertebrae (spinous processes), but clearly seen	Tailhead clearly seen but individual vertebrate cannot be seen
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
Neck blends smoothly into body	Withers rounded over boney 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
Fat deposited along neck, especially crest	Fat deposited along withers	Fat covering behind shoulders	Ribs not easily seen; fat feels spongey; individual ribs can be felt	May have slight crease down back	Tailhead feels spongy from fat deposition
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
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
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
	Bone structure of neck easily noticeable; no fat deposition can be felt  Bone structure of neck faintly noticeable  Neck accentuated  Neck not obviously thin; may have dip between wither and neck depending on conformation  Neck blends smoothly into body  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Large fat deposit along top (crest and sides of neck;	Bone structure of neck easily noticeable; no fat deposition can be felt  Bone structure of neck faintly noticeable  Bone structure of withers faintly noticeable  Neck accentuated  Neck not obviously thin; may have dip between wither and neck depending on conformation  Neck blends smoothly into body  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest; noticeable widening of neck  Large fat deposit along top (crest and sides of neck;  Bone structure of withers easily noticeable  Withers faintly noticeable widenesses along structure of withers faintly noticeable along structure of withers faintly noticeable widening of neck;  Bone structure of withers easily noticeable withers faintly noticeable	Bone structure of neck easily noticeable; no fat deposition can be felt  Bone structure of withers easily noticeable  Bone structure of meck faintly noticeable  Bone structure of neck faintly noticeable  Bone structure of mithers faintly noticeable  Withers accentuated  Withers accentuated  Withers not obviously thin; may have dip between wither and neck depending on conformation  Neck blends smoothly into body  Withers rounded over boney projections of vertebrae (spinous processes)  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest; noticeable with fat; either side of withers is soft  Large fat deposit along top (crest and sides of neck;  Bone structure of withers soliceable felt behind the shoulder felt behind the shoulder fat tower can be felt behind withers  Slight fat cover can be felt behind the shoulders accentuated  Shoulders not obviously thin  Fat deposited along reck, especially crest  Withers accentuated  Shoulders not obviously thin  Shoulders not obviously thin  Shoulders het deposited behind shoulders  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest; noticeable with fat; either side of withers  Bulging fat behind withers	Bone structure of neck easily noticeable; no fat deposition can be felt behind the shoulder felt; ribs projecting prominently  Bone structure of meck faintly noticeable asily noticeable felt behind the shoulder felt; ribs projecting prominently  Bone structure of meck faintly noticeable felt behind the shoulder felt; ribs projecting prominently  Neck accentuated Withers accentuated Slight fat cover can be felt behind the shoulder felt; ribs projecting prominently  Neck accentuated Withers accentuated Shoulders accentuated Slight fat cover over ribs can be felt  Neck not obviously thin; may have dip between wither and neck depending on conformation  Neck blends smoothly into dover boney projections of vertebrae (spinous processes)  Withers rounded over boney projections of vertebrae (spinous processes)  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Area along withers filled with fat; either side of withers is soft  Large fat deposit along be lugging fat along withers filled with fat withers  Fat appearing patchy over ribs; ribs difficult withers	Bone structure of neck easily noticeable; no fat deposition can be felt behind the shoulder felt; ribs projection of vertebrae (spinous processes) clearly seen felt behind the shoulder felt; ribs projecting prominently  Bone structure of withers faintly noticeable  Bone structure of felt behind the shoulder felt; ribs projecting or overtebrae (spinous processes)  Slight fat cover can be felt; ribs projecting prominently  Slight fat cover over ribs can be felt  Vithers not obviously thin, which will be felt over fibre overtebrae (spinous processes), but clearly seen  Shoulders not obviously  Mithers rounded over boney projections of vertebrae (spinous processes)  Withers rounded over boney projections of vertebrae (spinous processes)  Shoulders blend smoothly into body  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest  Fat deposited along neck, especially crest; noticeable with fat; either side of withers is soft  Area abong withers  Bulging fat behind withers  Dover ribs; ribs difficult  Dover ribs; ribs difficult

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



## **Body Condition Scoring Worksheet**

	A.NECK	B. WITHERS	C. SHOULDER	D. RIBS	E. BACK	F. TAILHEAD
1. Poor (Emaciated)						
2. Very Thin						
3. Thin (Underweight)						
4. Moderately Thin						
5. Moderate (Ideal)						
6. Moderately Fleshy						
7. Fleshy (Overweight)						
8. Fat (Obese)						
9. Extremely Fat (Very Obese)						

