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	BCS	Description
Thin	<b>1</b> Emaciated	No palpable fat over spinous processes, transverse processes, hip bones, or ribs. Tail head and ribs project quite prominently.
	<b>2</b> Poor	Tail head and ribs are less prominent. Individual spinous processes are still sharp to the touch, but some tissue cover on dorsal portion of ribs.
	<b>3</b> Thin	Ribs are individually identifiable but not as sharp to the touch. Obvious palpable fat along spine and over tail head with some tissue cover on dorsal portion of the ribs.
Optimum/moderate	<b>4</b> Borderline	Individual ribs are no longer visually obvious. The spinous processes can be identified individually on palpation but feel rounded rather than sharp. Some fat cover over ribs, transverse processes, and hip bones.
	<b>5</b> Moderate	Cow has generally good overall appearance. On palpation, fat cover over ribs feels spongy and areas on either side of tail head have palpable fat cover.
	<b>6</b> High Moderate	Firm pressure required to feel spinous processes. A high degree of fat is palpable over ribs and around tail head.
Fat	<b>7</b> Good	Very spongy fat cover over ribs and around tail head. "Pones" beginning to be obvious. Some fat around the vulva and in crotch.
	<b>8</b> Fat	Cow very fleshy and over-conditioned. Spinous processes almost impossible to palpate. Cow has large fat deposits over ribs and around tail head, and below vulva. "Pones" are obvious.
	<b>9</b> Extremely Fat	Cow looks patchy and blocky. Tail head and hips buried in fatty tissue and "pones" of fat are protruding. Bone structure no longer visible and barely palpable. Animal's mobility might even be impaired by large fatty deposits.