

Beef Cow Body Condition Scoring

BCS 3



Thin. The spine, ribs, and hip bones are all visible on a cow in a BCS 3. No fat is deposited in the tailhead and brisket areas, and the muscle is generally flat with little shape and expression.

BCS 4



Borderline. The spine, ribs, and hip bones are all slightly visible on a cow in a BCS 4, but with more evidence of fat cover. No fat deposited in the tailhead and brisket areas.

BCS 5



Moderate. The spine is not visible. Ribs are mostly covered with one to three ribs visible on a cow in a BCS 5. Hip bones are slightly visible, but with more evidence of fat cover. No fat is present in the tailhead, only little in the brisket.

BCS 6



Good. The spine and ribs are not visible on a cow in a BCS 6. Hip bones are only slightly visible with more evidence of fat cover. Clear evidence of fat deposition in the tailhead and brisket areas.

BCS 7



Fleshy. The spine and ribs are not visible on a cow in a BCS 7. Hip bones are nearly not visible with more evidence of fat cover. Brisket and tailhead areas are fuller with more evidence of fat deposition.

