

Body Condition Scoring (5 point)

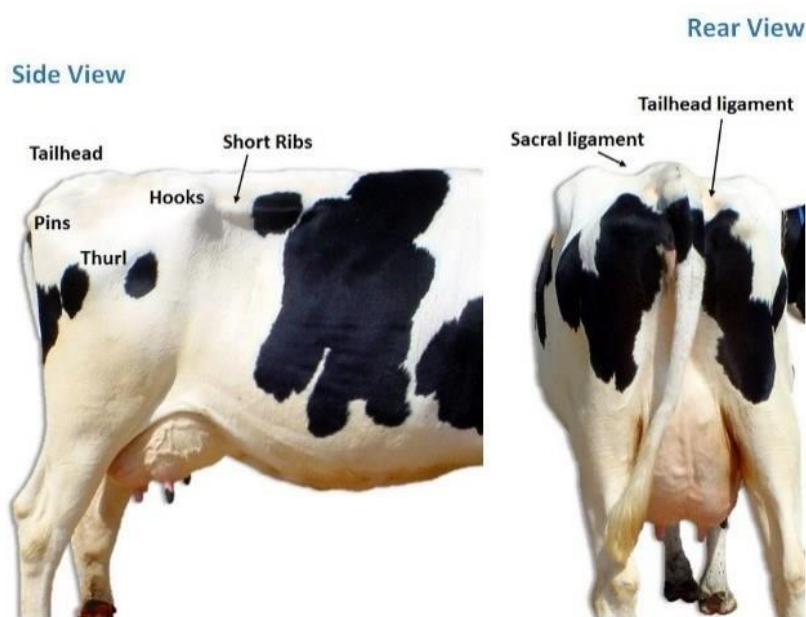


Table 1: Body condition scores and indicators

Score	Indicator
<2	<p>The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'V' shape</p> <p>Hooks are relatively angular</p> <p>Corrugations on the short ribs are visible $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way between the tip of the short ribs and the spine assign</p> <p>Sawtooth spine and ribs are severely under-conditioned</p>
2.25	<p>The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'V' shape</p> <p>Hooks are relatively angular</p> <p>Corrugations on the short ribs are visible $\frac{1}{2}$ way between the tip of the short ribs and the spine assign</p>
2.5	<p>The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'V' shape</p> <p>Hooks are relatively angular</p> <p>Pins are angular with a palpable fat pad</p>
2.75	<p>The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'V' shape</p> <p>Hooks are relatively angular</p> <p>Pins are padded</p>
3	<p>The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'V' shape</p> <p>Hooks are rounded</p>
3.25	<p>The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'U' shape</p> <p>Hooks are rounded</p> <p>Sacral and tailhead ligaments are visible and easily seen</p>

3.5	The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'U' shape Sacral ligament is visible Tailhead ligament barely visible – partly covered in fat
3.75	The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'U' shape Sacral ligament barely visible Tailhead ligament not visible
4	The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'U' shape Sacral ligament not visible Tailhead ligament not visible Thurl is flat
4.25	The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'U' shape Sacral ligament not visible Tailhead ligament not visible When looking at thurl, tip of short ribs is barely visible
4.5	The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'U' shape Sacral ligament not visible Tailhead ligament not visible Pins are buried in fat
4.75	The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a 'U' shape Sacral ligament not visible Tailhead ligament not visible Hooks are barely visible

Reference

1. <http://wynnstaydairy.uk/body-condition-scoring/>