BODY CONDITION SCORING CHART

Areas of Emphasis for Body Condition Scoring

A: Thickening of the neck
B: Fat covering the withers
C: Fat deposits along backbone
D: Fat deposit on flanks
E: Fat deposits on inner thigh
F: Fat deposits around inner thigh
G: Fat deposit behind shoulder
H: Fat covering ribs
I: Shoulder blends into neck

1 Poor
Animal extremely emaciated; spinous processes, ribs, tailhead, tuber coxae, and tuber ischi prominent; bone structure of withers, shoulders, and neck easily noticeable; no fatty tissue can be felt.

2 Very Thin
Animal emaciated; slight fat covering over base of spinous processes; transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded; spinous processes, ribs, tailhead, tuber coxae, and tuber ischi prominent; withers, shoulders, and neck structure faintly discernable.

3 Thin
Fat buildup about halfway on spinous processes; transverse processes cannot be felt; slight fat cover over ribs; spinous processes and ribs easily discernable; tailhead prominent, but individual vertebrae cannot be identified visually; tuber coxae appear rounded but easily discernable; tuber ischi not distinguishable; withers, shoulders, and neck accentuated.

4 Moderately Thin
Slight ridge along back; faint outline of ribs discernable; tailhead prominence depends on conformation, fat can be felt around it; tuber coxae not discernable; withers, shoulders, and net not obviously thin.