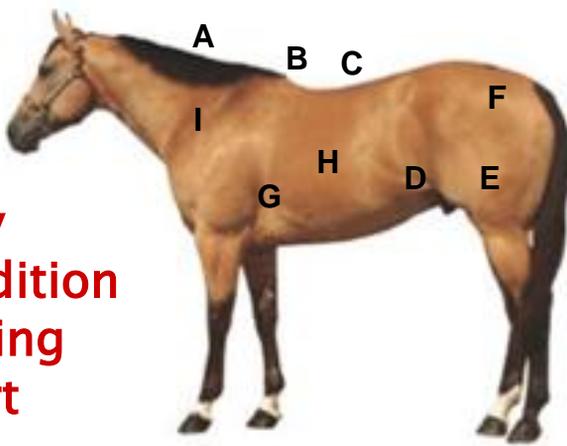


Body Condition Scoring Chart



Areas of Emphasis

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

1. Poor

Animal extremely emaciated; spinous processes, ribs, tailhead, tuber coxae, and tuber projecting prominently; 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 ischii 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 ischii 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 neck not obviously thin.



5. Moderate

Back is flat (no crease or ridge); ribs not visually distinguishable but easily felt; fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy; withers appear rounded over spinous processes shoulders and neck blend smoothly into body.



6. Moderately Fleshy

May have slight crease down back; fat over ribs fleshy/spongy; fat around tailhead soft; fat beginning to be deposited along sides of withers, behind shoulders, and along sides of neck.



7. Fleshy

May have crease down back; individual ribs can be felt, fat around tail head is soft; fat deposits along withers, and along neck.



8. Fat

Crease down back down back; difficult to feel ribs; fat around tailhead very soft; area along withers filled fat; area behind shoulder filled with fat; noticeable thickening of neck; fat deposited along inner thighs.



9. Extremely Fat

Obvious crease down back; patchy fat appearing