

SYSTEMATIC WAY TO LEARN BODY CONDITION SCORING OF BEEF COWS

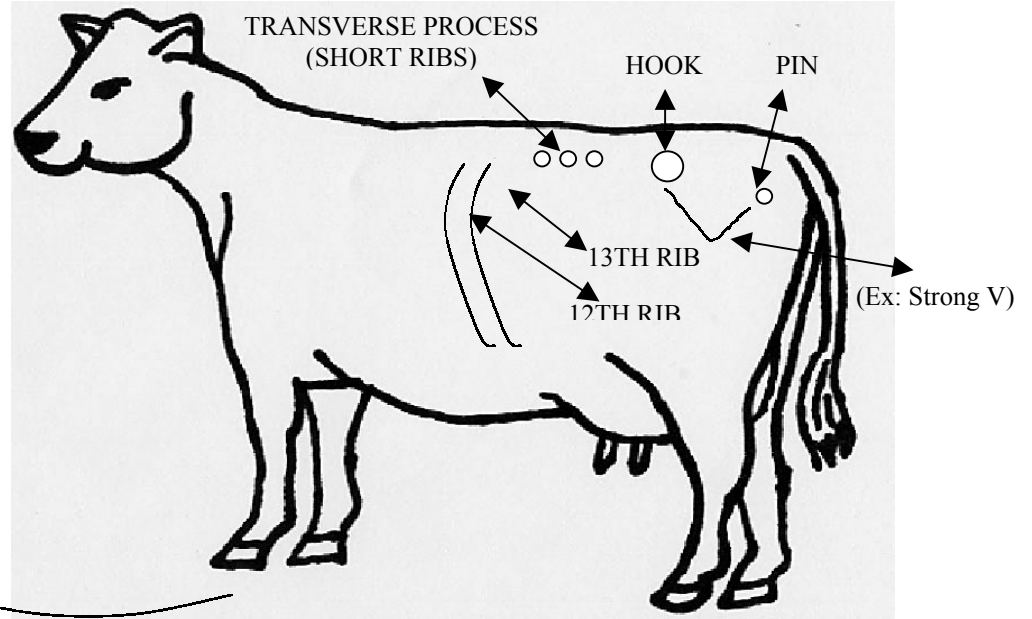
(Cows need to be at a normal stance)

STEP 1
 LOOK AT THE LAST TWO RIBS (12TH & 13TH RIB)
 IF YOU SEE THE 12TH & 13TH RIB, IT IS BELOW 5.
 IF YOU DO NOT SEE THE 12TH & 13TH IT IS 5 OR ABOVE.

STEP 2
 IF YOU SEE THE TRANSVERSE PROCESS (SHORT RIB),
 IT IS 3 OR LESS.

STEP 3
 IF YOU SEE A VERY STRONG V, IT IS A 1 OR 2.

STEP 4
 LOOK BETWEEN THE HOOK AND PINS:



IF A 6, HAS A SHALLOW U ←————→

IF A 5, HAS A STRONG U (SHALLOW UMBRELLA) ←————→

IF A 4, HAS V SHAPE
 (IF 12TH & 13TH RIB IS SHOWING, THE FORRIBS ARE NOT
 NOTICABLE AND THE TRANSVERSE PROCESS, OR THE
 SHORT RIBS ARE NOT NOTICABLE.) ←————→

IF A 3, HAS A STRONG V
 (WHERE THE TRANSVERSE PROCESSES ARE SLIGHTLY
 NOTICABLE) ←————→

IF A 2, HAS A VERY STRONG V ←————→

**STEP 5-DETERMINE TAILHEAD FATNESS BYGETTING
 REAR VIEW & LOOKING DOWN THE BACK:**

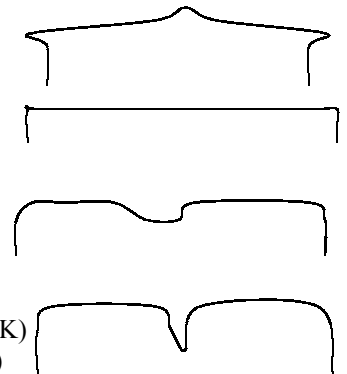
IF A 5
 (TEPEE EFFECT FROM REAR)

IF A 6
 (FLAT ACROSS THE BACK)

IF A 7
 (INDENTURE ACROSS THE BACK)

IF A 8
 (DEEP INDENTURE ACROSS THE BACK)
 (PATCHES OF FAT ACROSS THE SIDE)

IF A 9 (EXTRA FAT, TROUBLE WALKING)



Score System	Condition Score								
1 - 9 (Beef)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 - 5 (Dairy)	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5