

# SYSTEMATIC WAY TO LEARN BODY CONDITION SCORING OF BEEF COWS

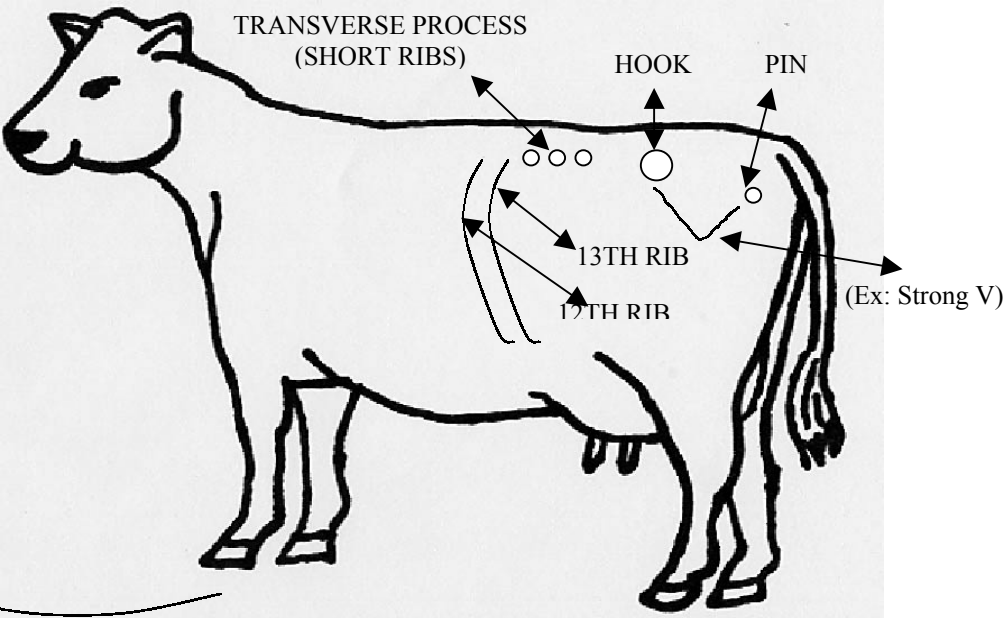
(Cows need to be at a normal stance)

**STEP 1**  
 LOOK AT THE LAST TWO RIBS (12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> RIB)  
 IF YOU SEE THE 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> RIB, IT IS BELOW 5.  
 IF YOU DO NOT SEE THE 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> 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:**

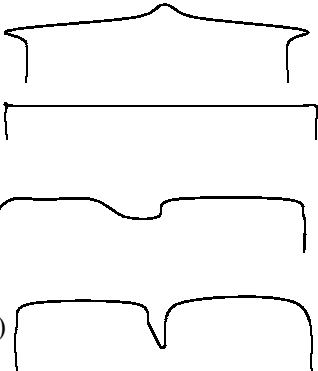
IF A 5  
 (TEPEE EFFECT FROM REAR)

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