

FACT SHEET 12

BODY CONDITION SCORING SYSTEM



BODY
CONDITION
SCORE 1



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SCORE 2



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SCORE 3



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SCORE 4



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SCORE 5

APPEARANCE

Emaciated

Thin

Ideal

Fat

Obese

FAT COVER

The pig is visually thin, with hips and backbone very prominent and no fat cover over hips and backbone.

The hip bones and backbone are easily felt without any pressure on the palms.

It takes firm pressure with the palm to feel the hip bones and backbone.

It is impossible to feel the bones at all even with pressure on the palm of the hands.

The pig is carrying so much fat that it is impossible to feel the hip bones and backbone even by pushing down with a single finger.

PELVIC BONES

Very prominent. Deep cavity around tail head.

Obvious with slight cover.

Covered but felt with pressure.

Only felt with firm pressure. No cavity around tail.

Thick fat cover, impossible to feel bones. Flank full and rounded.

LOIN

Vertebrae are prominent and sharp. Very narrow loin. Hollow flank.

Narrow loin. Flank rather hollow. Slight cover on spine, but prominent vertebrae.

Spine covered and rounded.

Difficult to feel vertebrae. Flank filled.

Thick fat cover, impossible to feel bones. Flank full and rounded.

RIBS

Individual ribs are very prominent.

Rib cage less apparent but individual ribs easily detected with slight pressure.

Ribs are covered but can be felt with pressure.

Rib cage not visible and difficult to feel.

Thick fat cover, not possible to feel ribs.