**Body Condition Scoring (5 point)**



Table 1: Body condition scores and indicators

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| **Score** | **Indicator** |  |
| <2 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘V’ shapeHooks are relatively angularCorrugations on the short ribs are visible ¾ of the way between the tip of the short ribs and the spine assignSawtooth spine and ribs are severely under-conditioned |  |
| 2.25 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘V’ shapeHooks are relatively angularCorrugations on the short ribs are visible ½ way between the tip of the short ribs and the spine assign |  |
| 2.5 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘V’ shapeHooks are relatively angularPins are angular with a palpable fat pad |  |
| 2.75 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘V’ shapeHooks are relatively angularPins are padded |  |
| 3 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘V’ shapeHooks are rounded |  |
| 3.25 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘U’ shapeHooks are roundedSacral and tailhead ligaments are visible and easily seen |  |
| 3.5 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘U’ shapeSacral ligament is visibleTailhead ligament barely visible – partly covered in fat |  |
| 3.75 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘U’ shapeSacral ligament barely visibleTailhead ligament not visible |  |
| 4 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘U’ shapeSacral ligament not visibleTailhead ligament not visibleThurl is flat |  |
| 4.25 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘U’ shapeSacral ligament not visibleTailhead ligament not visibleWhen looking at thurl, tip of short ribs is barely visible |  |
| 4.5 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘U’ shapeSacral ligament not visibleTailhead ligament not visiblePins are buried in fat |  |
| 4.75 | The line from the hooks to the thurl and pins creates a ‘U’ shapeSacral ligament not visibleTailhead ligament not visibleHooks are barely visible |  |

Reference

1. <http://wynnstaydairy.uk/body-condition-scoring/>