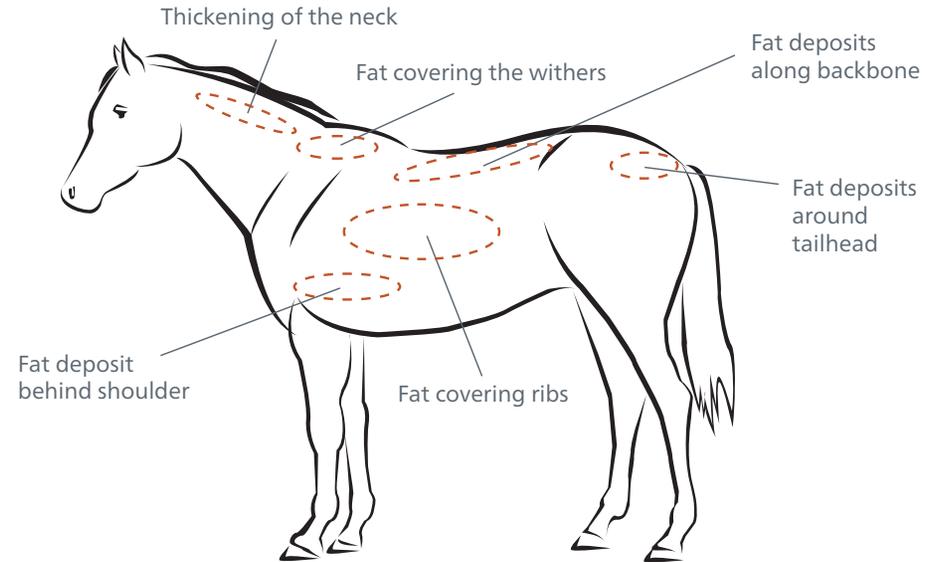
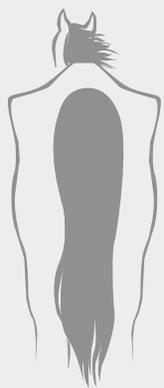


# What's your horse's body condition score?

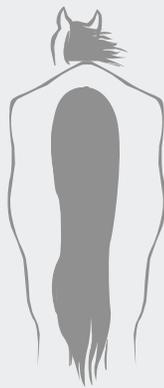
Evaluate these 6 key areas of the horse's body to determine overall body condition score (BCS).



## Rump & Hips



Very visible



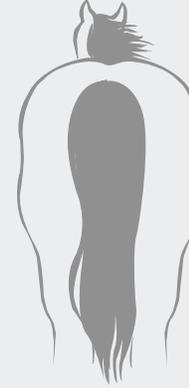
Concave  
Ribs visible  
(while standing)



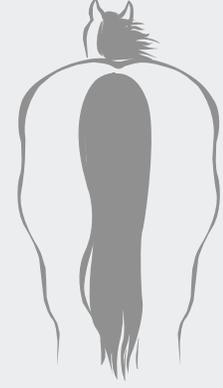
Flat  
(hips pointed)



✓ Level  
(hips rounded)



Convex  
(gutter)



Very convex  
(deep gutter)

# EQUINE BODY CONDITION SCORE CHART



Poor

Very thin

Thin

Moderately thin

Moderate  
(Ideal)

Moderately fleshy

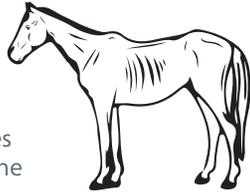
Fleshy

Fat

Extremely fat

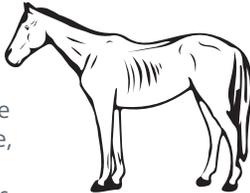
## 1 Poor

Horse is extremely emaciated. Spine, ribs, tailhead, and hip bones project prominently. The bone structure of the withers, shoulders and neck are easily noticeable; no fat tissue can be felt.



## 2 Very thin

Horse is emaciated. Slight fat covering base of the backbone. Spine, ribs, tailhead and hips are prominent. Withers, shoulders and neck bones are faintly discernible.



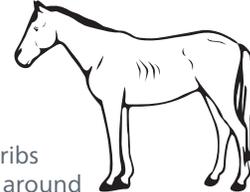
## 3 Thin

Fat built up about halfway over vertebrae. Slight cover of fat over ribs, but spine, ribs, and tailhead are easily discernible. Individual vertebrae and hip bones cannot be seen, but withers, shoulders and neck bones are accentuated.



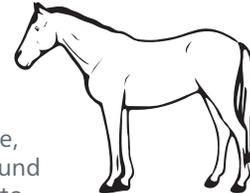
## 4 Moderately thin

Slight ridge along the back. Faint outline of ribs visible. Fat can be felt around tailhead. Hip bones are not visible. Withers, shoulders and neck are not obviously thin.



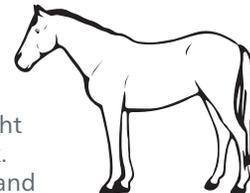
## 5 Moderate

Back is flat (no crease or ridge). Ribs are not usually distinguishable, but easily felt. Fat around tailhead is beginning to feel spongy. Withers appear rounded, and shoulders and neck blend smoothly into the body.



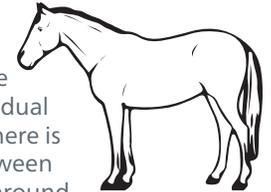
## 6 Moderately fleshy

Horse may have a slight crease down the back. Fat over ribs is fleshy and spongy. Fat around the tailhead is soft. Fat is beginning to be deposited along the sides of the withers, behind the shoulders and along the neck.



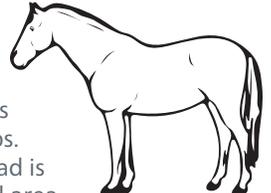
## 7 Fleshy

Horse likely has crease down the back. Individual ribs can be felt, but there is noticeable filling between the ribs with fat. Fat around the tailhead is soft, and fat deposits are present along the withers, behind the shoulders and along the neck.



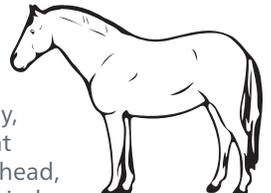
## 8 Fat

Crease down the back is noticeable. It is difficult to feel the ribs. Fat around the tailhead is very soft. Withers and area behind the shoulder are filled with fat. Noticeable thickening of the neck. Fat deposits can be found along the inner thighs.



## 9 Extremely fat

Obvious crease down the back. Patchy, sometimes bulging fat appears over ribs, tailhead, withers, neck and behind the shoulders.



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