Body Condition Scoring

Can you see the last 2 or 3 ribs?

- **YES**
  - So BCS is 4 or less
  - Tail head is fairly filled with fat, but not full or mounded?
    - **YES**
      - So BCS = 5
      - Excessive and mounded fat abundance in tail head and brisket?
        - **NO**
          - So BCS = 6
        - **YES**
          - So BCS is 7, 8 or 9
    - **NO**
      - So BCS is 6 or more
  - **NO**
    - So BCS is 5

- **NO**
  - So BCS is 5 or more

Do you see all ribs?

- **NO**
  - So BCS = 4
  - Is the cow abnormally weak?
    - **NO**
      - So BCS is 2 or 3
      - Cow looks like a BCS 1 but show no signs of weakness?
        - **NO**
          - So BCS is 3
        - **YES**
          - So BCS = 2
    - **YES**
      - So BCS = 1
  - **YES**
    - So BCS is 1, 2 or 3