**Body Condition Score (BCS)**

**Flow chart**

- **Can you see the last 2 or 3 ribs?**
  - **YES**
    - So BCS is 4 or less
  - **NO**
    - So BCS is 5 or more

- **Do you see more than the last 3 ribs?**
  - **NO**
    - So BCS = 4
  - **YES**
    - So BCS is 1, 2 or 3

- **Do you see all of the ribs?**
  - **YES**
    - So BCS is 1 or 2
    - **Cow is abnormally weak and not walking?**
      - **NO**
        - So BCS is 2
      - **YES**
        - So BCS = 1
  - **NO**
    - So BCS is 3

- **Tail head has some fat, but is not full or mounded?**
  - **YES**
    - So BCS = 5
  - **NO**
    - So BCS is 6 or more

- **Excessive and mounded fat abundance in tail head and brisket?**
  - **NO**
    - So BCS = 6
  - **YES**
    - So BCS is 7, 8 or 9

- **Cows looks like a block and bone structures very difficult to identify?**
  - **NO**
    - So BCS = 7
  - **YES**
    - So BCS is 8 or 9

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