

Beef carcass classification

Carcass assessment addresses conformation and fat. Fat cover is scored on a 1-5 scale. Conformation is assessed from E to P. Combining scores for conformation and fat determines the markets which cattle suit.



Fat class increasing fatness → Fat is determined by visual assessment of external fat cover. There are five main classes. Class 4 and 5 are subdivided into L (leaner) and H (fatter).

		Fat class							
		1	2	3	4L	4H	5L	5H	
Conformation Class	↑ improving conformation								
	E								
	U+								
	-U								
	R								
	Q								
	-O								
P+									
-P									

