

0 = VERY POOR



- Narrow, very thin, sunken (ewe) neck
- Skin tight over ribs
- Withers and spine prominent
- Very sunken rump
- Very prominent bones

1 = POOR



- Thin sunken (ewe) neck
- Ribs easily visible
- Withers tight, spine mostly covered
- Sunken rump with prominent bones
- Cavity under tail

2 = MODERATE



- Narrow, firm neck. Withers covered
- Spinal bones well covered
- Ribs just visible
- Flat rump either side of the spine
- Slight cavity under tail

3 = GOOD



- Firm neck, no 'crest'
- Ribs covered but easily felt
- Withers and spine covered
- Rounded rump
- Good covering over back bones

4 = FAT



- Ribs, withers, and spinal bones hard to feel
- Slight crest (arch) in neck
- Fat pads behind shoulders
- Well rounded rump
- Central gutter along back

5 = OBESE



- Ribs and spine cannot be seen or felt
- Tight, thick neck with prominent crest
- Fat pads on shoulders and rump
- When viewed behind, rump is bulging outwards
- Deep central gutter along back