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1 Poor

- The horse is extremely emaciated.
- The spinous processes (backbone), ribs, tailhead, hip joints, and lower pelvic bones all project prominently.
- The boney structure of the withers, shoulders and neck are all easily noticed.
- No fat can be felt anywhere on the body.

2 Very Thin

- The horse is emaciated.
- The spinous processes (backbone), ribs, tailhead, hip joints, and pelvic bones are prominent and stand out.
- The boney structure of withers, shoulders and neck structure are faintly discernable.

3 Thin

- The spinous processes (backbone) stands out but there is some fat buildup starting at the midpoint.
- The spinous processes and ribs can be easily seen; there is a slight cover of fat that covers the ribs.
- The tailhead is prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be seen.
- Hip bones are visible but appear slightly rounded; the lower pelvic bones are not distinguishable.
- The withers, shoulders and neck are accentuated.

4 Moderately Thin

- The horse has a slight crease along the back and there is a faint outline of ribs that can be seen.
- Fat can be felt around the tailhead.
- The hip joints cannot be seen.
- The withers, shoulders and neck do not appear obviously thin.

5 Moderate

- The back is level and flat.
- The ribs are easily felt, but cannot be seen.
- The fat around tailhead feels slightly soft and spongy.
- The withers appear rounded.
- The shoulders and neck blend smoothly into the body.

6 Moderately Fleshy

- The horse may have slight crease down the back.
- The fat over the ribs and tailhead is soft and spongy.
- There are small fat deposits behind the shoulders and along the sides of the withers and neck.

7 Fleshy

- The horse may have a crease down the back.
- Individual ribs can be felt, but there is noticeable fat filling between the ribs.
- The fat around the tailhead is soft.
- There is noticeable fat along the withers, the neck and behind the shoulders.

8 Fat

- The horse has a noticeable crease down the back. It is difficult to feel the ribs.
- The tailhead feels very soft; the area along withers is filled with fat.
- The space behind the shoulders is filled with fat and the neck is noticeably thick.
- There is fat deposited along the inner thighs.

9 Extremely Fat

- The horse has an obvious crease down the back.
- There are patches of fat covering the ribs.
- Bulging fat is covering the tailhead, along the withers, behind the shoulders and along the neck.
- The flank is filled with fat; the fat along the inner thighs may rub together.