

# HENNEKE BODY CONDITION SCORE SHEET

DATE: 11/21/25

NAME: Bill

ANIMAL ID:

DESCRIPTION:

VISUAL or  HANDS-ON ASSESSMENT

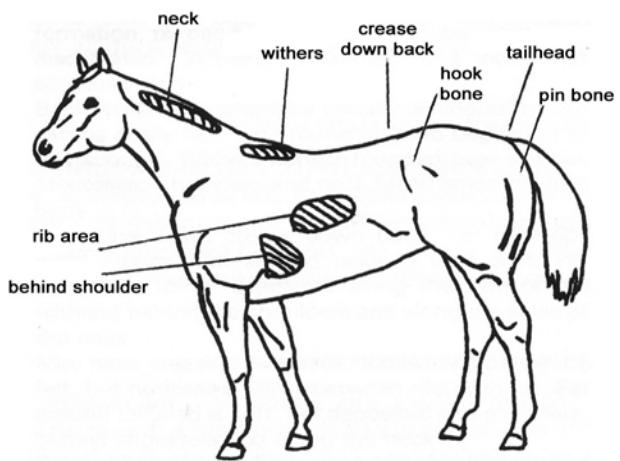
COMMENTS:

OVERALL BODY CONDITION SCORE: 25 ÷ 6 = 4.17

sum total overall score

(circle descriptions for each area of the body then average together)

| Condition                          | Neck                               | Withers                                | Shoulder                                      | Ribs   | Back   | Tailhead Area   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1<br>Poor<br>(extremely emaciated) | Bone structure easily noticeable   | Bone structure easily noticeable       | Bone structure easily noticeable              | Ribs projecting prominently  | Spinous processes projecting prominently   | Tailhead, pinbones, and hook bones projecting prominently   |
| No fatty tissue can be felt        |                                    |  |   |  |  |   |
| 2<br>Very Thin<br>(emaciated)      | Bone structure faintly discernible | Bone structure faintly discernible     | Bone structure faintly discernible            | Ribs prominent   | Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes. Transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spinous processes are prominent | Tailhead prominent<br>Pin bones prominent<br>Hook bones prominent   |
| 3<br>Thin                          | Neck accentuated                   | Withers ✓<br>accentuated               | Shoulder accentuated                          | Slight fat cover over ribs. Ribs easily discernible                  | Fat buildup halfway on spinous processes, but easily discernible. Traverse processes cannot be felt  | Tailhead prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be visually identified. Hook bones appear rounded, but are still easily discernible. Pin bones not distinguishable |
| 4<br>Moderately Thin               | Neck not ✓<br>obviously thin       | Withers not obviously thin             | Shoulder not obviously thin                   | Faint outline of ribs discernible                                    | Negative crease (peaked appearance) along back   | Prominence depends on ✓ conformation. Fat can be felt. Hook bones not discernible   |
| 5<br>Moderate                      | Neck blends smoothly into body     | Withers rounded over spinous processes | Shoulder blends smoothly into body            | Ribs cannot be visually distinguished, but can be easily felt ✓      | Back is level ✓  | Fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy  |
| 6<br>Moderately Fleshy             | Fat beginning to be deposited      | Fat beginning to be deposited          | Fat beginning to be deposited behind shoulder | Fat over ribs feels spongy   | May have a slight positive crease (a groove) down back   | Fat around tailhead feels soft  |
| 7<br>Fleshy                        | Fat deposited along neck           | Fat deposited along withers            | Fat deposited behind shoulder                 | Individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable fat filling between ribs | May have a positive crease down the back   | Fat around tailhead is soft   |
| 8<br>Fat                           | Noticeable thickening of neck      | Area along withers filled with fat     | Area behind shoulder filled with fat          | Difficult to feel ribs   | Positive crease down back  | Fat around tailhead very soft   |
| 9<br>Extremely Fat                 | Bulging fat                        | Bulging fat                            | Bulging fat                                   | Patchy fat appearing over ribs                                       | Obvious crease down back<br>Flank filled with fat  | Bulging fat around tailhead<br>(prepared by A Kane USDA APHIS 11/21/17)   |



modified from Henneke et al. EVJ 1983;15:371-372