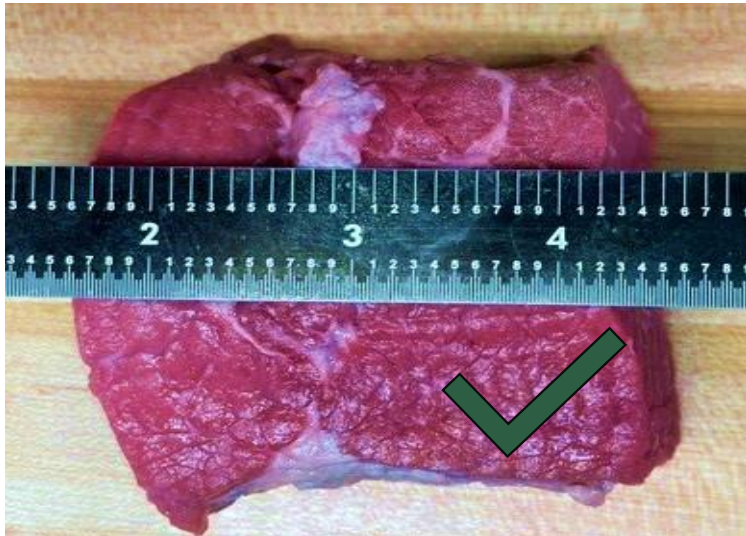


Sciatic Nerve – out of spec

A

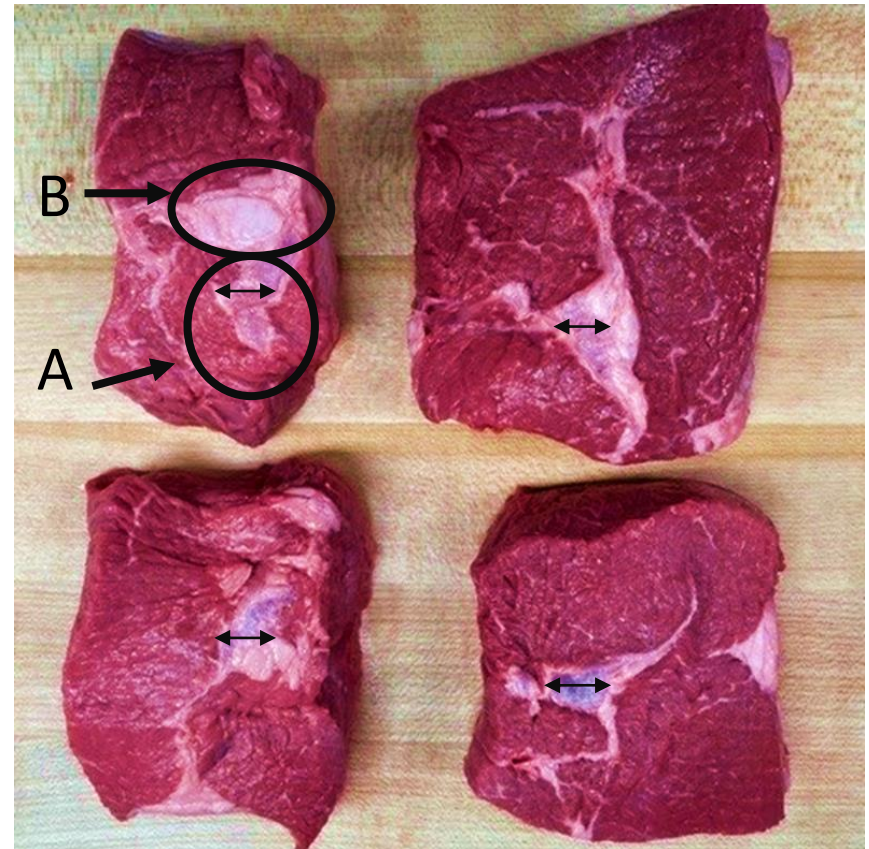


A. Correct measurement (width)
B. Incorrect measurement (length)

B

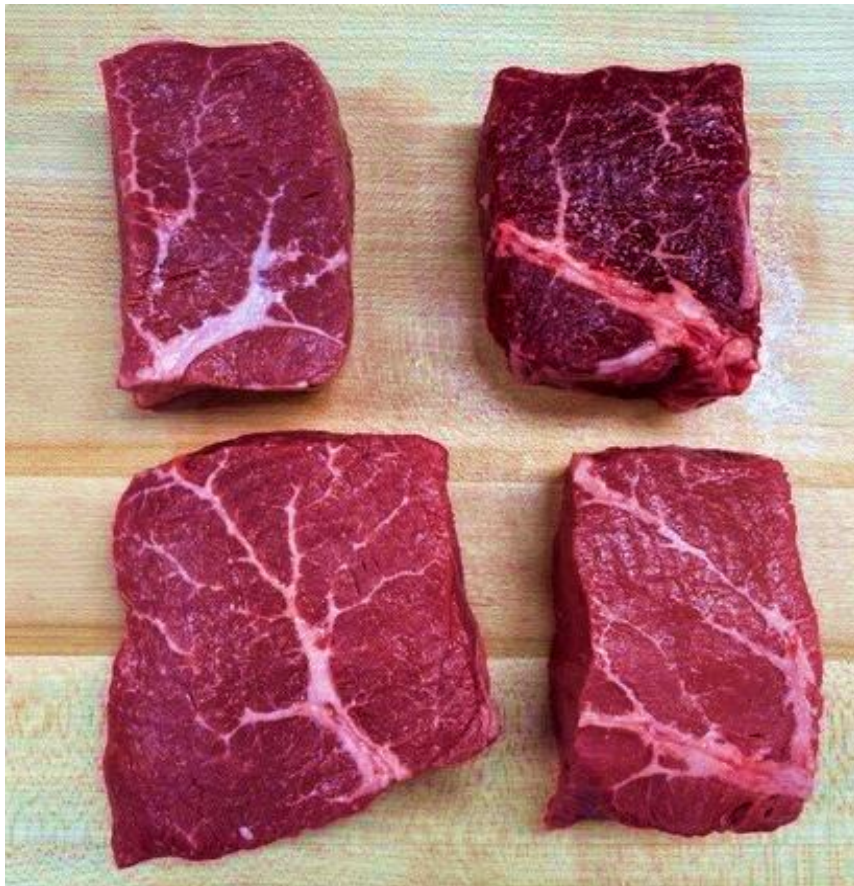


The steaks below contain sciatic nerve measuring greater than 1/4" in width, out of spec. The sciatic nerve (A) within these steaks are typically accompanied by a "fat pocket" (B), but not always.



Sciatic and “Lightning” Fat – within Spec

Below are examples of acceptable heavy streaks of marbling found throughout the sirloin top butt that adds to the quality and flavor. This fat is marbling and is commonly mistaken for sciatic nerve, also known as “Lightning Fat” due to appearance.



Shown below are steaks that contain sciatic nerve that is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ " in width. These steaks are within the specification for the presence of sciatic nerve.

