

Beef Suckler Cow Body Condition assessment for annual prevalence score

Record the number of **thin (score 2 or less)** and **fat (score 4 and above)** cows.

Score all adult cows in your herd.

Thin	
Score 2 or less	Tail head - Deep cavity with no fatty tissue under skin or shallow cavity with some fat under skin but pin bones prominent Skin supple/fairly supple and coat condition may be rough. Loin - Spine prominent. Vertebra may be identified individually Horizontal processes can be identified individually with either sharp or rounded ends.
Fat	
Score 4 and above	Tail head – completely filled or buried and folds and patches of fat evident. Loin – cannot see/feel horizontal processes and completely rounded appearance (a slight loin depression may still be seen). Ribs – folds of fat developing/covering over ribs

Thin Prevalence % = (Total thin x 100) / Total in herd

Fat Prevalence % = (total fat x 100) / Total in herd

Total in group/herd	Thin (score 2 or less)	% group / herd Thin	Fat (score 4 and above)	% group / herd Fat
80	3	3.75%	0	0
100	2	2%	3	3%
Total:				