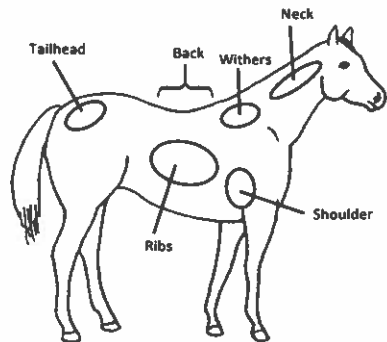


Body Condition Scoring for Horses



To calculate overall BCS, score each body location, add the scores and divide the total by 6.

_____ / 6 = _____

	Score	Back	Ribs	Neck	Shoulder	Withers	Tailhead
Poor	1	Very prominent vertebrae	Very prominent	Extremely thin	Prominent	Prominent	Very prominent
Very thin	2	Prominent vertebrae	Prominent	Very thin	Very thin	Very thin	Very thin
Thin	3	Vertebrae – fat ½ way up	See easily	Thin	Thin	Thin	Prominent
Moderately Thin	4	Negative crease	See slight outline	Moderately thin	Moderately thin	Moderately thin	Some fat
Moderate	5	Level – no crease	Not see, easily feel	Blend into shoulder	Blend smoothly into shoulder	Rounded	Moderate fat
Moderately Fleshy	6	Slight crease	Not see, feel	Little fat	Little fat	Little fat	Moderate fleshy fat
Fleshy	7	Average crease	Barely feel	Average fat	Average fat	Average fat	Fleshy fat
Fat	8	Obvious crease	Difficult to feel	Fat	Flesh behind	Fat filled	Fat
Extremely Fat	9	Very obvious crease	Not feel, patchy fat	Bulging fat	Bulging fat	Bulging fat	Bulging fat

