## **USDA Feeder Cattle Grades**

## Calf Frame Score (2000)

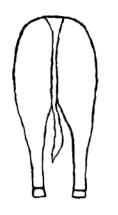
Grade	Steers	Heifers
Small	<1100 lb	<1000 lb
Medium	1100 lb - 1250 lb	1000 lb - 1150 lb
Large	>1250 lb	>1150 lb

Expected weight at low Choice and 0.5 inch backfat

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## Muscle Thickness Score (October 2000)

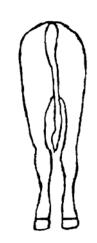
US No. 1 (moderately thick)





US No. 2 (slightly thick)

US No. 3 (Thin)





US No. 4

Relates to muscle to bone ratio at a given degree of fatness and hence yield grade