**Equine Body Condition Scoring**

**Poor:** Horse extremely emaciated. Spine processes, ribs, tailhead, tuber coxae and ischii projecting prominently. Bone structure of withers, shoulders and neck easily noticeable. No fatty tissue can be felt.

**Very Thin:** Horse emaciated. Slight fat covering over base of spine processes, transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spine processes, ribs, tailhead, tuber coxae and ischii prominent. Withers, shoulders, and neck structures faintly discernable.

**Thin:** Fat build up along tailhead. Fat covering over spinous processes, transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spinous processes, ribs, tailhead, tuber coxae and ischii prominent. Withers, shoulders, and neck structures easily noticeable.

**Moderately Thin:** Negative crease along back. Faint outline of ribs discernable. Tailhead prominence depends on conformation, fat can be felt around it. Tubercula coxae not discernable. Withers, shoulders and neck not obviously thin.

**Moderate:** Back level. Ribs cannot be visually distinguished but can be easily felt. Fat around tailhead soft. Area along withers filled with fat. Area behind shoulders and along neck.

**Moderately Fleshy:** May have slight crease down back. Fat over ribs feels spongy. Fat around tailhead soft. Area along withers filled with fat. Area behind shoulders and along neck.

**Fleshy:** May have crease down back. Individual ribs feel soft. Fat around tailhead soft. Area along withers filled with fat. Area behind shoulders and along neck.

**Fat:** Crease down back. Difficult to feel ribs. Fat around tailhead very soft. Area along withers filled with fat. Area behind shoulders and along neck. Fat around shoulders and neck.

**Extremely Fat:** Obvious crease down back. Fat spongy over ribs. Bulging fat around tailhead. Fat around withers, shoulders and neck. Fat on inner thighs may rub together. Flank filled with fat.