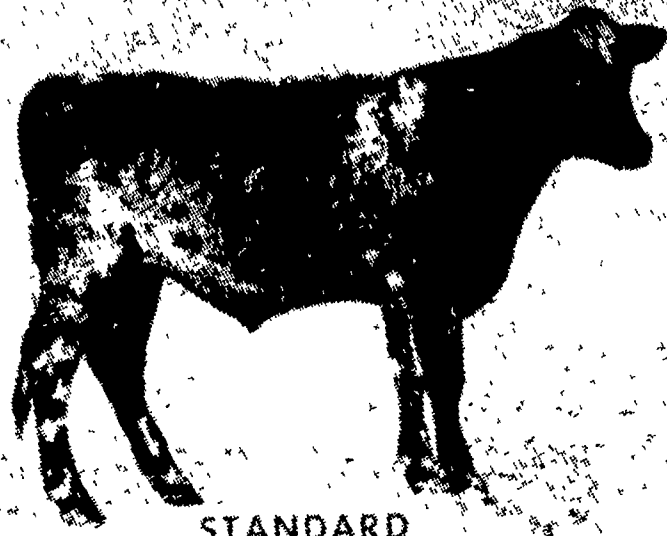


Standard Has Little Fat

by James E. O'Hara

Standard grade beef has a thin covering of fat and appeals to the consumer whose primary concern is a high proportion of lean meat. It is mild in flavor and though lacking the juiciness found in beef with more marbling, it is usually relatively tender when properly prepared.

Standard grade cattle usually haven't been fed any because of the numerous grain. Cattle possessing the possible combinations of minimum qualifications for age, conformation, finish, the Standard grade may differ somewhat in appearance. The maximum maturity



for steers, heifers, and cows of the Standard grade is approximately 48 months.

In conformation, Standard grade cattle tend to be slightly rangy, thin fleshed, slightly narrow through the crops, back, and loin, somewhat prominent at the hips, and shallow in the twist and quarter. The loin, rump, and rounds appear flat with no evidence of fullness.

Cattle ranging from 30 to 48 months of age carry a slightly thin fat covering which is primarily in evidence over the back, loin, and ribs. The brisket, rear flanks, and cod or udder show only slight fullness.

Cattle under 30 months of age carry only a thin covering of fat which is largely restricted to the back, loins, and upper rib

Standard grade cattle frequently have the heavy bone and prominent hips and shoulders associated with coarseness or the small bone, tight hide, and angularity denoting over-refinement.

Dean Hoffer, Manheim R3, Tuesday was reelected president of the Manheim Young Farmers Assn. Forney Longenecker, Lititz R2, was elected vice-president; Dan Miller, Manheim R1, secretary, and Jacob Fisher, of Manheim R1, treasurer.

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