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Body Condition - Barn Meetings

Almost everyone is familiar with the "fat cow syndrome" and all the problems that can accompany it: - calving problems, milk fever, retained placentas, metritis, ketosis, displaced abomasum, and downer cow syndrome.

Most of these problems can be avoided if cows are fed balanced late-lactation and dry-cow rations and calve at an optimum body condition.

Recent research at Cornell University done by Dr. Brian Perkins, Dr. Dave Smith, and Dr. Charlie Sniffen indicates that body condition (degree of fattening) can influence a dairy cow's production, reproduction, and health.

The purpose of these barn meetings is to show dairymen how to monitor the body condition of their cows and to provide recommendations for optimum body condition scores at various stages of lactation.

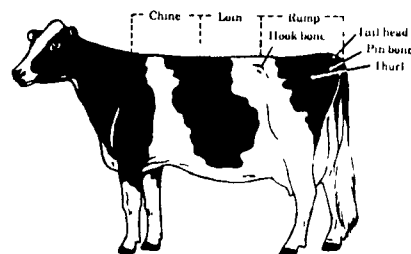


Figure 1. The areas of particular interest when body condition scoring a cow include the loin, backbone, hooks, pins, and the area between the hooks and pins

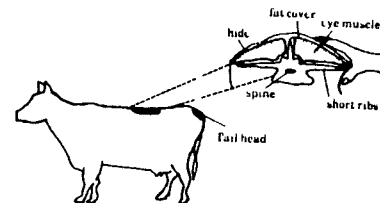


Figure 2. The amount of flesh covering the bony structures such as the loin region is estimated by palpation

FEATURED SPEAKER

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AGENDA

- Body Condition - Milk Production & Reproduction
- Scoring Cows
- How To Score Your Herd
- How To Determine Body Condition
- Questions And Answers

Meeting Lasts Approximately One Hour

MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Day	Location	Farm	Time
July 29	Mon.	Elizabethtown, PA	Ken Myer	10:00 A.M.
July 30	Tues.	Gettysburg, PA	John Hess	10:00 A.M.
July 30	Tues.	Littlestown, PA	Bob Gitt	1:00 P.M.
July 31	Wed.	Ellicott City, MD	Bernard Feaga	10:00 A.M.
July 31	Wed.	Monkton, MD	Ross Smith	1:00 P.M.
Aug. 1	Thurs.	Monroeville, N.J.	Jim Eller	10:00 A.M.
Aug. 13	Tues.	Newville, PA	J. Shephard Wolff	10:00 A.M.
Aug. 13	Tues.	Shippensburg, PA	John Stoltzfus	1:00 P.M.

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