

Body Condition Score (BCS)



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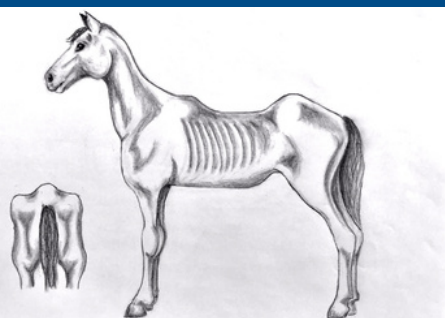
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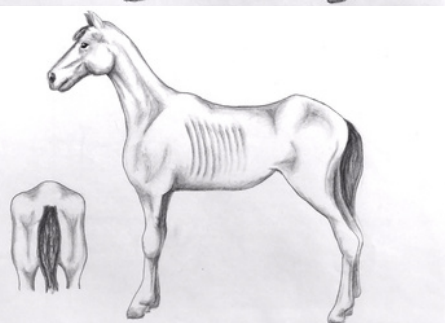
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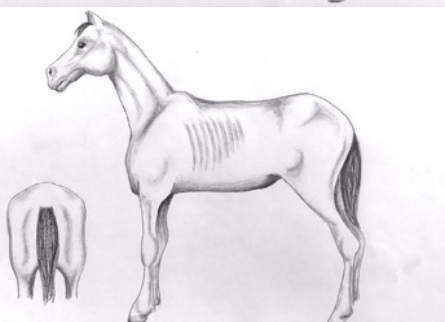
BCS 0 – Emaciated

- Marked ewe neck
- Skin tight over bones – no fatty tissue felt
- Bones very visible and prominent
- Very sunken rump
- Deep cavity under tail



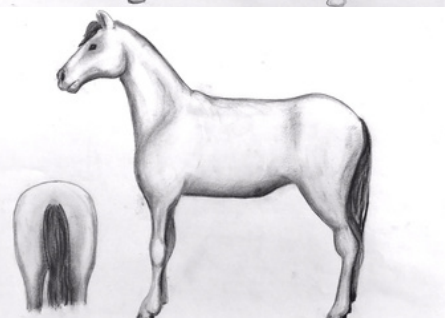
BCS 1 - Poor

- Narrow ewe neck
- Skin slightly more supple but little fatty tissue
- Bones visible and prominent
- Ribs easily seen
- Sunken rump, cavity under tail



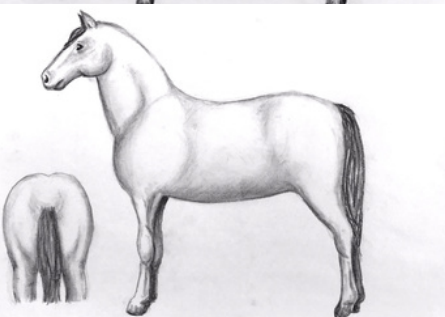
BCS 2 - Moderate

- Very thin layer of fat under skin
- Narrow but firm neck
- Backbone covered but still protruding
- Ribs just visible
- Flat rump, hip bones visible but covered



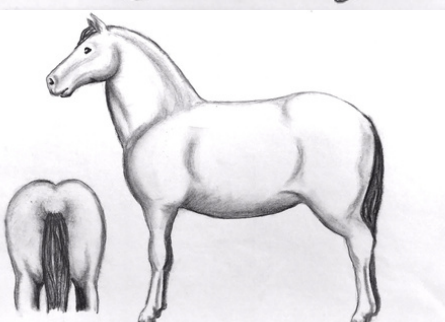
BCS 3 - Good

- Thin layer of fat under skin
- Firm neck, no crest
- Ribs just covered but easily felt
- Rounded rump
- Hip bones just visible



BCS 4 - Fat

- Spongy crest developing on neck
- Ribs hard to feel, fatty deposits behind shoulder
- Gutter developing along back
- Rump well rounded, appearing apple shaped
- Spongy fat around tail head



BCS 5 – Obese

- Very prominent crest with hard fat
- Ribs buried, unable to feel
- Deep gutter along back
- Large fatty deposits behind shoulder and at tail head
- Very bulging, apple shaped rump