

## USDA Feeder Cattle Grades

# Calf Frame Score (2000)

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
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**