

USDA Feeder Cattle Grades

Calf Frame Score (2000)

Grade	Steers	Heifers
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**