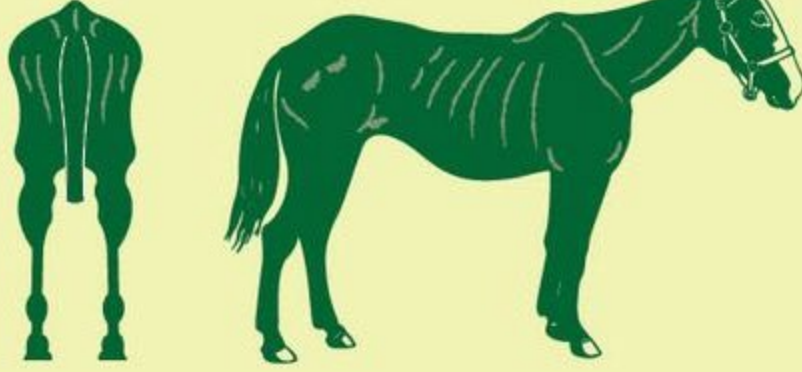


# FAT SCORE CHART

Use the following guide to help you ascertain if your horse or pony is over weight. If you're not sure why not take a photo from the side and the rear then send them to our nutrition team who will be happy to help you? Make sure you score your horse or pony regularly to ensure you spot changes early.



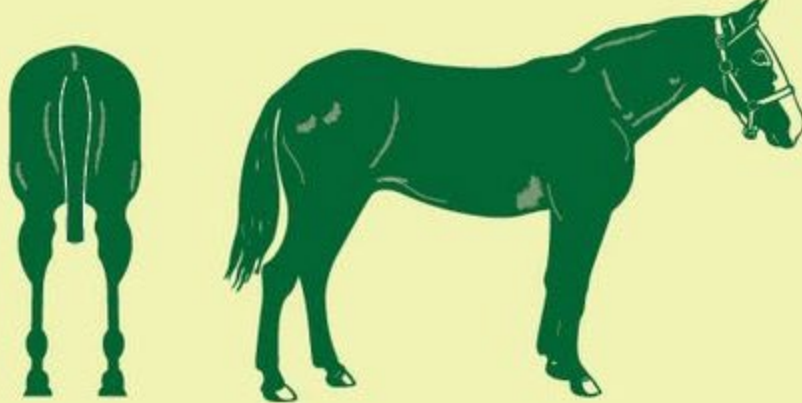
## 0 - EMACIATED

- No fatty tissue can be felt
- Skin tight over bones
- Shape of individual bones visible
- Marked ewe-neck
- Very prominent backbone and pelvis
- Very sunken rump
- Deep cavity under tail
- Large gap between thighs



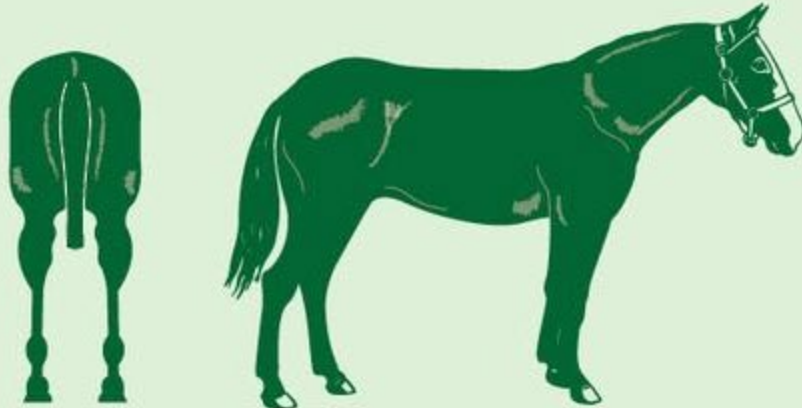
## 1 - THIN

- Barely any fatty tissue
- Skin more supple
- Shape of bones visible
- Narrow ewe-neck
- Ribs easily visible
- Prominent backbone, croup and tailhead
- Sunken rump; cavity under tail
- Gap between thighs



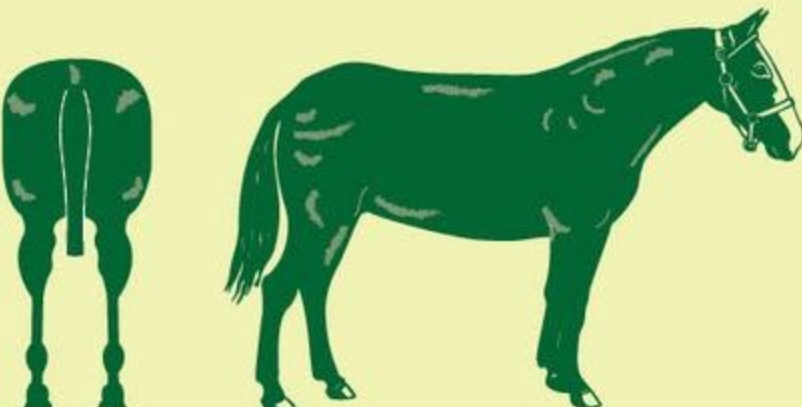
## 2 - LEAN

- A thin layer of fat under the skin
- Narrow neck; muscles sharply defined
- Backbone covered with a very thin layer of fat but still protruding
- Withers, shoulders and neck accentuated
- Ribs just visible
- Hip bones easily visible but rounded
- Rump usually sloping flat from backbone to point of hips, may be rounded if very fit
- May be small gap between thighs



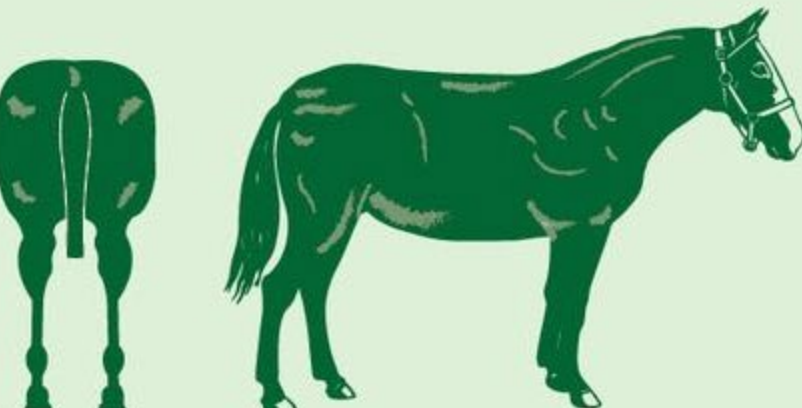
## 3 - MODERATE

- A thin layer of fat under the skin
- Top line developing and becoming more rounded
- Withers rounded over tips of bones
- Shoulders and neck blend smoothly into body
- Back is flat or forms only slight ridge
- Ribs not visible but easily felt
- Thin layer of fat building around tailhead
- Rump beginning to appear rounded
- Hip bones just visible



## 4 - FAT

- Muscles hard to determine beneath fat layer
- Spongy fat developing on crest
- Fat deposits along withers, behind shoulders and along neck
- Ribs covered by spongy fat
- Rump well rounded
- Spongy fat around tailhead
- Gutter along back
- From behind rump looks apple shaped



## 5 - OBESE

- Horse takes on a blocky, bloated look
- Muscles not visible as covered by layer of fat
- Pronounced crest with hard fat
- Pads of fat along withers and behind shoulders
- Extremely obvious gutter along back and rump
- Flank filled in flush
- Lumps of fat around tailhead
- Very bulging apple shaped rump
- Inner thighs pressing together