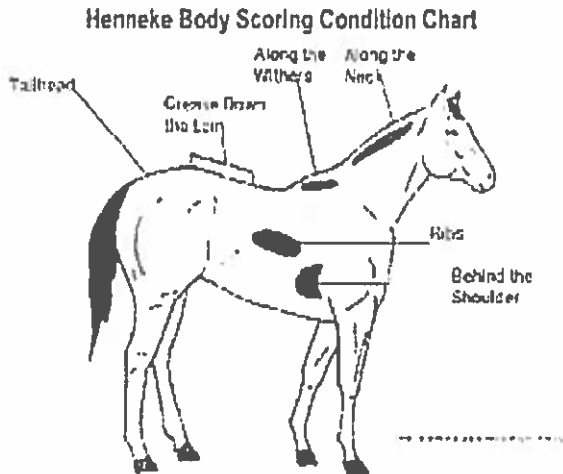


Exhibitor Name: _____



4-H Club/FFA: _____

Horse Name: _____

Breed: _____

Age of Horse: _____

Printed Name of examiner:

Body Score Given: _____ Signature of examiner: _____

Comments: _____

Body Scoring Facts and Information

Along with other counties in the state of Ohio, Richland County has decided to implement the body scoring system into our horse 4-H program. Each 4-H horse exhibitor is required to have their horse body scored between the time period of April 1st - June 1st and the completed body scoring card must be turned in with the horse registration for horses to be eligible to compete at the Richland County Fair. Barn Raiser's strongly suggests using a qualified veterinarian or veterinarian assistant to do the body scoring. A second body score will be done on the Saturday before fair begins at 8 PM when all project horses are required to be in place. All horses must score between a 4 and an 8 on the Henneke scale in order to be eligible for competition at the Richland County Fair. All project horse that don't meet this requirement will be removed from the fairgrounds if they do not fall between these guidelines. If a horse is disqualified at the Ohio State Fair because of their body condition, the horse will not be eligible to compete at the Richland County Fair.

To learn more about Body Scoring and the Henneke scale, please refer to the following websites. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Stephanie Reith at 419-571-3273 or Angie Swackhammer at 419-571-4653.

Websites with picture references:

<http://www.gerlltd.org/Education/Equine%20Body%20Condition%20Score%20Presentation.pdf>

[http://www.indianahorsecouncil.org/News/2013/Equine Abuse and Neglect Flip Chart.pdf](http://www.indianahorsecouncil.org/News/2013/Equine%20Abuse%20and%20Neglect%20Flip%20Chart.pdf)

Condition	Neck	Withers	Shoulder	Ribs	Back	Tailhead Area
1 Poor (extremely emaciated)	Bone structure easily noticeable	Bone structure easily noticeable	Bone structure easily noticeable	Ribs projecting prominently	Spinous processes projecting prominently	Tailhead, pinbones, and hook bones projecting prominently
2 Very Thin (emaciated)	Bone structure faintly discernible	Bone structure faintly discernible	Bone structure faintly discernible	Ribs prominent	Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes.	Tailhead, pin bones, and hook bones all prominent
3 Thin	Neck accentuated	Withers accentuated	Shoulder accentuated	Slight fat cover over ribs. Ribs easily discernible	Fat buildup halfway on spinous processes but easily discernible	Tailhead prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be visually identified. Hook bones appear rounded but are still easily discernible. Pin bones not distinguished.
4 Moderately Thin	Neck not obviously thin	Withers not obviously thin	Shoulder not obviously thin	Faint outline of ribs discernible	Negative crease (peaked appearance) along back	Prominence depends on conformation. Fat can be felt. Hook bones not discernible.
5 Moderate	Neck blends smoothly into body	Withers rounded over spinous processes	Shoulder blends smoothly into body	Ribs cannot be visually distinguished but can be easily felt	Back is level	Fat around tailhead feels soft
6 Moderately Fleshy	Fat beginning to be deposited	Fat beginning to be deposited	Fat beginning to be deposited behind shoulder	Fat over ribs feels spongy	May have a slight positive crease (a groove) down back	Fat around tailhead is soft
7 Fleshy	Fat deposited along neck	Fat deposited along withers	Fat deposited behind shoulder	Individual ribs can be felt but noticeable fat filling between ribs	May have a positive crease down the back	Fat around tailhead is soft

8 Fat	Noticeable thickening of neck	Area along withers filled with fat	Area behind shoulder filled with fat	Difficult to feel ribs	Positive crease down the back	Fat around tailhead very soft
9 Extremely Fat	Bulging fat	Bulging fat	Bulging fat	Patchy fat appearing over ribs	Obvious crease down the back. Flank filled with fat	Bulging fat around tailhead