

Carcase classification

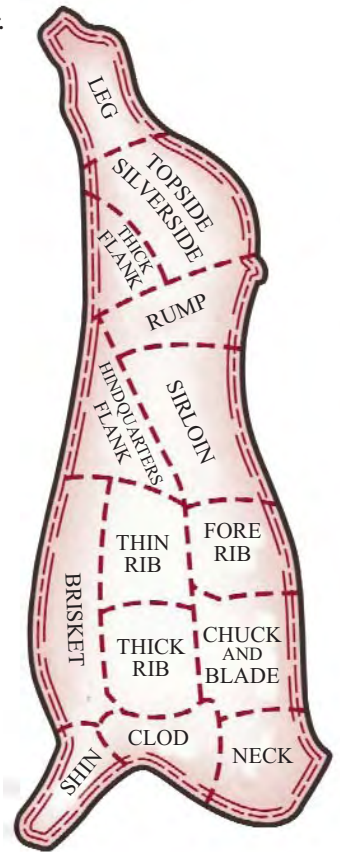
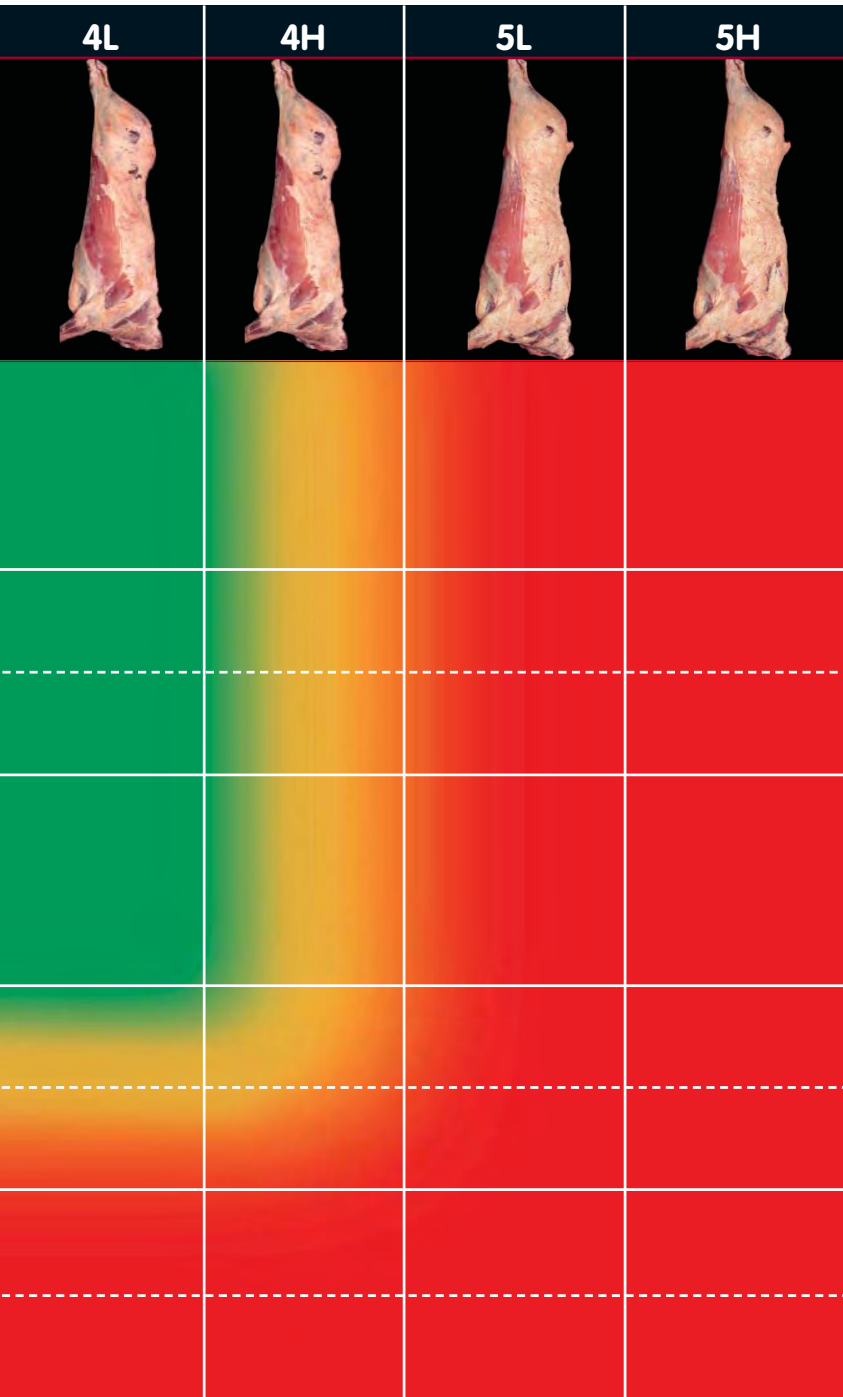
Carcase assessment addresses conformation and fat. Fat cover is scored on a 1-5 scale. Conformation is assessed from E to P. Combining scores for conformation and fat determines the markets which cattle suit.

Fat class

		1	2	3
Conformation Class improving conformation ↑ Conformation is determined by a visual appraisal of shape, taking into account top, loin and shoulder. No adjustment is made for influence of fat on overall shape.	E			
	U+			
	-U			
	R			
	O+			
	-O			
	P+			
	-P			

increasing fatness →

Fat is determined by visual assessment of external fat cover. There are five main classes. Class 4 and 5 are subdivided into L (leaner) and H (fatter).



Market Signals



- Little or no demand
- Discount prices
- Poorest returns
- Medium demand
- Average prices
- Moderate returns
- High UK demand
- Premium prices
- Best returns
- High demand for specific export markets
- Premium prices

