



# BRITISH WHITE CATTLE SOCIETY

## SALE INSPECTIONS



Members are advised that the following inspection criteria will apply at all Society-supported sales.

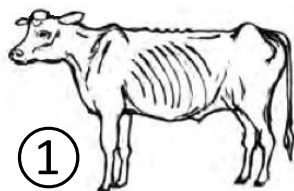
Cattle will be inspected by officers appointed by the British White Cattle Society at each event.

Should any animals fail inspection, buyers will be made aware at the time of sale that although they may still be sold through the sale ring, those particular lots will not be auctioned under the auspices of the BWCS.

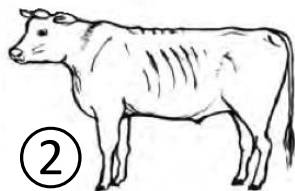
### CATTLE SHOULD:

- Conform to the Breed Standard (see the BWCS Herd Book)
- Ideally meet at least a Body Condition Score 3 or above (see below)
- Be clean and presentable i.e. free from mud, feet not overgrown etc.

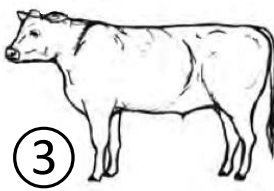
### Body Condition Scoring Guide



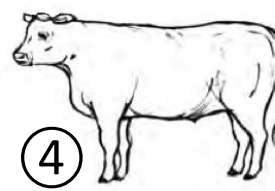
①  
Backbone, hips and shoulder bones prominent, ribs clearly visible, tail head area recessed, skeletal body outline



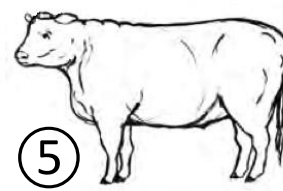
②  
Backbone, hips and shoulder bones visible, ribs faintly visible, tail head area slightly recessed, bony body outline



③  
Hip bones faintly visible, ribs generally not visible, tail head area not recessed, body outline almost smooth



④  
Hip bones not visible, ribs well covered, tail head area slightly lumpy, body outline rounded



⑤  
Hip bones showing fat deposit, ribs very well covered, tail head area very lumpy, body outline bulging due to fat

### How to add value to cattle for sale

- Three to four weeks prior to sale, keep cattle in a clean, dry area (ideally a straw-bedded shed but a dry field will do if absolutely necessary) to keep their coats and tails clean
- Feeding a little hard food along with hay/straw during this time will give the digestive system a chance to dry, meaning less runny green output than if just on grass or silage alone
- Check general health in the lead-up to the sale including eyes, feet and teeth, leaving yourself plenty of time to rectify any problems before travel
- This also includes ear tags and passports – the market won't admit cattle without them
- Remember it is always the fittest (read: fattest!) cattle which make the top money, so selling quality cattle in good condition is imperative for a good sale

Society-supported sales exist to promote the breed to its best advantage and assure buyers that the cattle sold are of good quality and conform to the Breed Standard as approved by the BWCS. If you have British White cattle for sale which you feel may not be suitable for one of these events and would like advice, please contact the Society.