# USDA Feeder Cattle Grades

## Calf Frame Score (2000)

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>Steers</th>
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<td>Small</td>
<td>&lt;1100 lb</td>
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<td>Medium</td>
<td>1100 lb - 1250 lb</td>
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<td>Large</td>
<td>&gt;1250 lb</td>
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*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