

§53.211 Specifications for official U.S. standards for grades of thrifty feeder cattle (thickness).

(a) *No. 1.* Feeder cattle which possess minimum qualifications for this grade usually display predominate beef breeding. They must be thrifty and moderately thick throughout. They are moderately thick and full in the forearm and gaskin, showing a rounded appearance through the back and loin with moderate width between the legs, both front and rear. Cattle show this thickness with a slightly thin covering of fat; however, cattle eligible for this grade may carry varying degrees of fat.



(b) *No. 2.* Feeder cattle which possess minimum qualifications for this grade usually show a high proportion of beef breeding and slight dairy breeding may be detected. They must be thrifty and tend to be slightly thick throughout. They tend to be slightly thick and full in the forearm and gaskin, showing a rounded appearance through the back and loin with slight width between the legs, both front and rear. Cattle show this thickness with a slightly thin covering of fat; however, cattle eligible for this grade may carry varying degrees of fat.



(c) *No. 3.* Feeder cattle which possess minimum qualifications for this grade are thrifty and thin through the forequarter and the middle part of the rounds. The forearm and gaskin are thin and the back and loin have a sunken appearance. The legs are set close together, both front and rear. Cattle show this narrowness with a slightly thin covering of fat; however, cattle eligible for this grade may carry varying degrees of fat.



(d) *No. 4.* Feeder cattle included in this grade are thrifty animals which have less thickness than the minimum requirements specified for the No. 3 grade.



§53.212 Specifications for official U.S. standards for the grade of unthrifty feeder cattle.

(a) *Inferior.* This grade includes those feeder cattle which are not expected to perform normally in their present state and those that are "double-muscled." Cattle in this grade may have any combination of thickness and frame size.