



Beef yield guide

Animal to carcass, to edible meat

Processing the beef carcase, from farm to plate

Animal = 100%



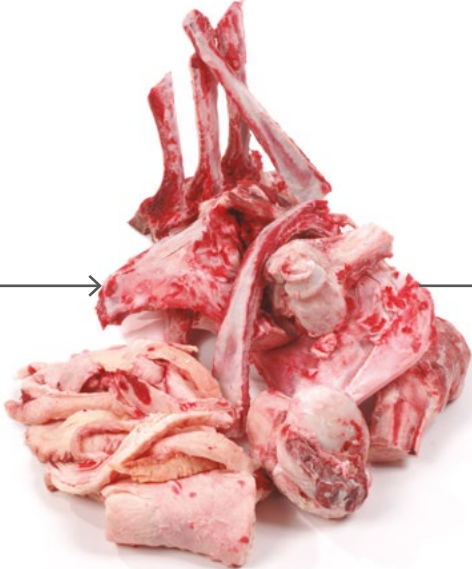
Waste / Offal / By-products = 47%



Carcase = 53%



*Bone / Fat / Waste = 13%
(of liveweight)*



*Edible meat = 40%
(of liveweight)*



The information in this brochure is based on a 303 kg carcass (side weight 151.5 kg), Classification R4H (after 2 weeks maturation).

Therefore, the weights/percentages of cuts are intended to act as a guide only, as butchery techniques, carcass weights and types may vary from one business to another.

Beef carcass classification









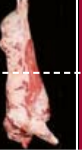

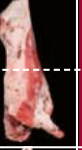
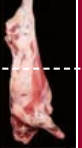

Carcass assessment addresses conformation and fat. Fat cover is scored on a 1-5 scale. Conformation is assessed from E to P. Combining scores for conformation and fat determines the markets which cattle suit.

FAT CLASS

Increasing fatness 

Fat class is determined by visual assessment of external fat cover and internal fat cover (dependent on slaughter site. Also VIA may be used). There are five main classes. Classes 4 and 5 are subdivided into L (leaner) and H (fatter)

CONFORMATION CLASS  Improving conformation
 Conformation is determined by a visual appraisal of shape, taking into account carcass profile and fullness of the legs. No adjustment is made for the influence of fat on overall shape.

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E								
U+								
-U								
R								
O+								
-O								
P+								
-P								

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