

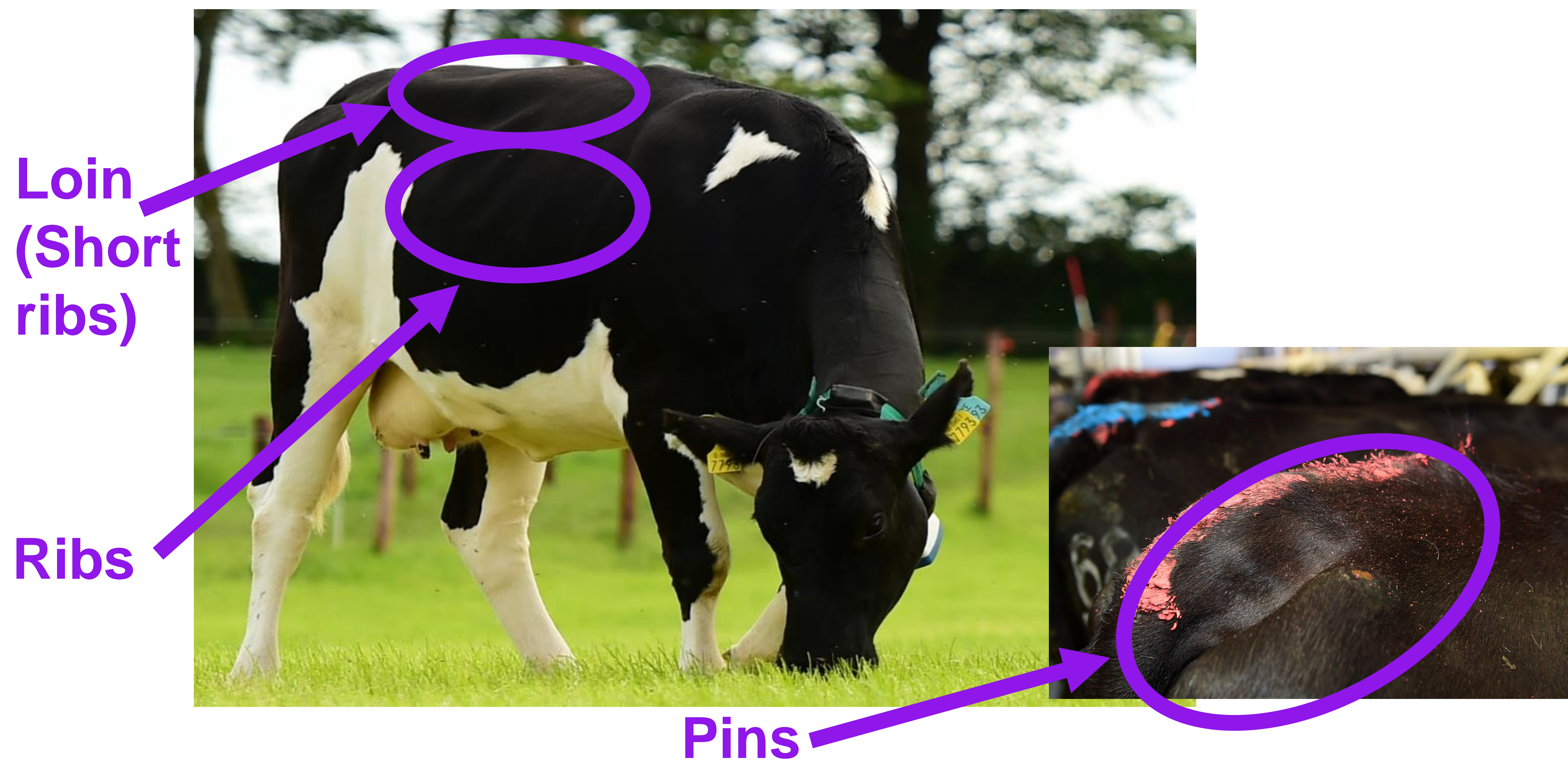
# Body Condition Scoring (BCS)

5 point scale, 0.25 increments

1: Emaciated    Target range 2.75 – 3.25    5: Extremely fat



To assess: Run hands firmly over 3 key areas



## Target Body Condition Scores

	Herd Avg.	Range
Drying off	3.0	2.75 - 3.25
Pre-calving	3.25	3.0 - 3.5
Start of breeding	2.9	2.75 - 3.25

## Summary

- Spring calving cows should be 3.0 BCS now
- Dry thin cows 10 weeks before calving
- Cows on target: 8 weeks dry & ad-lib 70 DMD silage
- Cows over target: restrict silage for 1<sup>st</sup> 6 weeks of dry period
- Heifers: 3.0 - 3.5 during their growth