

Appendix A

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PROGRAM

OFFICIAL MATURITY CARD

SLIGHTLY ABUNDANT	PRIME Moderately Firm	Firm		COMMERCIAL	Firm
MODERATE	CHOICE		Slightly Firm		
MODEST	Slightly Soft	Slightly Firm			
SMALL				UTILITY	Slightly Firm
SLIGHT	SELECT Moderately Soft		Moderately Soft		
TRACES	STANDARD	Moderately Soft			
PRACTICALLY DEVOID	Soft		Soft Watery	CUTTER	Soft and Slightly Watery

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(OVER)

	SACRAL	LUMBAR	THORACIC	RIB	
A-	Distinct separation	No ossification	No ossification	Slight tendency toward flatness	1.9 - Muscle visible thru fat many areas THIN - Rib, loin, rump, clod VERY THIN - Outside round, top of shoulder, neck SLIGHT DEPOSIT - Flank, cod
A+ / B-	Completely fused	Nearly completely ossified	Some evidence of ossification	Slightly wide and slightly flat	
B+ / C-		Completely ossified	Partially ossified		2.9 - Nearly completely covered with fat SLIGHTLY THIN - Loin, rib, inside round SLIGHTLY THICK - Rump, hip, clod Lean plainly visible thru fat outside round, top of shoulder, neck SMALL DEPOSIT - Flank, cod
C+ / D-			Outlines plainly visible	Moderately wide and flat	3.9 - Completely covered with fat SLIGHTLY THICK - Loin, rib, inside round MODERATELY THICK - Rump, hip, clod Lean visible thru fat neck, lower outside round SLIGHTLY LARGE DEPOSIT - Flank, cod
D+ / E-			Outlines barely visible	Wide and flat	
TEXTURE		COLOR			4.9 - Completely covered with fat MODERATELY THICK - Loin, rib, inside round THICK - Rump, hip, clod Muscle visible on shank, flank, plate LARGE DEPOSIT - Flank cod
A - Fine B - Tends to be fine* C - Slight coarse D - Moderately coarse E - Coarse		A	C		
		P - Light red C - Moderate light red Se - Slightly light red S - Slightly dark red	Cm - Moderately dark red U, Cu - Dark red		
			E	Cm - Dark red U, Cu - Very dark red	
*Standard moderately fine					

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