



**BC MEATS FOR
BC MARKETS**

BC Meats Quality
Information System
(BCMQUIS)

New meat scores for stores, chefs
and BC families provide quality
assurance for BC Beef, Lamb & Bison



Carcass Quality Criteria
In order to Meet the Standards
of the 100% BC Beef Program
each carcass must be evaluated
and meet the minimum Grade
in order to be stamped by the
BCMQUIS Accredited Abattoir,
and bear this label.

Grain Finished	Minimum	★★★
Grass Finished	Minimum	★

<http://bcabattoirs.org/industry-programs/>

BCMQUIS BEEF Scoring Criteria

Evaluation	Maturity (Age) (Note 1)	Muscling	Rib Eye Muscle	Marbling (Note 3)	Fat Color & Texture (Note 2)	Fat Measure
★★★★★ grain and grass fed	youthful	good to excellent with minor deficiencies	firm, bright red	slightly abundant	firm, white, amber	4 mm or more
★★★★ grain and grass fed	youthful	good to excellent with minor deficiencies	firm, bright red	small amount	firm, white, amber	4 mm or more
★★★ grain and grass fed	youthful	good to excellent with minor deficiencies	firm, bright red	slight amount	firm, white, amber	4 mm or more
★ grass fed only	youthful	good to excellent with minor deficiencies	firm, bright red	trace amount	firm, white, amber	4 mm or more
B	youthful	good to excellent with minor deficiencies	firm, bright red	none required	firm, white, amber	less than 4mm
	youthful	deficient to excellent	bright red	none required	yellow	no requirement
	youthful	deficient to good	bright red	none required	white or amber	no requirement
	youthful	deficient to excellent	dark red	none required	none required	no requirement

Criteria Notes:

- For youthful designation must show 50% or less ossification of the feather bones.
- BCMQUIS allows for yellow fat in grass-fed beef, with no penalty.
- Marbling Reference Chart:



Designations for Mature Beef

(showing greater than 50% ossification of backbone):

Carcass Evaluation	Age*	Muscling	Fat Color	Fat Measurement
D1	Mature	Excellent	White or Amber & Firm	less than 15 mm
D2	Mature	Medium to Excellent	White to Yellow	less than 15 mm
D3	Mature	Deficient	No Requirement	less than 15 mm
D4	Mature	Deficient to Excellent	No Requirement	15 mm or more
E	Youthful or Mature	Pronounced Masculinity/Staginess		