

There are four factors used in calculating Yield Grade.

1. BackFat (BF)
2. Hot Carcass Weight (HCW)
3. Ribeye Area (REA)
4. Kidney, Pelvic, Heart Fat (KPH)

Calculation for Yield Grade:

Example:

<p>1) Determine Preliminary Yield Grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure Back Fat at 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Rib</li> </ul> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>BackFat</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>PYG</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">.10</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2.25</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For every .10 BF, adjust PYG +/- .25</li> </ul>	<u>BackFat</u>	<u>PYG</u>	.10	2.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BackFat = .40 in</li> <li>• .40 - .10 = .30</li> <li>• .60 / .10 = 3</li> <li>• 3 x .25 = 0.75</li> <li>• 2.25 + 0.75 = 3.00 PYG</li> </ul>						
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<p>4) Kidney, Pelvic, Heart (KPH) fat adjustment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimate % KPH</li> <li>• % KPH</li> </ul> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>- 3.50%</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Adj KPH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for each 0.25% adj. KPH, adjust PYG +/- 0.05</li> </ul> <p>(higher than 3.50% KPH results in Yield Grade penalty)</p>	<u>- 3.50%</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % KPH estimate = 2.50%</li> <li>• 2.50 - 3.50 = -1.00</li> <li>• -1.00 / 0.25 = -4</li> <li>• -4 x .05 = 0.2</li> <li>• KPH Adj. = -0.2</li> </ul>									
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