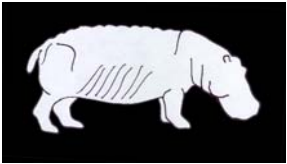
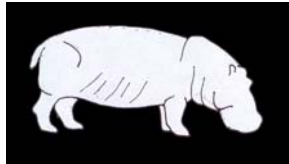
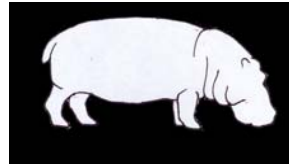
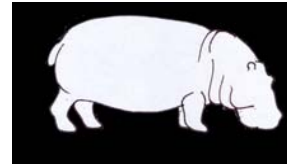
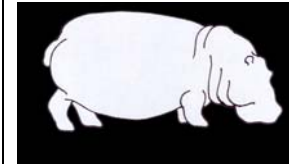
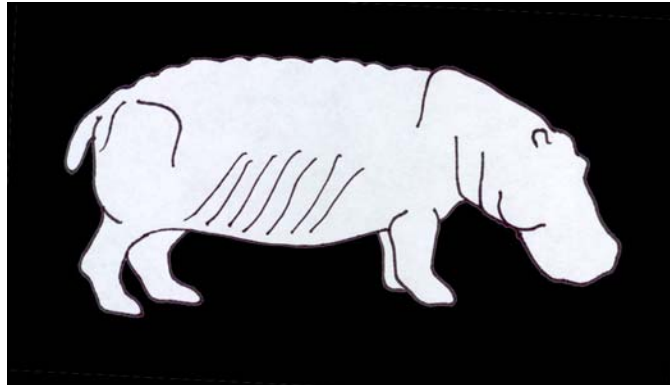


Score	1: Emaciated	2: Thin	3: Good	4: Fat	5: Obese
Outline Depiction					
Pelvic Bones & Tail Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pelvic bones are very prominent.</li> <li>• Deep cavity around the tail base.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pelvic bones are visible, but some slight cover.</li> <li>• The tail base is covered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pelvic bones covered, can only be felt with firm pressure.</li> <li>• No cavity around the tail.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pelvic bones rounded and cannot be felt.</li> <li>• Root of tail set deep in surrounding fat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pelvic bones very well rounded (cannot be felt).</li> <li>• Further deposition of fat impossible.</li> </ul>
Loin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loin is very narrow. Sharp edges on transverse spinal process.</li> <li>• Flank very hollow.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loin is narrow.</li> <li>• Only slight cover to edge of transverse spinal process.</li> <li>• Flank is rather hollow.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge of transverse spinal process can only be felt with firm pressure.</li> <li>• Flank is full.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transverse spinal process well covered and cannot be felt.</li> <li>• Flank full and rounded.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transverse spinal process well covered and cannot be felt.</li> </ul>
Back	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backbone vertebrae prominent and sharp throughout the length of the backbone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backbone vertebrae are obvious. Some cover further back.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backbone vertebrae are covered and felt only with firm pressure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backbone vertebrae cannot be felt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backbone appears as slight hollow between rolls of fat.</li> </ul>
Ribs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual ribs very prominent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rib cage is apparent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rib cage is not visible.</li> <li>• Very difficult to feel any ribs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ribs are well covered and cannot be seen or felt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thick fat cover, ribs cannot be seen or felt.</li> </ul>

**Table 5: Summary of Body Condition Scores for Hippopotamus**

# Score 1: Thin/Emaciated



**Pelvic Bones & Tail Base**

Pelvic bones are prominent. Deep cavity around the tail base.

**Loin**

Loin is very narrow. Sharp edges on transverse spinal process. Flank very hollow.

**Back**

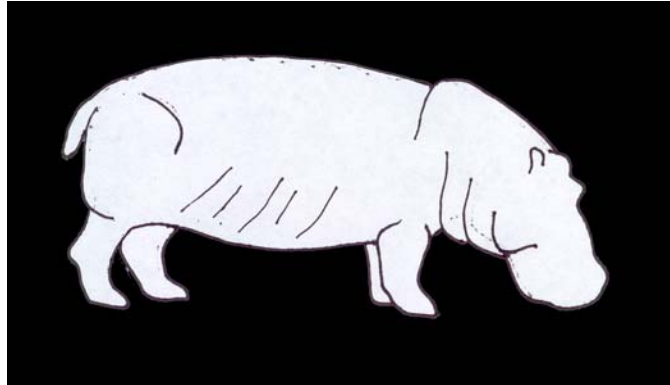
Backbone vertebrae prominent and sharp throughout the length of the backbone.

**Ribs**

Individual ribs very prominent.

Figure 21: Body Condition Score 1 - Thin/Emaciated Hippopotamus

# Score 2: Thin



**Pelvic Bones & Tail Base**

Pelvic bones are visible, but some slight cover. The tail base is covered.

**Loin**

Loin is narrow. Only slight cover to edge of transverse spinal process. Flank is rather hollow.

**Back**

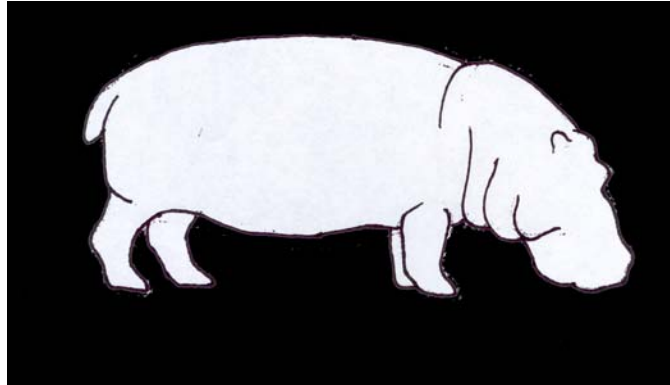
Backbone vertebrae are obvious. Some cover further back.

**Ribs**

Rib cage is apparent.

**Figure 22: Body Condition Score 2 - Thin Hippopotamus**

# Score 3: Good



**Pelvic Bones & Tail Base**

Pelvic bones covered, can only be felt with firm pressure. No cavity around the tail.

**Loin**

Edge of transverse spinal process can only be felt with firm pressure. Flank is full.

**Back**

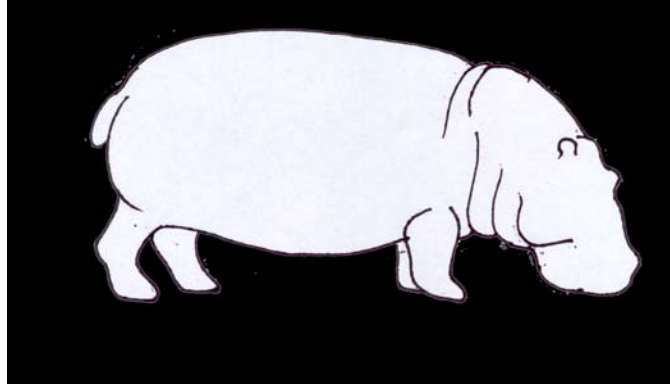
Backbone vertebrae are covered and felt only with firm pressure.

**Ribs**

Rib cage is not visible. Very difficult to feel any ribs.

**Figure 23: Body Condition Score 3 - Good Hippopotamus**

# Score 4: Fat



**Pelvic Bones & Tail Base**

Pelvic bones rounded and cannot be felt. Root of tail set deep in surrounding fat.

**Loin**

Transverse spinal process well covered and cannot be felt. Flank full and rounded.

**Back**

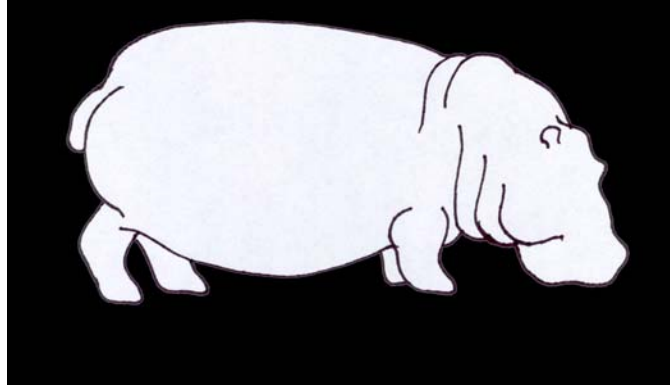
Backbone vertebrae cannot be felt.

**Ribs**

Ribs are well covered and cannot be seen or felt.

Figure 24: Body Condition Score 4 - Fat Hippopotamus

# Score 5: Obese



**Pelvic Bones & Tail Base**

Pelvic bones very well rounded (cannot be felt). Further deposition of fat impossible.

**Loin**

Transverse spinal process well covered and cannot be felt.

**Back**

Backbone appears as slight hollow between rolls of fat.

**Ribs**

Thick fat cover, ribs cannot be seen or felt.

**Figure 5: Body Condition Score 5 - Obese Hippopotamus**