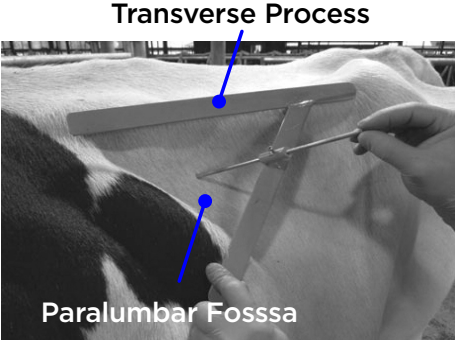


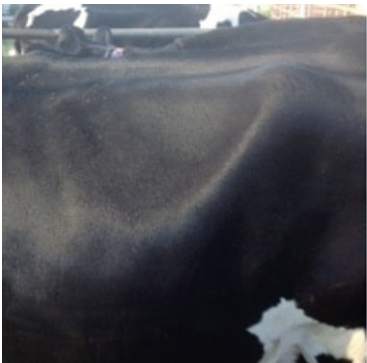




Rumen Fill Scoring



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Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4	Score 5
 <p>The paralumbar fossa looks very empty; the paralumbar fossa cavitates more than a hand's width behind the last rib and a hand's width inside under the transverse processes. The fossa looks like a rectangle when observed from the left side of the cow.</p>	 <p>The paralumbar fossa cavitates a hand's width behind the last rib and to a lesser extent inside under the transverse processes. When the observer stands at the left side of the cow, this area looks like a triangle.</p>	 <p>The paralumbar fossa cavitates less than a hand's width behind the last rib and falls about a hand's width vertically downwards from the transverse process and then bulges out.</p>	 <p>The paralumbar fossa skin is covering the area behind the last rib and arches immediately outside below the transverse processes due to an extended rumen.</p>	 <p>The rumen is quite distended and nearly obliterates the fossa; the last rib and the transverse processes are not visible.</p>

Source: Sterrett et al., Cooperative Extension Work, University of Kentucky