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A GUIDE TO CONDITION SCORING OF ZEBU CATTLE

Figure 1

Distinctive anatomical parts of importance in condition scoring

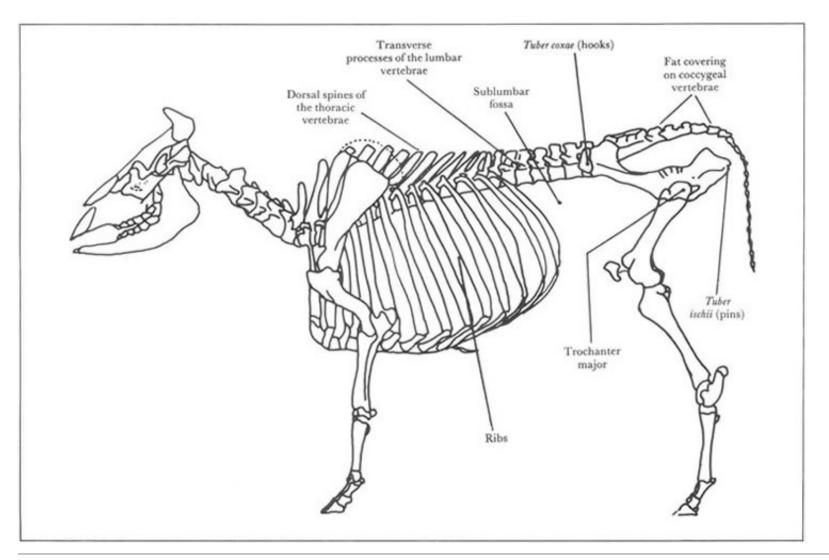
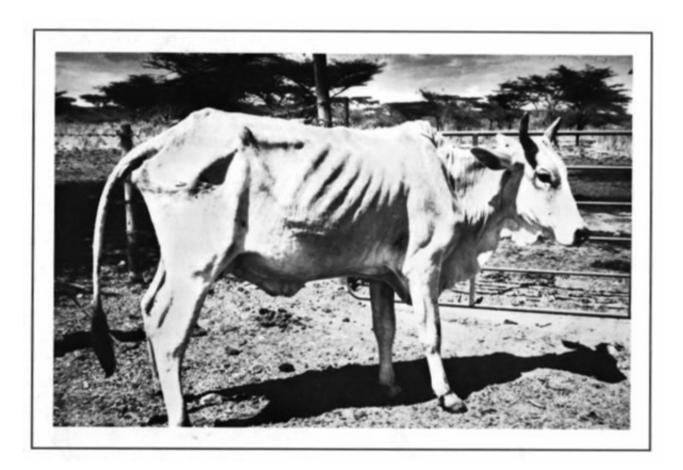


Figure 2

L-

Marked emaciation; Animal would be condemned at ante mortem examination

Α



В



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Figure 3

Note the slack skin over the hump and the wasting in the leg musceles



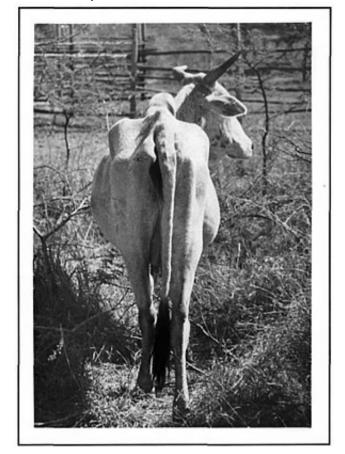
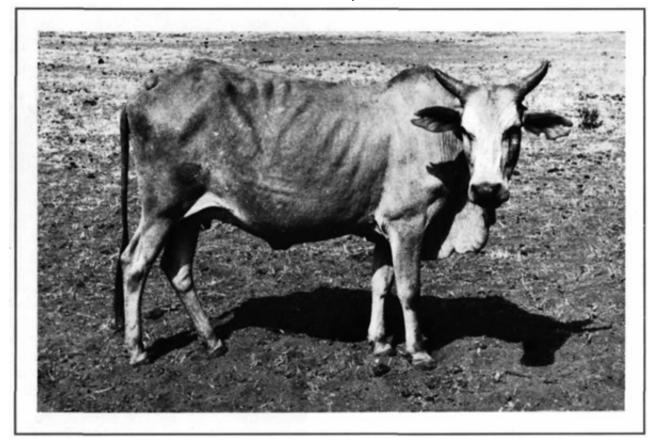


Figure 4

L+

The ribs and transverse processes are less protruding than in L.

The muscle mass between the hooks is concave



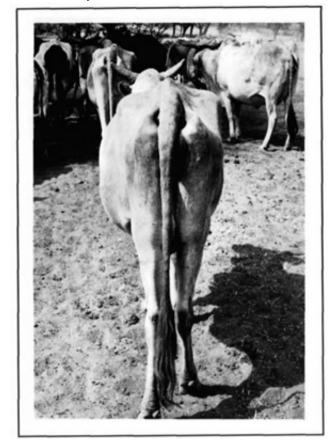


Figure 5

M-

Note that unlike in L+, the transverse processes cannot be seen individually

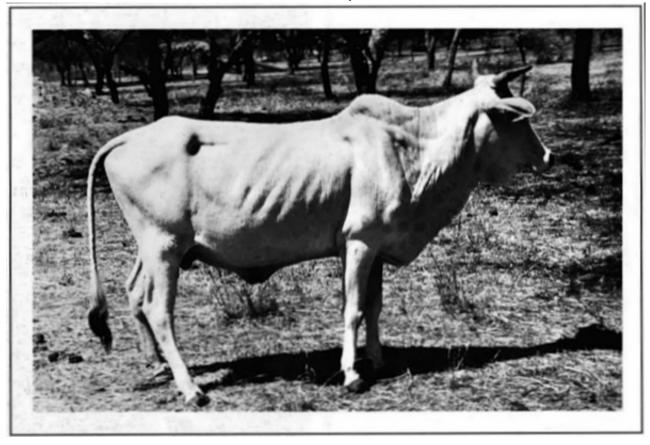
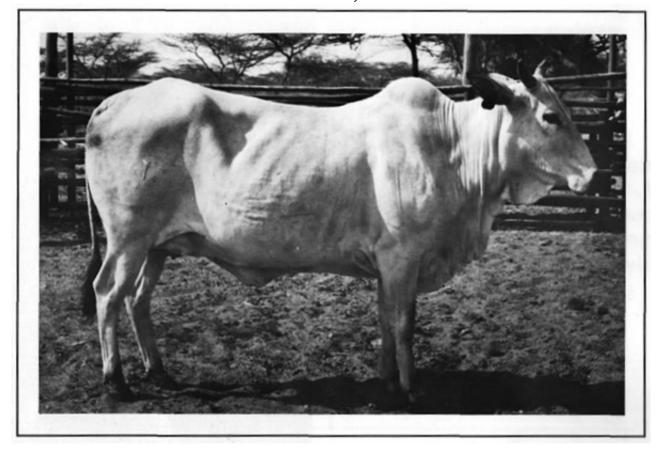




Figure 6

Μ

The deep sublumbar fossa is indicative of low rumen contents, not poor condition as the animal is well fleshed



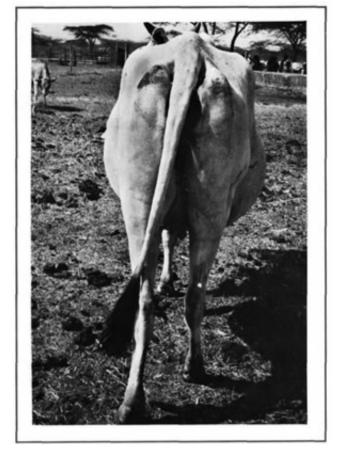
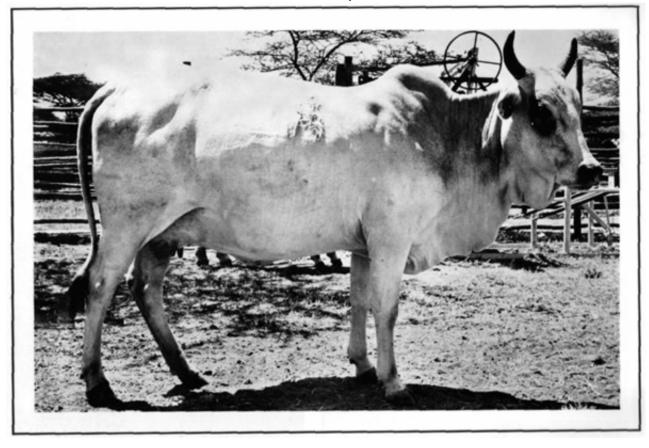


Figure 7

M+

Note the marked increase in fleshing as compared to M. The hooks are invisible.



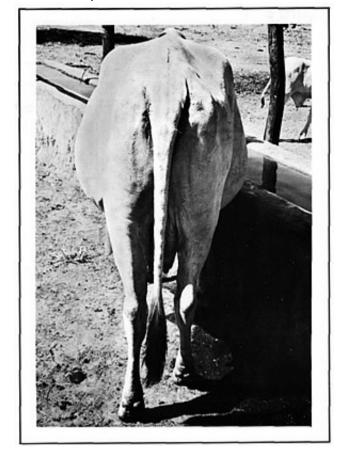
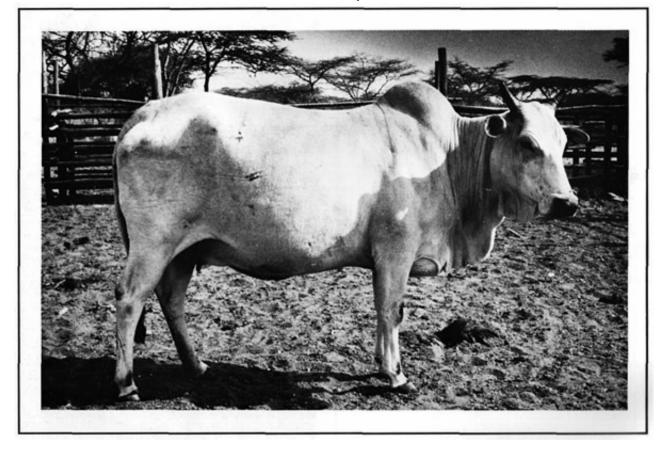


Figure 8

F-

Note the full hump; animal is well covered with flesh and has some fat deposits



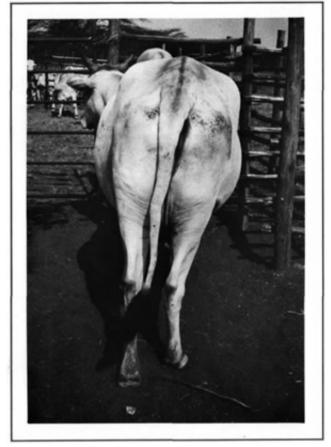
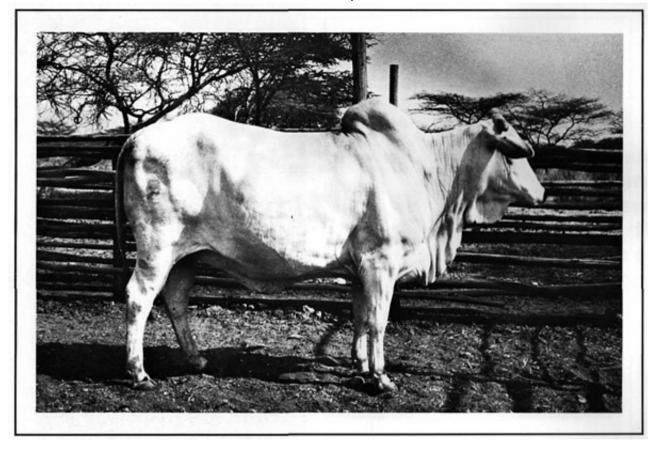


Figure 9

F

Good fat cover



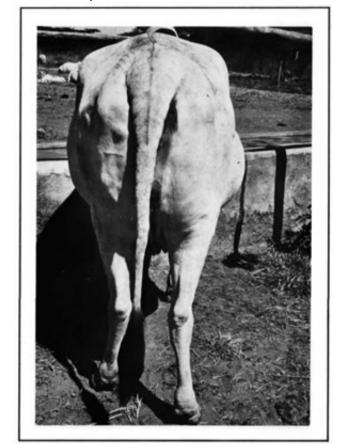
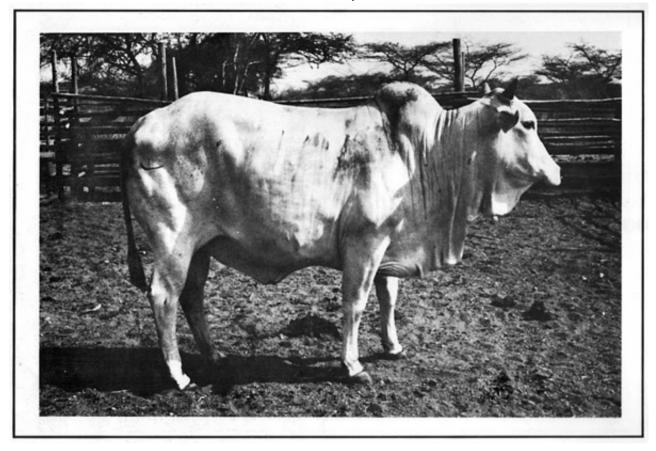


Figure 10

F+

Animal has heavy deposits of fat on tail-head, brisket and cod.



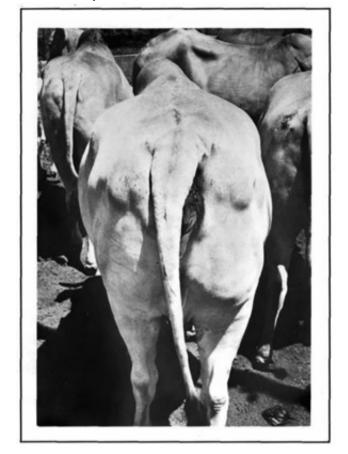


Figure 11

An emaciated steer

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