



BEEF & VEAL LANGUAGE CATEGORIES

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BASIC CATEGORIES



VEAL * V *

Female or castrate or entire male bovine that:

- ◆ Has no evidence of eruption of permanent incisor teeth
- ◆ Shows youthfulness and veal colour
- ◆ Weighs no more than 150kg (HSCW)
- ◆ In male shows no evidence of SSC



BEEF * A *
OR
BEEF

Female or castrate or entire male bovine (in male shows no evidence of SSC)



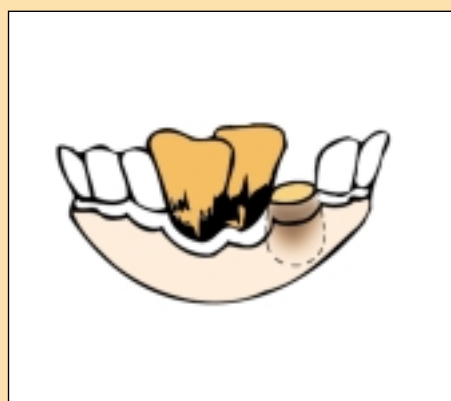
BULL * B *

Entire or castrate male bovine showing SSC

SSC = Secondary Sexual Characteristics

HSCW = Hot Standard Carcase Weight

DEFINITION OF A PERMANENT INCISOR



A permanent incisor is defined as:




- ◆ A new incisor that has broken (erupted) through the gum surface.
- ◆ Permanent incisors are used to determine age in animals.
- ◆ Animals with 1 - 2 permanent incisors are recorded as 2 tooth.
- ◆ Animals with 3 or 4 incisors are recorded as 4 tooth.

ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES TO BEEF

** Chronological age as shown is approximates only*

	<p>Yearling Steer *YS* Yearling Beef *Y*</p>	<p>Castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Shows no SSC ◆ Has 0 permanent incisor teeth * Up to 18 months</p> <p>Female or castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Shows no SSC ◆ Has 0 permanent incisor teeth * Up to 18 months</p>
	<p>Young Steer *YGS* Young Beef *YG*</p>	<p>Castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Shows no SSC ◆ Has no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth * Up to 30 months</p> <p>Female or castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Shows no SSC ◆ Has no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth * Up to 30 months</p>
	<p>Young Prime Steer *YPS* Young Prime Beef *YP*</p>	<p>Castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Shows no SSC ◆ Has no more than 4 permanent incisor teeth * Up to 36 months</p> <p>Female or castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Shows no SSC ◆ Has no more than 4 permanent incisor teeth * Up to 36 months</p>
	<p>Prime Steer *PRS* Prime Beef *PR*</p>	<p>Castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Shows no SSC ◆ Has no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth * Up to 42 months</p> <p>Female or castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Shows no SSC ◆ Has no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth * Up to 42 months</p>
	<p>Steer *SS*</p>	<p>Castrate or entire male - shows no SSC * Any age</p>
	<p>OX *S*</p>	<p>Female or castrate or entire male that: ◆ In female shows no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth. * Up to 42 months ◆ In male shows no SSC * Any age</p>
	<p>Cow *C*</p>	<p>Female with 8 permanent incisor teeth * All ages</p>

ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES TO BULL

	<p>Yearling Entire *YE*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Entire male not assessed for SSC ◆ Has no evidence of eruption of permanent incisor teeth ◆ Weighs more than 150kg (HSCW)
	<p>Young Entire *YGE*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Entire male not assessed for SSC ◆ Has no evidence of eruption of more than two permanent incisor teeth ◆ Weighs more than 150kg (HSCW)
	<p>Young Bull *BYG*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Castrate or entire male shows SSC ◆ Has no evidence of eruption of more than two permanent incisor teeth ◆ Weighs more than 150kg (HSCW)

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HSCW = Hot Standard Carcase Weight

SUMMARY - BOVINE BASIC CATEGORIES AND CIPHERS

CATEGORY	CIPHER	DEFINITION
BEEF	*A*	<p>Product identified as Category BEEF or Cipher *A* can be derived from Female, Castrate or Entire Male Bovine animals with no Secondary Sexual Characteristics. Dentition range from 0 to 8 permanent incisor teeth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Product prepared from this category for the domestic trade in Chilled condition must be identified as “BEEF”. ◆ Frozen product identified with the *A* cipher diverted from export trade for domestic disposal may retain the cipher *A*. ◆ Primal cuts from Veal carcasses weighing 70.1 to 150kg (HSCW) can be included in this category.
BULL & BEEF	*BA*	<p>A combination pack containing mixed product derived from Categories Bull *B* and Beef *A* must be described as BULL and BEEF or with the cipher *BA*.</p>
VEAL	*V*	<p>Veal carcasses can be derived from Female, Castrate or Entire Male Bovine animals that show no evidence of permanent incisor teeth and are youthful with a pinkish meat colour. Carcasses must not show evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics.</p> <p>Light Veal carcasses weigh up to 70kg with Heavy Veal carcasses weighing 70.1 to 150kg (HSCW).</p> <p>Where Bone-in or Boneless Veal is packed under Basic category Veal or the cipher *V* the generic description used must be Veal.</p>
BULL	*B*	<p>Bull carcasses are derived from Entire or Castrate Male Bovine animals showing signs of Secondary Sexual Characteristics.</p> <p>Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) in Bovine are defined by the following well developed aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Muscles of the neck and shoulder ◆ Inguinal canal and prominent erector muscle ◆ Penis stub ◆ Pubic tubercle ◆ Exposed area of the M. semimembranosus muscle-triangular and, relatively scarce scrotal fat and dark muscle colour

ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES

AUS-MEAT Alternative Categories and Ciphers for BEEF and Bull are fully detailed in this brochure, further reference on the AUS-MEAT Language can be located in the *AUS-MEAT Information Manual Vol 1. Language Section Beef and Veal.*

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