




BOVINE – ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES (BEEF)

* Chronological age as shown is approximate only

DENTITION	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY/CIPHER
	Carcase is derived from castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has 0 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	YEARLING STEER * YS * * Up to 18 months
	Carcase is derived from female, castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has 0 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	YEARLING BEEF * Y * * Up to 18 months
	Carcase is derived from castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	YOUNG STEER * YGS * * Up to 30 months
	Carcase is derived from female, castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	YOUNG BEEF * YG * * Up to 30 months
	Carcase is derived from castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has no more than 4 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	YOUNG PRIME STEER * YPS * * Up to 36 months
	Carcase is derived from female, castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has no more than 4 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	YOUNG PRIME BEEF * YP * * Up to 36 months
	Carcase is derived from castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	PRIME STEER * PRS * * Up to 42 months
	Carcase is derived from female, castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	PRIME BEEF * PR * * Up to 42 months
	OX – Carcase is derived from female (only) bovine that: ◆ Has no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth.	OX * S * * Up to 42 months
	OX – STEER – Carcase is derived from castrate or entire male bovine that: ◆ Has up to 8 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).	OX * S * or STEER * SS * * Any age
	Carcase is derived from female bovine that: ◆ Has 8 permanent incisor teeth.	COW * C * * All ages




BOVINE – ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES (BULL)

DENTITION	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY/CIPHER
 <p>0</p>	<p>Carcase derived from entire male not assessed for SSC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has no evidence of eruption of permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Carcase weighs more than 150kg *(HCSW). 	<p>YEARLING ENTIRE * YE *</p>
 <p>0 - 2</p>	<p>Carcase derived from entire male not assessed for SSC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has no evidence of eruption of more than 2 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Carcase weighs more than 150kg *(HCSW). 	<p>YOUNG ENTIRE * YGE *</p>
 <p>0 - 2</p>	<p>Carcase derived from castrate or entire male bovine that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has no evidence of eruption of more than 2 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Show signs of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC). ◆ Carcase weighs more than 150kg *(HCSW). 	<p>YOUNG BULL * BYG *</p>





* (HCSW) Hot Standard Carcase Weight.

OVINE – BASIC CATEGORIES (SHEEPMEAT)

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DENTITION	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY/CIPHER
 <p>0</p>	<p>LAMB - female, castrate or entire male animal that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has 0 permanent incisor teeth. 	<p>LAMB * L * * 12 months (approx.)</p>
 <p>1 - 8</p>	<p>MUTTON - female or castrate male animal that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has at least one (1) permanent incisor tooth. ◆ In male has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC). 	<p>MUTTON * M * * Over 10 months</p>
 <p>1 - 8</p>	<p>RAM - Entire or castrate male that shows Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Entire male has evidence of at least one (1) permanent incisor tooth. 	<p>RAM * R * * Over 10 months</p>

OVINE – ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES (SHEEPMEAT)

DENTITION	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY/CIPHER
 <p>0</p>	<p>Carcase derived from female or castrate male ovine that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has 0 permanent incisor teeth (in addition): ◆ Has no eruption of permanent upper molar teeth. 	<p>YOUNG LAMB * YL * * Up to 5 months only</p>
 <p>1 - 2</p>	<p>Carcase derived from female or castrate male ovine that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has 1 but no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth. ◆ In male has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC). 	<p>HOGGET * H * or YEARLING MUTTON * 10 to 18 months</p>
 <p>1 - 8</p>	<p>Carcase derived from female ovine that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has 1 or more permanent incisor teeth. 	<p>EWE MUTTON * E * * Over 10 months</p>
 <p>1 - 8</p>	<p>Carcase derived from castrate male ovine that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Has 1 or more permanent incisor teeth. ◆ Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC). 	<p>WETHER MUTTON * W * * Over 10 months</p>