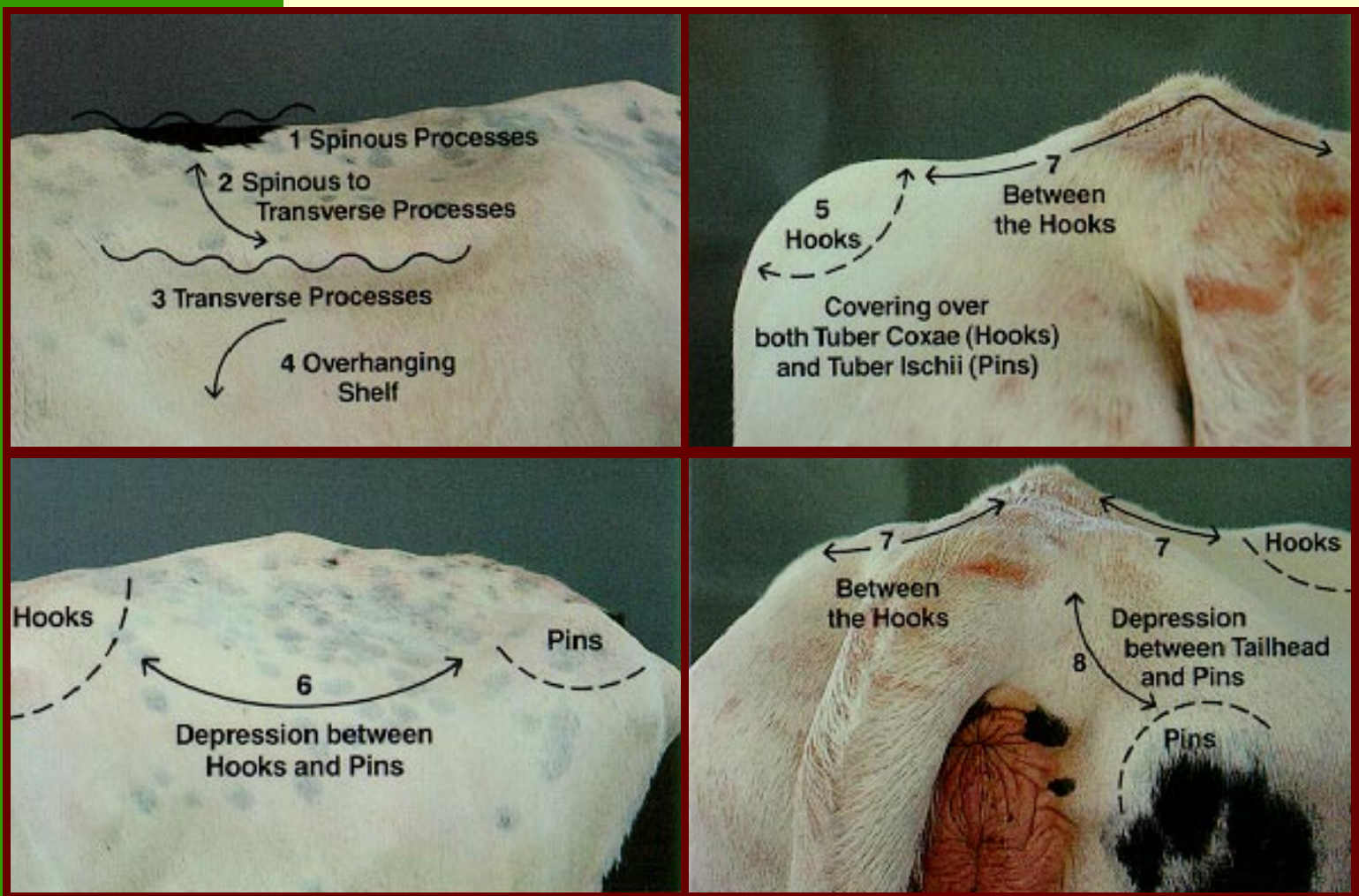


# Condition Scoring

Condition Scoring is a method of assessing the amount of flesh an animal is carrying. Scores can be used to estimate changes in body tissue reserves and to assess dairy management practices and the adequacy of diets. The most commonly used method of scoring is based on a scale of 1 to 5 where a score of 1 is given to an emaciated animal; 5 to an animal which is very fat. Scores are based on a subjective assessment of flesh covering the key areas of the lower spine and tailhead as shown in the photographs below.



for more information:

[Condition Score Your Cows](#), Alberta Dairy Management

[Getting Cows Bred 1. Preparing cows for high conception rates](#), Alberta Dairy Management