# BEEF AND VEAL
## Language Categories

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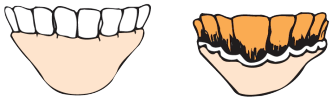
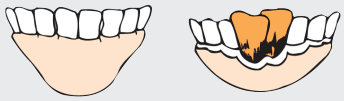
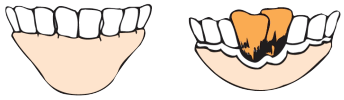
# BASIC CATEGORIES (VEAL / BEEF / BULL)

| DENTITION | DESCRIPTION | CATEGORY / CIPHER |
|---|---|---|
| **0**<br> | **VEAL - Female or castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has no evidence of eruption of permanent incisor teeth<br>• Weighs no more than 190kg (HSCW)<br>• In males shows no evidence of SSC.<br>• Shows youthfulness and veal colour (Veal meat colour must not exceed the AUS-MEAT veal colour standard V5) | **VEAL *V***<br>**see over for optional veal classes** |
| **0 - 8**<br> | **BEEF - Female or castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• In males shows no evidence of SSC<br>• Dentition range for this category is 0 to 8 permanent incisor teeth | **BEEF *A***<br>**or**<br>**BEEF** |
| **0 - 8**<br>  | **BULL- Derived from entire or castrate male** bovine showing SSC | **BULL *B*** |

# ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES (BULL)

| DENTITION | DESCRIPTION | CATEGORY / CIPHER |
|---|---|---|
| **0**<br> | Carcase is derived from **entire male** not assessed for SSC:<br>• Has no evidence of eruption of permanent incisor teeth<br>• Carcase weighs more than 190kg *(HSCW) | **YEARLING ENTIRE *YE*** |
| **0 - 2**<br>  | Carcase is derived from **entire male** not assessed for SSC:<br>• Has no evidence of eruption of more than 2 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Carcase weighs more than 190kg *(HSCW) | **YOUNG ENTIRE *YGE*** |
| **0 - 2**<br>  | Carcase is derived from **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has no evidence of eruption of more than 2 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Shows signs of SSC<br>• Carcase weighs more than 190kg *(HSCW) | **YOUNG BULL *BYG*** |

# 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 to 4 permanent incisors are recorded as 4 tooth

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| HSCW: | Hot Standard Carcase Weight |
| SSC : | Secondary Sexual Characteristics |

# ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES (BEEF)

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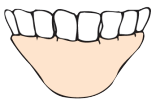
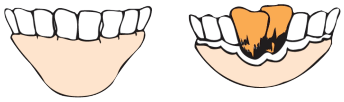
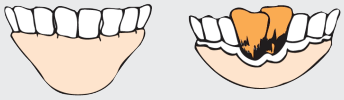
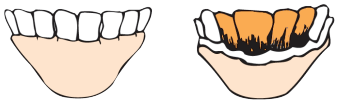
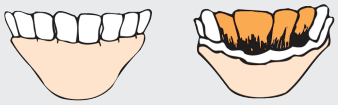
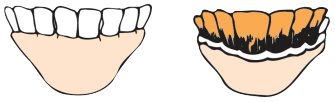
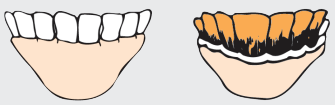
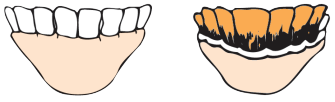
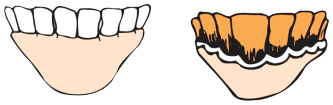
| 0  | Carcase is derived from **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has 0 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) | **YEARLING STEER**<br>***YS*** |
| 0 | Carcase is derived from **female**, **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has 0 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) | **YEARLING BEEF**<br>***Y*** |
| 0 - 2  | Carcase is derived from **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) | **YOUNG STEER**<br>***YGS*** |
| 0 - 2  | Carcase is derived from **female**, **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) | **YOUNG BEEF**<br>***YG*** |
| 0 - 4  | Carcase is derived from **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has no more than 4 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) | **YOUNG PRIME STEER**<br>***YPS*** |
| 0 - 4  | Carcase is derived from **female**, **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has no more than 4 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) | **YOUNG PRIME BEEF**<br>***YP*** |
| 0 - 7  | Carcase is derived from **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) | **PRIME STEER**<br>***PRS*** |
| 0 - 7  | Carcase is derived from **female**, **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) | **PRIME BEEF**<br>***PR*** |
| 0 - 7  | **OX** - Carcase is derived from **female (only)** bovine that:<br>• Has no more than 7 permanent incisor teeth | **OX**<br>***S*** |
| 0 - 8 | **STEER** - Carcase is derived from **castrate or entire male** bovine that:<br>• Has up to 8 permanent incisor teeth<br>• Has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC)<br>(Note product from this category may be included in the *S* OX category) | **STEER**<br>***SS*** |
| 0 - 8  | Carcase is derived from **female** bovine that:<br>• Has 8 permanent incisor teeth | **COW**<br>***C*** |

# SUMMARY - BOVINE
# BASIC CATEGORIES AND CIPHERS

| CATEGORY | CIPHER | DEFINITION |
|---|---|---|
| BEEF | *A* | 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.<br>• Product prepared from this category for the domestic trade in Chilled condition must be identified as "BEEF".<br>• Frozen product identified with the *A* cipher diverted from export trade for domestic disposal may retain the cipher *A*.<br>• Primal cuts from Veal carcases weighing 70.1 to 150kg (HSCW) can be included in this category. |
| BULL & BEEF | *BA* | 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*. |
| VEAL | *V* | Veal carcases are derived from female, castrate or entire male bovine that shows no evidence of permanent incisor teeth and are youthful and veal colour. (Veal meat colour must not exceed the AUS-MEAT Veal colour standard V5).<br>Carcases must not show evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).<br>OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY CLASS<br>**Light Veal (Bobby) –**<br>• Weighing no more than 40kg (HSCW)<br>**Light Veal –**<br>• Weighing no more than 70.kg (HSCW)<br>• Veal Colour : (refer AUS-MEAT Veal meat colour standards)<br>**VEAL**<br>• Cuts shall be derived from carcases:<br>• weighing 70.1kg to 190kg (HSCW).<br>• Veal Colour : (refer AUS-MEAT Veal meat colour standards)<br>**ROSE VEAL**<br>• Minimum 150 days from birth in an accredited feeding facility*<br>• Minimum age - 150 days<br>• Maximum age - 240 days<br>• Veal colour 1-3<br>• Fat colour 0-2<br>**Weight**<br>• Minimum live weight of 45kg at 14 days of age<br>• Minimum HSCW 100kg, Maximum HSCW 200kg<br>(Refer to Rose Veal Program Rules for feeding requirements) |
| BULL | *B* | Bull carcases are derived from entire or castrate Male Bovine animals showing signs of Secondary Sexual Characteristics.<br>Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC) in Bovine are defined by the following well developed aspects:<br>• Muscles of the neck and shoulder<br>• Inguinal canal and prominent erector muscle<br>• Penis stub<br>• Pubic tubercle<br>• 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 - Australian Meat Industry Classification System manual.

## EATING QUALITY GRADED

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| BEEF | *EQG* | Carcase is derived from female or castrate male bovine that:<br>- Meet all Meat Standards Australia (MSA) grading requirements |



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