



## 2017 Carcase eating quality evaluation

### Eating quality grid

Based on your carcase evaluation and information provided on carcase tickets, calculate the MSA eating quality score (CMQ4) for each carcase.

Make adjustments using the grid below, from the benchmark CMQ4 score of **58**.

#### TBC

0	12	18	25	38	50	75	100
+ 4	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	0	- 1	- 3

Sex		HGP		Meat colour	
Male	0	Yes	- 8	1B – 3	0
Female	- 1	No	0	Over 3	Ungrade

Fat distribution		pH		Ribfat	
Adequate	0	Under 5.71	0	Below 3mm	Ungrade
Inadequate	Ungrade	5.71 and over	Ungrade	3 – 10mm	0
				Over 10mm	+ 1
				Over 20mm	+ 2

Carcase weight (kg)		Ossification		MSA Marbling	
60 – 110	- 2	100 – 110	+ 5	Under 210	- 2
110.1 – 210	- 1	120 -150	+ 3	210 – 390	0
210.1 – 310	0	160 -200	+ 1	400 – 590	+ 3
310.1 – 410	+ 1	210 -290	0	600 +	+ 5
410.1 – 510	+ 2	Over 290	- 2		
510.1 – 800	+ 3				