

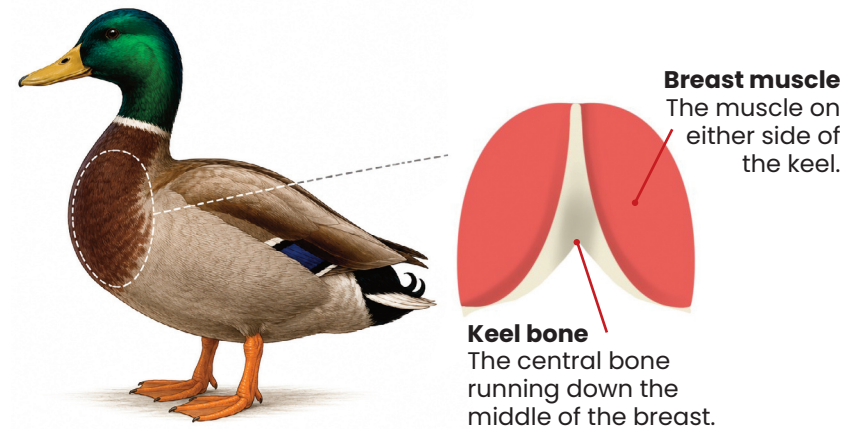
Breast condition scoring guide

Score the condition of the breast (pectoral) muscles using the descriptions and illustrations below.

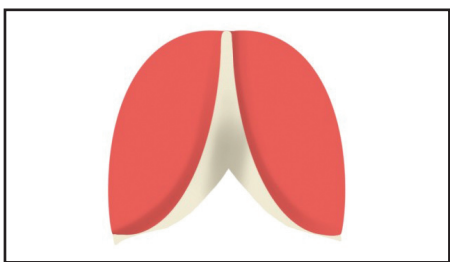
Judge muscle condition rather than overall body size.

HOW TO ASSESS

Look at the amount of muscle on either side of the keel bone and, if needed, run your fingers along the breast to judge muscle and keel prominence.



GOOD



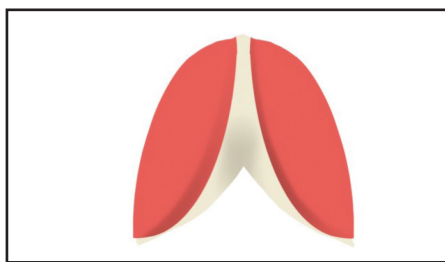
Breast muscles: rounded and plump.

Keel bone: sits level with or below surrounding muscle and is not prominent.

Fat: Some visible fat may be present.

Well-conditioned bird with no obvious muscle loss.

FAIR



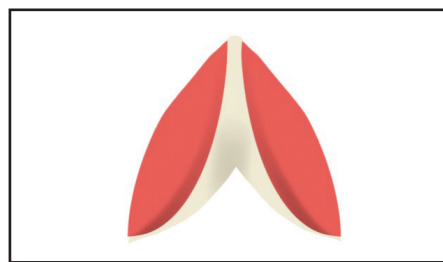
Breast muscles: well developed but flat or slightly rounded.

Keel bone: clearly defined but not protruding above the muscle.

Fat: little to no fat present.

Signs of muscle mass beginning to decline.

THIN



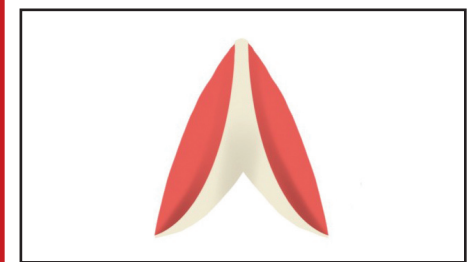
Breast muscles: moderate wasting and noticeably sunken.

Keel bone: clearly protruding above surrounding muscle and hollows may be present on either side.

Fat: Little to no visible fat.

Signs of moderate muscle loss.

EMACIATED



Breast muscles: severe wasting and deeply sunken either side of keel bone.

Keel bone: sharp and strongly protruding with deep hollows either side.

Fat: No visible fat.

The bird is clearly in extremely poor condition.

*This guide is designed to help establish condition for the BASC Rice Breast Survey.
For more information, please scan the QR code.*

When unsure between scores, choose the most appropriate description.

