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# Cost Estimate of Beef by the Side

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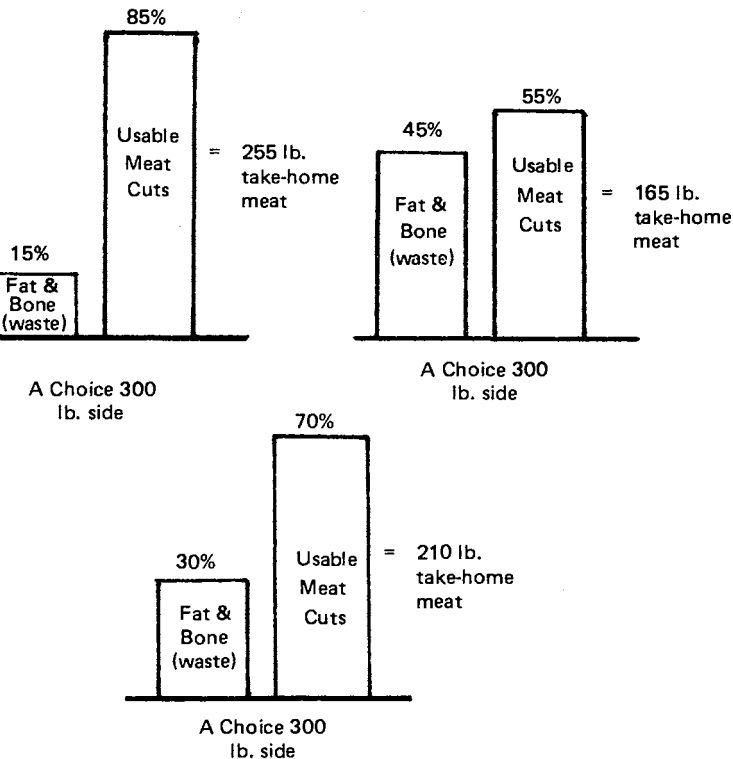
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"Hanging weight" is the weight of the side of beef as it hangs on the rail in the cooler of the locker operator. He purchased the side from the meat packer on a hanging weight basis also.

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Some U.S.D.A. Choice sides are fatter than other U.S.D.A. Choice sides. This is because the ability to deposit excess fat is influenced by the genetics of the animal from which the carcass was obtained (see illustration).



The amount of fat and bone that must be trimmed (cutting loss) from a side thus has an influence on the price per pound of meat that is finally wrapped and frozen for you.

The locker operator can explain to you how to figure the approximate price per pound of meat you will take home (see back side). Remember, this is only an approximation and will vary with how you want your beef trimmed.

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To find the approximate cost per pound of cut and wrapped meat, divide the price per pound "hanging weight" by the percent take-home meat.

### Example:

$$\frac{\$ \text{ . . . } \text{ Price per lb.}}{\text{ "hanging weight" }} = \$ \text{ . . . } \text{ Approximate cost per lb. of cut and wrapped meat}$$

\_\_\_\_\_ % take-home meat

$$\frac{\$1.00 \text{ Price per lb.}}{\text{ "hanging weight" }} = \$1.42 \text{ Approximate cost per lb. of cut and wrapped meat}$$

70% take-home meat

### Customer's Figures

$$\frac{\$ \text{ . . . } \text{ Price per lb.}}{\text{ "hanging weight" }} = \$ \text{ . . . } \text{ Approximate cost per lb. of cut and wrapped meat}$$

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