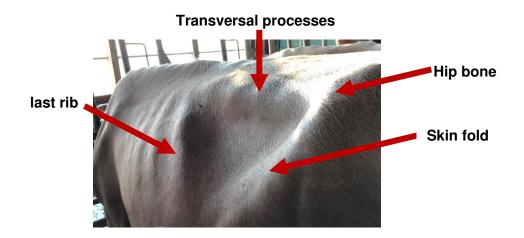


Scoring Rumen Fill

- The cows have to be fixed on a level surface.
- To score rumen fill, para lumbar fossa on the left side of the cow has to be observed.
- The observer stands on the cow's left side, next to the pelvic bone.
- The observer has to observe the para lumbar fossa for a while, because the appearance changes through rumen activity.



• The mean hand width is 8.2 cm.





• Step 3: The transversal processes were visible if the skin is vertical downwards on their end. They are not visible, if the para lumbar fossa is that distended that the skin goes a little horizontally at the end of the transversal processes.