

Change to:	Past Wording	New Wording	Notes
Marbling definition	Marbling means the amount, size and distribution of intramuscular fat deposits in the Longissimus muscles of a livestock carcass that have been exposed by knife-ribbing.	Marbling means the amount, size, distribution <u>and degree</u> of intramuscular fat deposits in the Longissimus muscles of a livestock carcass that have been exposed by knife-ribbing.	No change on grade standards. The concept of different degrees of marbling is fundamental in both the Canadian and American beef grading systems. Since the current definition does not specifically refer to degrees of marbling, CBGA considers it appropriate to add this reference.
For the Canada A/AA/AAA/Prime grade series, refer to “degree of marbling” rather than “marbling level”	Paragraph 3.0(4)(d): (d) for the grade set out in column 1 of an item of the table to this subsection, the marbling level set out in column 2 of that item; and	Paragraph 3.0(4)(d): (d) for the grade set out in column 1 of an item of the table to this subsection, the <u>degree of marbling</u> set out in column 2 of that item; and	No change on grade standards. Ensures consistency with revised marbling definition and revised marbling table where additional marbling degrees are identified.

Marbling Table for the Canada A/AA/AAA/Prime grade series	<p>Marbling Level:</p> <p>Canada A – At the least, traces, but less than a slight amount</p> <p>Canada AA – At the least, a slight amount, but less than a small amount</p> <p>Canada AAA – At the least, a small amount</p> <p>Canada Prime – At the least, slightly abundant</p>	<p><u>Degree of Marbling:</u></p> <p>Canada A – Traces Canada AA – Slight</p> <p>Canada AAA – Small Canada AAA – Modest Canada AAA – Moderate</p> <p>Canada Prime – Slightly Abundant Canada Prime – Moderately Abundant Canada Prime – Abundant Canada Prime – Very Abundant</p>	No change on the current marbling requirements or grading for the A/AA/AAA/Prime series. The table clarifies that there are additional degrees of marbling within the Canada AAA and Prime grades. For example, the Canada AAA grade includes small, modest and moderate degrees of marbling. The degrees of marbling are compatible with USDA degrees. The table also makes more visible why some brand certification programs might select a degree of marbling such as modest as a criterium in their program.
Canada B1 Grade Requirements	Currently it is understood that if a carcass does not meet the marbling requirements for the A/AA/AAA/Prime series, it is graded B1. The current B1 standard – 3.0(7) – does not specifically refer to marbling.	Add the following paragraph to the B1 grade standard: <u>(e) a degree of marbling that is devoid or practically devoid.</u>	No change on interpretation of marbling requirement for the B1 grade. Clarifies that a carcass with devoid or practically devoid marbling is to be graded B1.
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