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    Root[If scoring with winter coat present, consider that features might appear more prominent without coat.]
    Root --> Fair[Fair]
    Root --> FairPlus[Fair +]
    Root --> Good[Good]
    Root --> VeryGood[Very Good]

    Fair --> FairCriteria[no ribs visible]
    FairCriteria --> FairLabel[Fair]

    FairPlus --> FairPlusCriteria[some ribs visible]
    FairPlusCriteria --> FairPlusLabel[Fair +]

    Good --> GoodCriteria[some ribs visible]
    GoodCriteria --> GoodLabel[Good]

    VeryGood --> VeryGoodCriteria[a few ribs visible]
    VeryGoodCriteria --> VeryGoodLabel[Very Good]
  
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The diagram illustrates a decision tree for scoring sheep based on rib visibility. The tree starts with a root node: "If scoring with winter coat present, consider that features might appear more prominent without coat." The tree branches into four main categories: "Fair", "Fair +", "Good", and "Very Good".

- Fair:** no ribs visible
- Fair +:** some ribs visible
- Good:** some ribs visible
- Very Good:** a few ribs visible

Each category has a corresponding image of a sheep's back showing the rib pattern. The "Fair" category shows a sheep with no ribs visible. The "Fair +" category shows a sheep with some ribs visible. The "Good" category shows a sheep with some ribs visible. The "Very Good" category shows a sheep with a few ribs visible.

The diagrams show a sequence of four curves. The first curve has a sharp cusp at the top and two small loops at the bottom. The second curve has a slightly flatter top and larger loops at the bottom. The third curve has a smooth, rounded top and straight vertical lines at the bottom. The fourth curve is a smooth, continuous arc with no sharp features.

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