



Cattle Breed - Identification Sheet



Hereford

Originally from Herefordshire on the Welsh borders, more than five million Hereford cattle now exist in over 50 countries. They are used for good quality beef production. They are red in colour with distinctive white faces and manes.



Highland Cattle

As the name suggests this is a Scottish breed of cattle with long horns and long wavy coats which are coloured black, red, yellow or dun. They are kept predominantly for their appearance but can produce lean beef from poor grazing.



Holstein

Holstein Freisians are known today as the world's highest-production dairy animals. Originating in Europe, these black and white cattle were bred in what is now the Netherlands.



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Jersey

Jersey cattle are a small breed of dairy cattle. Originally bred in the Channel Island of Jersey, the breed is popular for the high butterfat content of its milk and its low maintenance costs.



Limousin

Limousin cattle are a breed of highly muscled beef cattle originating from France. They are naturally horned but often dehorned as calves (Polled) and are light wheat to darker golden-red in colour, although black Limousins are also bred.



Lincoln Red

The Lincoln Red is an old breed of beef cattle, originating from Lincolnshire. Originally a dual purpose breed, they are now exclusively a beef breed. The breed is a dark red in colour which reduces the likelihood of sunburn and cancer. They may be polled or horned and are noted for their docility and an ability to thrive under all conditions.



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Longhorn

English Longhorn cattle are a long-horned brown and white breed of beef cattle originating from Craven in the north of England. They have curved horns that can go over the face, which distinguishes them from Texas Longhorn cattle whose horns go in any shape and size, though usually up and away from the face



Murray Grey

The Murray Grey Cattle vary in colour from dark grey to silver. They are naturally polled (hornless). These cattle are moderate in size and are bred for beef.



Red poll

The Red Poll is a dual-purpose breed of cattle developed in England in the latter half of the 19th century. The Red Poll is a cross of the Norfolk Red beef cattle and Suffolk Dun dairy cattle breeds (both of which are now extinct).



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Simmental

Simmental cattle are a versatile breed of cattle originating in western Switzerland. The Simmental has historically been used for dairy and beef.



South Devon

South Devon cattle, also known as Orange Elephants, are the largest of the British Native breeds. The breed is a rich, medium red with copper tints, though it varies in shade and can even appear slightly mottled. The breed today is predominately used for beef production although it has been milked in the past.



Sussex

Sussex Cattle have evolved over many hundreds of years. It is believed that the Sussex Breed of today is descended directly from the red cattle that inhabited the dense forests of the Weald at the time of the Norman Conquest. The modern Sussex is a highly economical, well muscled, easy and economical to produce animal giving the best quality beef.