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	Ancient White Park	England	Threatened	Beef	1,000–1,300 / 800–1,000	Can be aggressive	Excellent	Advanced	Excellent	Temperate	N/A	Ancient feral British cattle, now used for beef; retain their feral wild streak
	Ankole-Watusi	East Africa	Recovering	Dual	1000-1600/900-1200	Docile	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Hot/Dry	N/A	African cattle used primarily for beef production; efficient; huge horns and gentle nature
	Ayrshire	Scotland	Watch	Dairy	1600/1100	Docile, but can be assertive	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Average	Temperate	17,500	Elegant cattle with long lives; forage well
	Belted Galloway	Scotland	Recovering	Beef	1600/100	Docile	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Cold/Damp	N/A	Polled, long-haired; efficient grazers; produce high quality beef; not suited for warm climates
	Canadienne	Canada	Critical	Dairy	1600/1100	Docile but can be assertive	Good	Intermediate	Average	Cold/Damp	15,000	Dairy cattle; hardy and long lived
	Criollo (North Central Mexican)	Mexico	Study	Beef	800-1200/600-800	Mostly docile but active	Excellent	Advanced	Average	Hot/Dry	N/A	Long-horned and athletic; often used as rodeo stock; temperament varies in different herds/strains
	Devon (beef)	England	Recovering	Beef	1600-2000/1100	Docile	Excellent	Intermediate	Excellent	Temperate	N/A	Beef, oxen; hardy and efficient for grass-based production
	Dexter	Ireland	Recovering	Dual	1000 or less/700 or less	Docile	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Average	Temperate	7,000	Dwarf, dual-purpose cattle
	Dutch Belted	Netherlands	Critical	Dairy	1600-1800/1000-1200	Docile	Good	Novice/intermediate	Average	Temperate	20,000	Long-lived; excellent milk producer

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	Florida Cracker	US	Critical	Beef	800-1200/600-800	Mostly docile but active	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Hot/Damp	N/A	Beef production on poor range; longevity; some are dwarf; temperament varies in different herds/strains
	Galloway	Scotland	Watch	Beef	1800-2000/1200	Docile	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Cold	N/A	Shaggy beef cattle; forage well; produce high-quality beef
	Guernsey	England	Watch	Dairy	1400/2000	Docile	Good	Novice/intermediate	Average	Temperate	16,200	High protein milk
	Highland	Scotland	Recovering	Beef	1500-2000/900-1300	Variable by herd	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Cold	N/A	Shaggy, long-horned beef cattle; efficient; rugged; produce high quality beef
	Kerry	Ireland	Critical	Dairy	1000/800	Docile, but can be assertive	Excellent	Intermediate	Average	Cold	5,000-7,000	Small, rugged; active, and can be nervous
	Milking Shorthorn – native	England	Critical	Triple	1800-2000/1200-1400	Docile	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Temperate	15,000	Forage well; efficient
	Milking Devon	US	Critical	Triple	1600-1800/1000-1200	docile to alert and active	Excellent	Intermediate	Excellent	Temperate	4,000 - 8,000	Oxen; active and athletic; high protein milk; good foragers
	Pineywoods	US	Threatened	Dual	800-1200/600-800	variable by herds, mostly docile but active	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Hot/Damp	N/A	Produce well on poor pasture; long-lived; oxen; a few strains are naturally polled; some are dwarf
	Randall or Randall Lineback	US	Critical	Dual	1600/1100	Docile but can be assertive	Good	Advanced	Average	Cold	N/A	Rose veal; oxen; originally triple-purpose, but few milk them today

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	Red Poll	England	Threatened	Dual	1800/1200	Docile	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Temperate	10,000	Polled; efficient; high quality milk and beef; very fertile, long-lived
	Texas Longhorn (CTLR)	US	Critical	Beef	800-1200/600-800	Docile, active	Excellent	Novice/intermediate	Excellent	Hot/Dry	N/A	Efficient range cattle; long-lived, fertile and adaptable