

2024 CONSERVATION PRIORITY LIVESTOCK BREEDS

Critical (C) Breeds with fewer than 200 annual registrations in the United States and an estimated global population less than 2,000. For rabbits, fewer than 50 annual registrations in the U.S., estimated global population less than 500, fewer than 150 recorded at rabbit shows in the previous 5 years, and 10 or fewer breeders.

Threatened (T) Breeds with fewer than 1,000 annual registrations in the U.S. and an estimated global population less than 5,000. For rabbits, fewer than 100 annual registrations in the U.S., and estimated global population less than 1,000, fewer than 300 recorded at rabbit shows in the previous 5 years, and 11-30 breeders.


Watch (W) Breeds that present genetic or numerical concerns or have a limited geographic distribution, with fewer than 2,500 annual registrations in the U.S. and an estimated global population less than 10,000. For rabbits, fewer than 200 annual registrations in the U.S., estimated global population less than 2,000, fewer than 500 recorded at rabbit shows in the previous 5 years, and 31-60 breeders.

Recovering (R) Breeds once listed in another category, but have exceeded Watch category numbers and still need monitoring. For rabbits, more than 500 recorded at rabbit shows in the last 5 years, and more than 60 breeders.



THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY™


NORTH AMERICAN BREEDS

CATTLE 
 American Yak (C)
 Milking Devon (C)
 Randall or
 Randall Lineback (C)
 Texas Longhorn - CTLR
 (Cattleman's Texas
 Longhorn Registry) (C)
 Corriente (T)
 Florida Cracker (T)
 Pineywoods (T)


GOATS 
 San Clemente
 Island (C)
 Spanish (R)
 Myotonic or
 Tennessee
 Fainting (R)

PIGS 
 Choctaw (C)
 Mulefoot (C)
 Ossabaw Island (C)
 Guinea Hog (T)
 Red Wattle (T)

RABBITS 
 American (T)
 Giant Chinchilla (T)
 American
 Chinchilla (W)
 Palomino (W)
 Silver Fox (R)
 Silver Marten (R)

SHEEP 
 Florida Cracker (C)
 Gulf Coast or
 Gulf Coast Native (C)
 Hog Island (C)
 Navajo-Churro (C)
 Santa Cruz (C)
 Jacob - American (T)
 Karakul - American (T)
 Romeldale / CVM (T)
 Barbados Blackbelly (W)
 St. Croix (W)
 Tunis (W)

BREEDS IMPORTED BEFORE 1900

CATTLE 
 Dutch Belted (C)
 Heritage Shorthorn - Native* (T)
 Red Poll (T)
 Guernsey (W)
 Dexter (R)
 Galloway (R)
 Red Devon (R)

PIGS 
 Tamworth (R)

RABBITS 
 Beveren (W)
 Belgian Hare (R)

SHEEP 
 Cotswold (T)
 Dorset Horn (T)
 Lincoln (T)
 Oxford (W)
 Shropshire (W)

*Milking Shorthorns that qualify for the "Native" designation are identified as pure, old line, dual purpose Milking Shorthorns, by the AMSS office.


BREEDS IMPORTED AFTER 1900

CATTLE 
 Kerry (C)
 Lincoln Red (C)
 Ancient White Park (T)
 Belted Galloway (W)
 Ankole-Watusi (R)

GOATS 
 Arapawa (C)
 Oberhasli (R)

PIGS 
 Large Black (C)
 Gloucestershire
 Old Spots (T)
 Meishan (T)

RABBITS 
 Blanc de Hotot (T)
 Silver (T)
 Standard Chinchilla (T)
 Argente Brun (W)
 Checkered Giant (W)
 Creme d'Argent (W)
 Lilac (W)
 Rhinelander (R)

SHEEP 
 Teeswater (C)
 Black Welsh
 Mountain (T)
 Clun Forest (T)
 Leicester Longwool (T)
 Soay - British (T)
 Wiltshire Horn (W)
 Shetland (R)