

2025 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)
Barbados Blackbelly (T)
Jacob - American (T)
Karakul - American (T)
Romeldale / CVM (T)
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)


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

PIGS 
Tamworth (R)

RABBITS 
Beveren (W)
Belgian Hare (R)

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


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)
Checked Giant (W)
Creme d'Argent (W)
Lilac (W)
Rhineland (R)

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