

our story

The Livestock Conservancy is a nonprofit membership organization working to protect over 150 breeds of livestock and poultry from extinction.

Founded in 1977, we are the leading organization in the U.S. working to conserve historic breeds and genetic diversity in livestock. Included in our mission are donkeys, cattle, goats, horses, sheep, pigs, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys.



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Florida Cracker ♦ Critical



Randall Lineback ♦ Critical

THE LIVESTOCK CONSERVANCY

protecting endangered breeds of livestock and poultry from extinction since 1977

did you know?

- The Florida Cracker is one of the oldest breeds of sheep in North America.
- With their strong parasite resistance, high lamb survivability, heat tolerance, excellent mothering instincts, and good flocking, the Florida Cracker has much to offer shepherds in the U.S.

what we do

The Livestock Conservancy works to bridge the gap between conservation theory and on-farm practice. We study breed characteristics and provide education about genetic diversity, breed attributes, and the role of livestock in sustainable agriculture.

We support a network of breeders, breed associations, and farmers. We also help gene banks identify important genetic materials that should be collected from endangered breeds.



Pineywoods ♦ Threatened



Spanish ♦ Recovering



Shetland ♦ Recovering



Crèvecoeur ♦ Watch



Arapawa ♦ Critical



Clydesdale ♦ Threatened

critical
fewer than 200 annual registrations in the United States and estimated global population less than 2,000

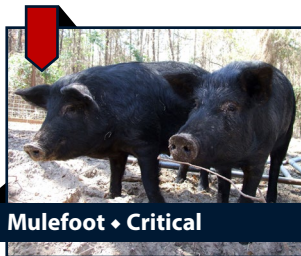
threatened
fewer than 1,000 annual registrations in the United States and estimated global population less than 5,000

watch
fewer than 2,500 annual registrations in the United States and estimated global population less than 10,000

recovering
breeds once at-risk that have exceeded Watch category numbers, but are still in need of monitoring



St. Croix ♦ Watch



Mulefoot ♦ Critical



Milking Devons ♦ Critical



Cayuga ♦ Watch

join us

Become a member:

For **\$45**, you receive access to our technical and research staff, the quarterly newsletter, the annual *Breeders and Products Directory*, FREE online classified postings, use of the member logo, and discounts on conference registrations.

Visit <http://bit.ly/membershipTLC> to view our other membership level options.

Raise endangered breeds:

Breeders make up a network for hands-on conservation, marketing, and public education.

Use rare breed products:

Get acquainted with local farmers to buy fresh, healthy rare breed products.

1 in 5 breeds

of the world's farm animals is on the verge of extinction

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

