

2026 CONSERVATION PRIORITY EQUINE BREEDS

Critical (C) Breeds with fewer than 200 annual registrations in the United States and an estimated global population of less than 500.

Threatened (T) Breeds with fewer than 1,000 annual registrations in the U.S. and an estimated global population of less than 5,000.

Watch (W) Breeds that present genetic or numerical concerns or have a limited geographic distribution, with fewer than 2,500 annual registrations in the United States and an estimated global population less than 10,000.

Recovering (R) Breeds once listed in another category, but have exceeded Watch category numbers, and still need monitoring.



THE LIVESTOCK
CONSERVANCY™

NORTH AMERICAN BREEDS

DONKEYS



American Mammoth Jackstock (C)

¹ Each of these breeds has an independent, stand-alone registry and conservation program. Each has also contributed to the Colonial Spanish breed.

² Includes several different registries, each with somewhat different goals (SMR, SSMA, SBHA, AIHR, HOA). Under this umbrella some strains have independent conservation programs and are noted individually.



HORSES

American Cream (C)

Banker¹ (C)

Canadian (C)

Colonial Spanish² * (C)

Florida Cracker¹ (C)

Galiceño (C)

Marsh Tacky¹ (C)

Mountain Pleasure (C)

Newfoundland Pony (C)

Puerto Rican Paso Fino (T)

Rocky Mountain (T)

*Colonial Spanish Strains:

Baca-Chica (C)

Choctaw (C)

Santa Cruz (C)

Sulphur (C)

Wilbur-Cruce (C)

BREEDS IMPORTED BEFORE 1900



HORSES

Cleveland Bay (C)

Hackney Horse (C)

Shire (C)

Suffolk (C)

Clydesdale (T)

BREEDS IMPORTED AFTER 1900

DONKEYS



Poitou (C)

Miniature Donkey (W)



HORSES

Caspian (C)

Dales Pony (C)

Dartmoor (C)

Exmoor (C)

Fell Pony (C)

Highland Pony (C)

Akhal-Teke (T)

Gotland (T)

Irish Draught (T)

Lipizzan (T)