

2026 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., 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
Milking Devon (C)
Randall or
Randall Lineback (C)
Texas Longhorn - CTLR* (C)
Yak - American (C)
Corriente (T)
Florida Cracker (T)
Pineywoods (T)

*Cattleman's Texas Longhorn
Registry



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
Giant Chinchilla (T)
American (W)
American
Chinchilla (W)
Palomino (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,
as verified by the AMSS office.



PIGS
Tamworth (R)



RABBITS
Beveren (W)
Belgian Hare (R)



SHEEP
Cotswold (C)
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
Standard Chinchilla (T)
Argente Brun (W)
Blanc de Hotot (W)
Checked Giant (W)
Creme d'Argent (W)
Lilac (W)
Silver (W)
Rhineland (R)



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