

The Livestock Conservancy Heritage Cattle Breed Comparison Chart

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	American Yak	Tibet	Critical	Dairy, Beef, Oxen	M: 1,200-1,500 F: 600-800	Docile	Good	Excellent	330-1,100	Cold/Rugged	Novice - Intermediate	Lean beef; rich milk; fiber
	Ancient White Park	England	Threatened	Beef	M: 1,000-1,300 F: 800-1,000	Can be aggressive	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Temperate	Advanced	Ancient feral British cattle, now used for beef; retain their feral wild streak
	Ankole- Watusi	East Africa	Recovering	Dairy, Beef	M: 1,000-1,600 F: 900-1,200	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Hot/Humid	Novice - Intermediate	African cattle used primarily for beef production; efficient; huge horns and gentle nature
	Belted Galloway	Scotland	Watch	Beef	M: 1,600 F: 1,000	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Cold/Damp	Novice	Polled, long-haired; efficient grazers; produce high quality beef; not suited for warm climates
	Corriente	Mexico	Threatened	Beef, Rodeo	M: 1,000 F: 600	Alert	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Hot/Dry	Intermediate	Agile, often used as rodeo cattle; hardy and self- sufficient; beef production on poor range
	Red Devon	England	Recovering	Beef	M: 1,600-2,000 F: 1,100	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Temperate	Intermediate	Beef, oxen; hardy and efficient for grass-based production
	Dexter	Ireland	Recovering	Dairy, Beef	M: 1,000 or less F: 700 or less	Docile	Excellent	Average	7,000	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	Small dual-purpose cattle

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	Dutch Belted	Netherlands	Critical	Dairy	M: 1,600-1,800 F: 1,000-1,200	Docile	Good	Average	20,000	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	Long-lived; excellent milk producer
	Florida Cracker	US	Threatened	Beef	M: 800-1,200 F: 600-800	Mostly docile but active	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Hot/Humid	Novice - Intermediate	Beef production on poor range; longevity; temperament varies in different herds/strains
	Galloway	Scotland	Watch	Beef	M: 1800-2000 F: 1200	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Cold	Novice - Intermediate	Shaggy beef cattle; forage well; produce high-quality beef
	Guernsey	England	Watch	Dairy	M: 2,000 F: 1,400	Docile	Good	Average	16,200	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	High protein milk
	Kerry	Ireland	Critical	Dairy	M: 1,000 F: 800	Docile, but can be assertive	Excellent	Average	5,000-7,000	Cold	Intermediate	Small, rugged; active, and can be nervous
	Lincoln Red	England	Critical	Beef	M: 2,000 F: 1,500	Docile	Excellent	Average	N/A	Cold	Novice	Excellent temperament, growth rate, hardiness
	Heritage Shorthorn – Native	England	Critical	Dairy, Beef	M: 1,800-2,000 F: 1,200-1,400	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	15,000	Temperate	Novice	Forage well; efficient

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	Milking Devon	US	Critical	Dairy, Beef, Oxen	M: 1,600-1,800 F: 1,000-1,200	Docile to alert and active	Excellent	Excellent	4,000 - 8,000	Temperate	Intermediate	Oxen; active and athletic; high protein milk; good foragers
	Pineywoods	US	Threatened	Dairy, Beef	M: 800-1,200 F: 600-800	Variable by herd, mostly docile but active	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Hot/Damp	Novice - Intermediate	Produce well on poor pasture; long-lived; oxen; a few strains are naturally polled; some are dwarf
	Randall or Randall Lineback	US	Critical	Dairy, Beef	M: 1,600 F: 1,100	Docile but can be assertive	Good	Average	N/A	Cold	Advanced	Rose veal; oxen; originally triple-purpose, but few milk them today
	Red Poll	England	Threatened	Dairy, Beef	M: 1,800 F: 1,200	Docile	Excellent	Excellent	10,000	Temperate	Novice - Intermediate	Polled; efficient; high quality milk and beef; very fertile, long-lived
	Texas Longhorn (CTLR)	US	Critical	Beef	M: 800-1,200 F: 600-800	Docile, active	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	Hot/Dry	Novice - Intermediate	Efficient range cattle; long-lived, fertile and adaptable