

## Beef Breed History

- **Angus**--This breed originated in Scotland. These are polled with a black, smooth coat, and known for their carcass quality, milking, mothering, and reproductive abilities.
- **Hereford**--This breed was developed in England and brought to the US in 1817. They have red bodies with white faces. They are known for their foraging ability, vigor, hardiness, and quiet dispositions.
- **Simmental**-- This breed was imported into the US from Switzerland, France, and Germany. They are red to dark red, spotted bodies with white to light straw faces. They are noted for their fast growth and milking abilities.
- **Texas Longhorns**--This breed originated from the Spanish cattle. They have long horns and several different color patterns. They are known for their longevity, hardiness, strong survival instincts, and resistance to disease & parasites.
- **Shorthorn**-- This breed was brought to the US from England in 1783. They can be red, white, or roan in color. They are noted for their good disposition, mothering, and milking abilities.
- **Santa Gertrudis**-- This breed was developed on the King Ranch in Texas. They are 5/8 Shorthorn and 3/8 Brahman. They are known for their growth rate, long life, and hardiness.
- **Chianina**--This breed was developed in Italy. These animals are white with a black skin pigmentation. They are large (a mature bull can weigh up to 4,000# and stand 6' tall), and noted for their working, mothering, and beef producing abilities.
- **Brahman**--This breed was developed in the southwestern US by crossing the Zebu cattle from India with the British Breeds. The color of these animals varies from light gray or red to almost black. It is known for its ability to withstand heat and insects.
- **Charolais**--This breed was developed in France and imported into the US from Mexico in 1936. They are large and white, and are known for their fast growth and lean meat.
- **Polled Hereford**--This breed was developed in the US. They have red bodies with white faces except for the polled trait. They are known for their foraging ability, vigor, hardiness, and quiet dispositions.
- **Limousin**--This breed originated in west central part of France. They are solid to golden red in color with lighter circles around the eyes and muzzle. When slaughtered at an early age these animals yield a high percentage of lean meat with a minimum amount of fat.
- **Gelbvieh**--This breed originated in Germany. They are solid cream to reddish yellow in color. These animals are known as a general purpose breed with good milking abilities.