

RED POLL CATTLE

Dual-Purpose Native Breed Lower costs by being naturally polled

Economical

Cows will live on farm-produced forage and by-products coupled with small amounts of concentrates & minerals

Dairy herds will give average yields of 5,500 litres @ 4.2% butterfat and 3.6% protein

Suckler cows will produce suckled bulls weaned at 8-10 months which will fatten on farm ad lib concentrates, weighing 550-600 kgs at 12-15 months with a carcass yield of 300-330 kgs with killing out % 54-64% of carcass weight, carcasses grading: U4L-R4L

Steers ideally suited to extensive grazing systems, prior to selling to specialist retail outlets

Females calving first calf at 2-3 years will produce milk and calves for up to 15 lactations, thus reducing replacement costs

Dairy Red Polls are ideal for targeting a niche market eg. Cheese production, due to quality of the milk, particularly protein %. Cows have a flat lactation curve.

Low veterinary costs, ideal for today's economics. No disbudding either.

Many cows will average less than a 365 day calving interval, with easy calving one of its renowned features, coupled with the vigour and rearability of the calves.

Birth weights for calves are female 35-40 kgs, male 40-45 kgs.
The cows are known for their motherability.

Both males and females are very docile under normal management practices. Being naturally polled aids this and increases the number of animals able to be housed, coupled with the fact that they are a medium sized breed and their maternal characteristics.

The breed is one of the oldest native breeds of cattle. It also lives and produces the longest.

Red Poll bulls mated to Holstein Friesian cows produce an excellent cross bred calf, heifers perform well as dairy cows with many examples of animals producing in excess of 7500litres/ lactation. Bull calves can be reared intensively or extensively depending on circumstances

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