

Dairy Cattle Breeds

There are six common breeds of dairy cattle in the U.S. Although, they all share certain characteristics, they are each unique!



A Holstein cow is the **largest breed**, produces the most milk and is easily recognizable by her black and white spots.

HOLSTEIN



A Jersey cow is the **smallest breed** of dairy cattle, recognized by their fawn-colored coat.

JERSEY



Brown Swiss cows produce nearly 8 gallons of milk a day, making the breed the **second-highest** producer in milk.

BROWN SWISS



A Guernsey cow is often referred to as the **“Royal Breed”** because their milk is almost golden in color.

GUERNSEY



A mature Ayrshire cow weighs about 1,200 pounds and is a **strong, rugged** cow that can easily adapt to the environment.

AYRSHIRE



The Milking Shorthorn cow is the most **versatile** of all the breeds, which is one of their greatest attributes.

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