

Lincoln Red (original population)



RBST recognises the original or non-imported bloodlines of Lincoln Reds. The Lincoln Red was originally known as the Lincolnshire Red Shorthorn and in the 1940s was known as a dual purpose breed. In time the “Shorthorn” was dropped from the name and it became a specialist beef breed. There has been some crossing with continental breeds to improve conformation and beef production and the native Lincoln Red has become endangered.

Key Characteristics:

Size- Large- Cows- 700-750kg, Bulls 1000-1100kg

Looks- A full bodied animal. Deep cherry red in colour and naturally polled. Unlike the Angus or the Hereford animals of the original bloodlines are no smaller than the rest of the breed.

Use- suckler beef

Long-lived, fertile and maternal- Good suckler cows- can produce calves at up to 14

years old.

Docile, polled- easily managed.

Dual purpose- The breed was originally classified as dual purpose and milk yields of 3600 litres per lactation have been recorded - this makes the breed a very milky suckler cow.

Hardy- Suited to out wintering.

Beef- A range of marketing schemes organized by Lincoln Red Society centred around Lincolnshire. Can be finished off forage in 24-30 months but also can be finished intensively within 12-14 months.

Performance Recording

- 200 Day Growth Rate EBV (kg)- 2010- 7(50%)
- 400 Day Growth Rate EBV (kg)-2010- 17 (50%)
- Muscle Depth EBV (mm) - 2010- 0.1 (50%)

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