Breeds of Beef Cattle
Angus

- Originated in Scotland
- Solid black in color
- Naturally polled
- Consumer preference led to Certified Angus Beef
Brahman

- Originated in India
- Able to survive on very little, poor feed
- Insect & heat resistant
- Excess skin and large hump on back
- White to gray, red to black
- Sweat glands
Brangus

- Originated in Louisiana, USA.
- Bred for Heat and Humidity resistance.
- All black and polled.
Charolais

- Originated in France
- Traditionally white in color
- Long bodied, large cattle
- Heavily muscled
- Coarse looking
Chianina

- Originated in Italy
- One of the oldest breeds of cattle
- Tallest breed of beef cattle
- Short hair that is white to steel gray
- Terminal breed
- Low milk production
Gelbvieh

- Originated in Germany
- Red in color
- Noted for superior fertility and mothering ability
- Tend to be extra fleshy under the throat
Hereford

- Originated in Hereford, England
- Red with white head, legs, and underline
- Horned
- Early maturing
- “Mothering” breed
Limousin

- Originated in France.
- Distinctive lighter wheat to darker golden-red coloring.
- Known as a heavy muscled breed.
Maine Anjou

- Originated in France
- Dark red with white markings or black
- Developed by crossing the Mancelle breed with the Shorthorn breed
Polled Hereford

- Developed in Iowa by Warren Gammon
- Naturally hornless
- Red with white face, legs and underline
Santa Gertrudis

- Developed on the King Ranch in Texas
- All Santa Gertrudis are descendants of the bull, Monkey
- They were created by crossing shorthorn cows and Brahman bulls
Shorthorn

- Originated in England
- Red; red & white or roan in color
- Originally used as a dual purpose breed for meat and milk
- Sometimes called the Durham breed
Simmental

- Originated in Switzerland
- Oldest breed of cattle in the world
- Large, powerful breed
- Brought to the United States in 1971
- Orange/Yellow and white to black in color