







## DID YOU KNOW?


 **Breed:** A group of cattle with similar external characteristics that are passed on.

 **Crossbred:** An animal with parents of different breeds.

 **Pedigree:** A paper that gives the name of the animal and its family tree.

 **Dual Purpose Breed:** A breed that is used to produce both milk and meat.

 **Phenotype:** An animal's physical appearance.

 **Purebred:** An animal whose parents are of the same breed and are recorded with the breed registry.

## MAIN IOWA BREEDS

There are three main breeds of beef cattle in Iowa; Angus, Hereford, and Simmental. Angus cattle are known for their natural marbling and tasty beef. Hereford is known for their grazing ability and docile temperament. Simmental is among the oldest and most widely distributed breed in the world. They are also known for naturally lean beef and maternal traits.

Cattlemen in Iowa look for certain characteristics in cattle. Farmers strive for high meat marbling, abundant muscle mass to keep them warm in the winter, and structural correctness. They also try to breed cattle to be polled (no horns) because horns can be dangerous to other cows in the herd or to the farmer.



# BRAHMAN VS ANGUS

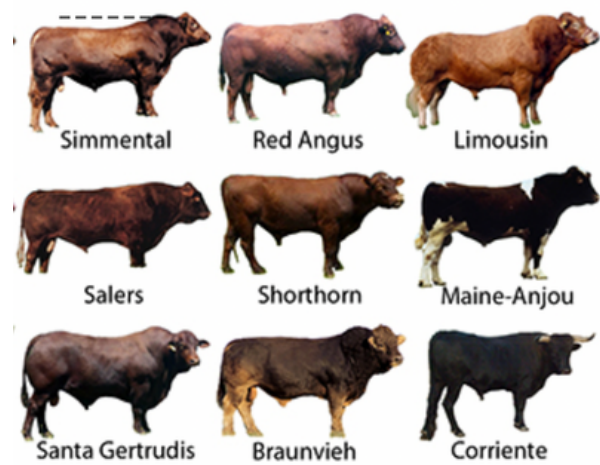


Cattle have different characteristics depending on the type of environment that they live in. Since Brahman live in warmer climates they have an abundance of loose skin that helps with their ability to withstand warm weather. This is because it increases their body surface area that is exposed to cooling. Angus cattle are a bit different since they tend to live in cool and warm climates. They are resistant to harsh weather and very adaptable to different climates. Because of this, they are widely used for crossbreeding with other species.

## WORLDWIDE

Many of the beef breeds were developed in other countries and then brought to the United States. Many are commonly known species like Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Tarentaise, and Texas Longhorn. All these species were developed in France, England, and Scotland.

There are only two species that originated in the United States; Beefmaster which was created in Texas, and the Brangus which is a cross between an Angus and Brahman.



## FUN BEEF FACTS

- Worldwide there are more than 250 breeds of cattle.
- Over 60 of these breeds are present in the United States.
- Maternal breeds are for the breeding side of the industry.
- Terminal Breeds are for the commercial side of the industry.



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## JOKE OF THE DAY

What do you call a cow jumping on a trampoline?  
A milkshake!