



# The Facts relating to Galloway Cattle Breeds

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Did you know:

- the first Galloway pedigrees were recorded in the Polled Herd Book of Great Britain published around 1843;
- Galloway and Aberdeen Angus shared the Polled Herd Book until 1867;
- Galloways are long living, very resistant to disease, easy to manage and create strong hybrid vigour due to the purity of the breed;
- Galloways have a unique double coat of hair. With just a one inch thicker coat, a cow needs between 20% and 25% less digestible feed intake to maintain body weight when it's cold;
- the Galloway cow is noted for ease of caving, is a protective mother, and has an abundant supply of milk. Galloway females are an ideal cross-breeding foundation with strong hybrid vigour;
- Galloways were used to develop the Polled Hereford breed in the UK;
- Galloway beef is low in total fat and in saturated fat. This means that it is less likely than beef from other breeds to contribute to the body's production of harmful cholesterol;
- Galloway beef is high in beneficial Omega 3 and Omega 6 fatty acids. It is more beneficial than pork, and as good as chicken and salmon;
- Galloway breeds have been proven to be superior feed converters. In tests at Olds Agricultural College, Olds, Alberta, over a 10 year period Galloways were shown to use the least feed per kilogram of weight gain. These high feed conversion rates are make all Galloway breeds profitable year after year;
- because of the Galloway double hair coat, carcasses do not have the extra layer of back fat common to many other breeds. Galloways dress out at 60% to 62% of live weight; and
- studies conducted by Mols Laboratory of Denmark have demonstrated that of all breeds tested, the Galloway breeds consume more varieties of flora than any of the others breeds on test. This ability to digest the less desirable species of flora means Galloways will thrive in less than ideal conditions.

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