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Cattle and Sheep Breeds in New Zealand

Cattle breeds

Cattle can be grouped according to the products they have been bred for.

- Dairy cattle- convert pasture efficiently into large quantities of milk
- Beef cattle- convert pasture efficiently into animal protein-meat. They grow quickly and are well muscled.
- Dual purpose- converts pasture well into both milk and meat.

Cow & calf



Bull



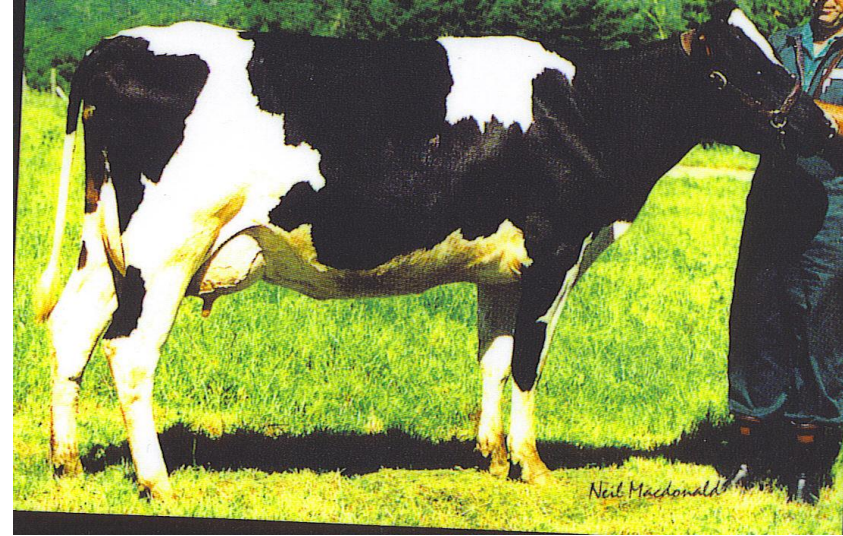
Cattle Breeds	Dairy	Friesian Jersey Friesian Jersey cross (kiwicross) Aryshire	Intensive farming system
	Dual Purpose	Shorthorn	Intensive -Semi- extensive farming system
	Beef <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main 	Angus Hereford Angus Herford cross Dairy Beef Friesian cow X Beef bull Speckle Park	Semi- extensive- Intensive farming system
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Dairy cattle breeds

Jersey



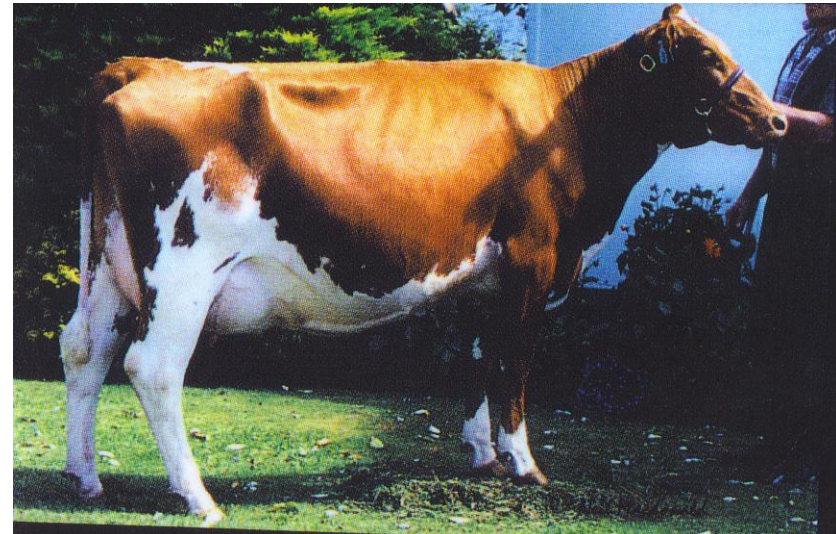
Friesian



Friesian Jersey X (Kiwi) Cross



Aryshire



**Beef
cattle
breeds**

Angus



Hereford



Angus Hereford X



Speckle park



Murray grey



Charolais



Simmental



Belgium blue



Wagyu



Shorthorn



Shorthorn cattle are a dual purpose breed. They are good milk and meat producers

Sheep Breeds

Sheep breeds can be grouped according to the products they produce best.

- Wool Breeds, produce high value wool used in clothing or carpet manufacturing
- Dual purpose breeds that produce good meat and wool
- Meat breed- produce high value meat
- Milking breed- produces high quantities of milk

Ewe and lambs



Ram



Sheep Breeds	Wool	Merino Drysdale	Extensive farming system Intensive farming system
	Dual Purpose	Romney Perendale Coopworth Border Leicester Corridale NZ halfbred	Semi- extensive farming system
	Meat	Suffolk South Suffolk Dorset horn Polled dorset Texel Wiltshire Dorper	Semi- extensive- Intensive farming system
	Milk	East Friesian	Intensive farming system

Wool Breeds

Merino- produces fine wool used for making high value clothing



Drysdale- produces a very coarse wool used for making carpets



**Dual
purpose
breeds**

Romney



Perendale



Coopworth



Border Leicester



**Meat
breeds**

Suffolk



Southdown



Polled dorset



Texel



Dorper- meat breed that sheds its wool



Wiltshire- meat breed that sheds its wool



East Friesian- bred for milking



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