

A FEW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BEEF COWS AND DAIRY COWS



BEEF COWS

- SHORT AND STOCKY
- SMOOTH AND MUSCULAR
- PRODUCES BEEF CALVES
- LIVES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OUTSIDE
- VERY MATERNAL
- RARELY TAME
- IDEALLY PRODUCES JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MILK FOR HER ONE CALF
- SMALL UDDER
- RAISES HER CALF TO ABOUT SIX MONTHS
- USUALLY BORN WITHOUT HORNS
- EATS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FORAGE



DAIRY COWS

- VERY TALL
- VERY ANGULAR
- PRODUCES MILK
- LIVES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY INSIDE
- OFTEN NOT VERY MATERNAL
- ALMOST ALWAYS TAME
- PRODUCES MORE MILK THAN ONE CALF CAN CONSUME
- HAS A LARGE UDDER
- CALF IS BOTTLE-FED, AND RAISED IN A GROUP PEN
- PROBABLY HAS HAD HORNS REMOVED
- EATS TMR - TOTAL MIXED RATION - A HIGHLY BALANCED MIX OF FORAGE AND CONCENTRATE

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