

Watusi cattle are horning way into U. S.

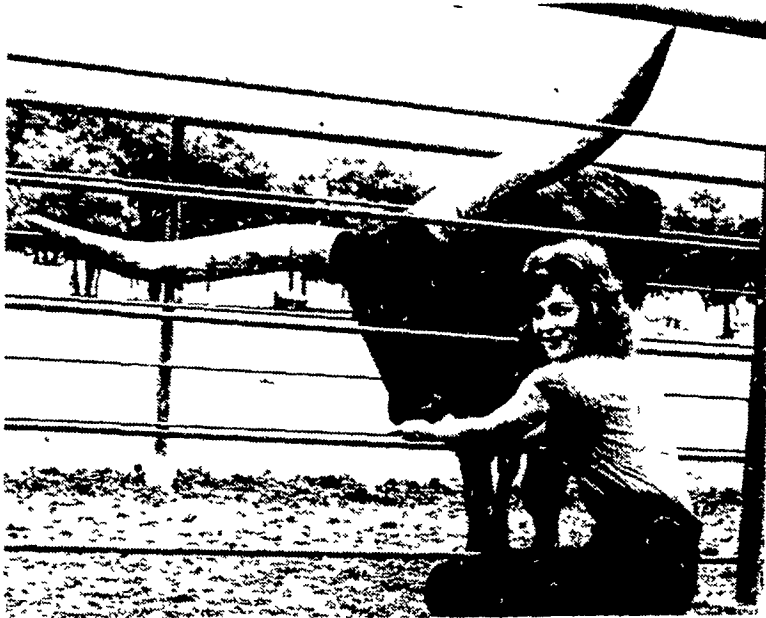
CALHAN, Colo. — Looking for something a little different in the cattle business? Tired of the same old breeds in your barn? If these are your sentiments, you might want to look into something guaranteed to bring traffic to a halt at the pasture fence — that is the Watusi, with cows whose horns measure 70 inches tip to tip and 17 inches in circumference.

"Amazingly enough, these cattle can maneuver their giant horns

around as well as any Texas Longhorn, in and out of breeding chutes with no trouble at all," said Darol Dickinson, owner and purebred Texas Longhorn breeder.

"This unique breed of cattle was first introduced to the United States in the 1930's," he said.

Now approximately 108 head are in the U.S., mostly on game farms and in zoos. Dickinson, owner of one of the first commercial herds, praises the cattle's gentle



Linda Dickinson, of Calhan, Colorado, hand feeds this Watusi cow whose horns span 70 inches from tip to tip. The circumference of the horns at the base is an impressive 17 inches. Needless to say, the gentle bovine commands a lot of respect.

These African Watusi cattle, are among 108 head in the United States today. They are known for their tremendous horn length, high browse utilization, disease resistance, calving

dispositions and their traits of high browse utilization, disease resistance, calving ease and exceptional horn growth.

Watusi cattle originate from the Central Highlands of Africa, an area of very low quality browse, vegetation, and foliage where they survive extreme overgrazing of the land, stockwater shortage, and highly infectious disease problems.

ease and longevity. In Africa they withstand temperatures from 20° at nightfall to 120° during the day.

"Watusi cattle are the world's fastest and largest horn developers — their large outswept horns grow twice as fast as any other breed of cattle, even the Texas Longhorns," said Dickinson.

Longevity is another outstanding trait, with Watusis having a life span of 18-22 years. They have small calves, offering an excellent future in cross breeding for first calf heifers. Their color is usually

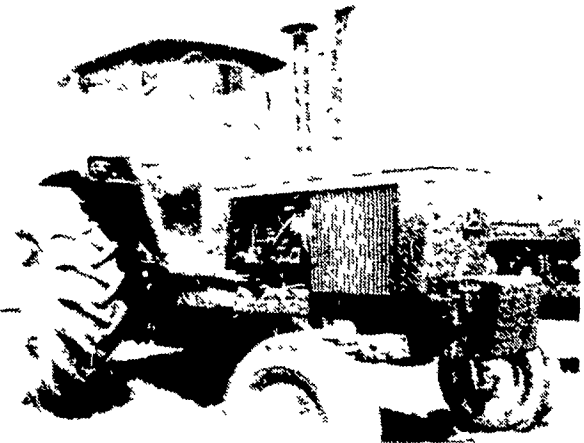
dark red, but ranges from brown to dun or even spotted.

One of the unique traits of the Watusi is the 7-8 percent butterfat found in the milk, more than most dairy cattle in the United States.

"The milk is considered very nutritious by an African tribe, the Watusi, whose diet includes a drink which is a mixture of cow's milk

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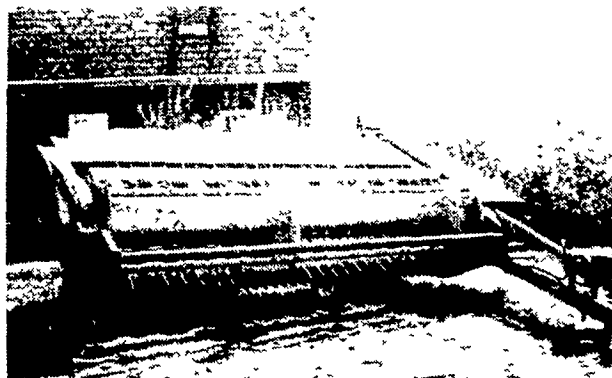
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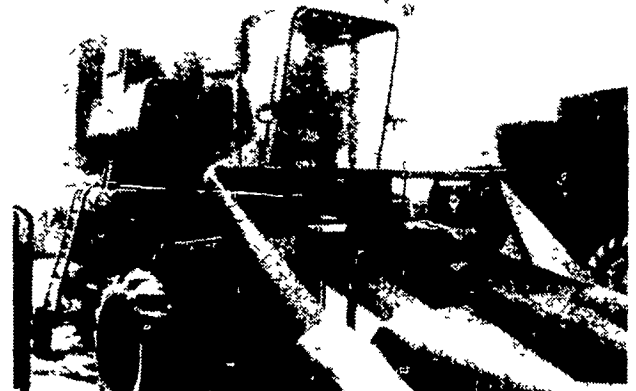
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