

Scottish Cattle

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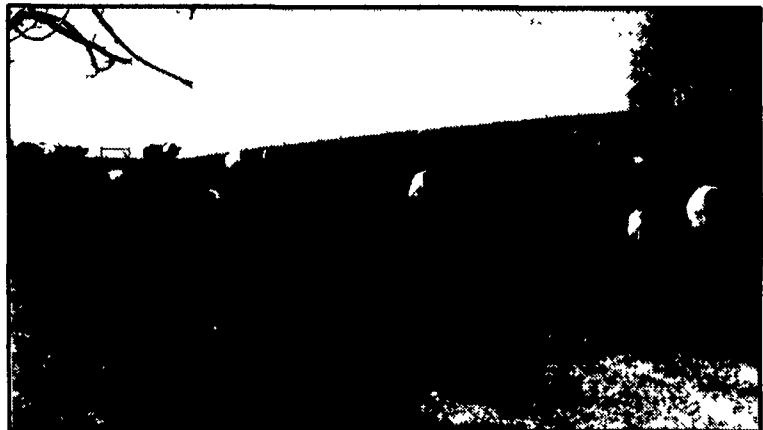
a bit taken back when her obliging husband, Brian, had two bred cows in the pasture waiting for her arrival home from a short trip.

McCreight, who "never set foot on a farm" until he met his wife, learned quickly the care of

the herd, which numbers 12 purebreds, eight crossbreds, and one fullbred bull.

A purebred calf born this year will replace the herd sire, "Atlas," which is five years old.

"They're very docile," said McCreight. "I have not found



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anyone who has ever had a problem with a Galloway bull."

The Belted Galloway is distinguished by three characteristics, he said.

Both Belted Galloways and Dutch Belted cattle, similar breeds, exhibit the ribbon of white in the coat. One difference between the breeds, however, is that the Galloways are polled.

Besides the belt and polled head, Belted Galloways have two layers of hair.

In winter, rather than add a layer of backfat as most breeds do, the animals weather the season with a double coat of hair, a short summer coat, and a two- to three-inch winter coat.

"They have the two layers all the time, but it gets heavier in

the winter," said McCreight.

There are now two lines of the breed, McCreight said. The older, standard Galloways are a little shorter and lighter, "like the old-style beef."

"Personally I think that is why a lot of packers don't like them. We've been breeding a lot so that we actually have a line or two that is a much larger

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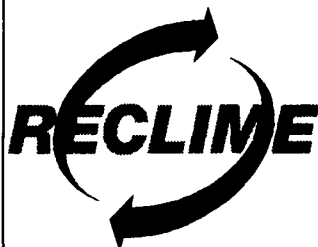
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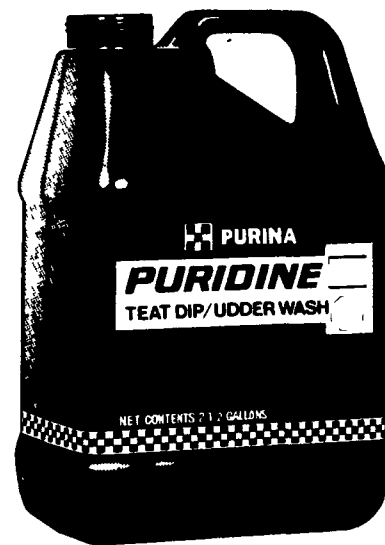


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