

# Scottish Cattle

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animal. They're more in line with the Angus, size-wise, so they're a little bigger, a little higher, and you can really tell the difference between the two.

"One reason that people like Galloways is that they're like the Longhorns in that they do very well on scrubby range, they're very efficient that way. They'll eat the stuff other breeds won't."

Not only the ability to survive on little food but also their protective instinct has made them popular in western states.

"Out west, they are used in herds with sheep because they're very protective and they will keep the coyotes and wolves away from the sheep herds," he said.

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Although the breed is built for cold weather, they are found in southern areas such as North Carolina or Kentucky, states which host Galloway shows. Maine and New York also have shows for the breed, said Brian.

According to information from the U.S. Belted Galloway Society, Staunton, Va., the cattle are an old Scottish breed. "Bel-ties," as they are commonly called, can have a black, red, or dun coat with the telltale white band in the middle.

The breed's first recorded his-

tory indicates that they developed during the 16th Century in the former Galloway district of Scotland. The hilly coastal area dictated that only the hardest animals lived to reproduce.

Solid-colored Galloway cattle are raised in the British Isles. It remains a mystery, however, when selective breeding of the Belted variety of Galloway began.

The U.S. Belted Galloway Society notes that the breed probably originated from a cross of Black Galloways with Dutch Belted cattle.

The white belt is a dominant genetic trait. However solid black calves have been born in belted herds, and belted calves have been born in Black Galloway herds.

For more information about the breed, click on [www.beltie.org](http://www.beltie.org).

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