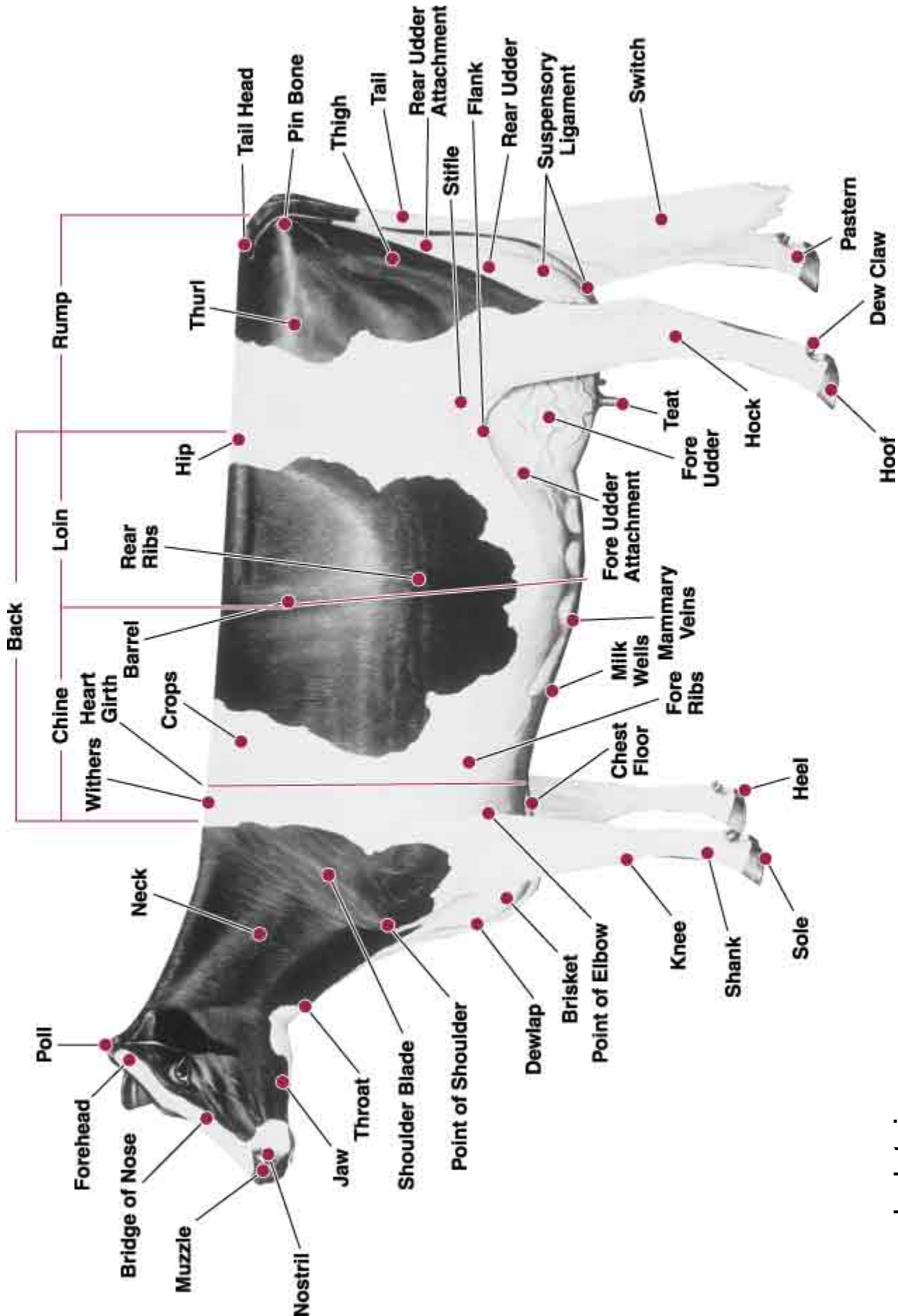




Dairy Breeds

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Holstein



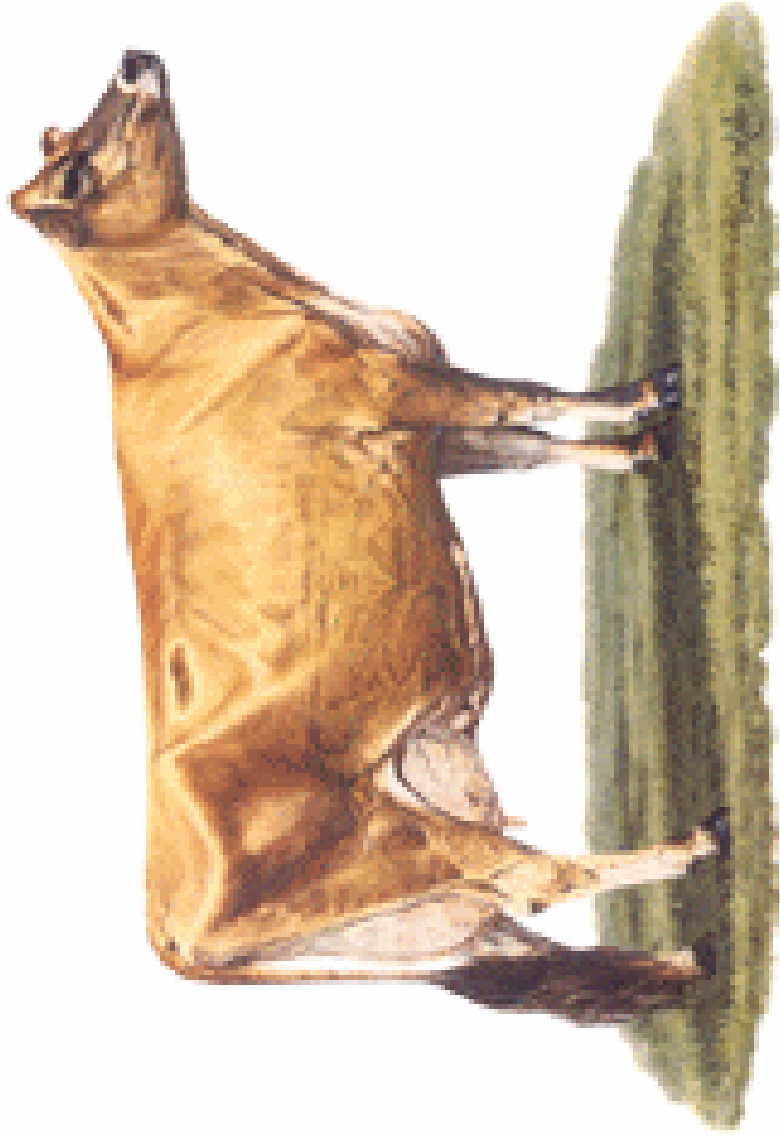
Holsteins

- Originated in the Netherlands
- Second oldest of the pure dairy breeds.
- Black and white
- Most fluid milk produced
- Large body size (1500 lbs)

Red Holsteins

- Originated in the Netherlands
- Prevalent in Europe
- Represented by its own association
- Breed characteristics are identical to black and white Holsteins

Jersey



Jersey

- Originated on the island of Jersey (off the coast of the British Isles).
- Color is shade of fawn or cream with black muzzle
- Smallest in body size (1000 lbs)
- Highest milk fat

Guernsey



Guernsey

- Originated on the Isle of Guernsey
- Color is a shade of fawn with white markings
- Golden skin
- Clear muzzle is favored over a smoky or black muzzle
- Large frame size (1100 lbs)

Brown Swiss



Brown Swiss

- Native to Switzerland
- Oldest of the pure dairy breeds.
- Solid brown varying with very little light to dark
- Objectionable Markings
 - White or off color spots
 - Light streaks up the side of the face
 - Pink nose
- Strong and vigorous

Brown Swiss

- Known for strong legs, long life, and milking persistency. They also quickly adapt to different environments.
- The approximate weight of a mature cow should be 1500 LB

Ayrshire



Ayrshire

- Originated in Scotland
- Deep cherry red, mahogany, brown, or a combination of any of these colors with white, or white alone
- Red and white markings are preferred
- Black is objectionable.
- Mature weight of 1200 lb.

Milking Shorthorn



Milking Shorthorn

- Originated in England.
- Any combination of red, red and white, or roan
- Dual purpose
- Mature weight 1250 lb.

Production by Breed

Breed	Milk Production	% Protein	% Fat	Weight
Ayrshire	17,957	3.39	3.96	1200
Brown Swiss	18,430	3.57	4.03	1500
Guernsey	16,706	3.56	4.57	1100
Holstein	22,247	3.19	3.68	1500
Jersey	16,527	3.79	4.75	1000
Milking Shorthorn	17,421	3.34	3.69	1250







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3 year-old Jersey



4 year-old Jersey



5 year-old Holstein

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