Washington County 4-H
Master Showmanship
Beef Fact Sheet

Breeds

Angus-------------Breed is black in color, head is polled, and hair coat is smooth
Red Angus-------Genetically similar to the Angus, but is red in color
Charolais--------White or Cream in Color
Hereford--------Red hair coat over most of body with a white face, brisket, and belly, have horns
Polled Hereford--Red hair coat over most of body with a white face, brisket, and belly, polled
Simmental-------Red or black colored body with white markings

Terms

Artificial Insemination (A.I)-----The procedure for impregnating cows by manually placing semen in the reproductive tract of the female.
Barren-----------------------------Sterile female.
Bull-----------------------------Uncastrated male cattle of any age.
Calves-----------------------------Young cattle of either sexes less than one year of age.
Cows-----------------------------Female cattle that have had one or more calves.
Crossbred------------------------An animal that has purebred parents of different breeds.
Dam-------------------------------Mother of a calf.
Heifer-----------------------------Female cattle that have not had a calf.
Pasture bred----------------------Cow serviced by a bull in the pasture.
Polled bred-----------------------Cattle born without horns.
Sire-------------------------------Father of a calf.
Steers-----------------------------Male cattle that were castrated at an early age before any sex characteristics developed.
Yearlings-------------------------An animal about 1 year old.

Information


Yield Grades: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Normal body temperature is 101.5*F, but may range from 99*F to 102*F.

Normal calving position is front feet first with head between legs in the upright position.

Gestation period is 283 days or 9 months.

Beef by-product used in fighting fires: Blood

Items needed for training and showing a beef animal: wash brush, halter, pail, soap, comb, brush, scotch comb, clippers, and show stick.