

Current History of the Kerry Cow in America

The registered Kerry in the US today are descendants of animals imported by Canadians in the 1970's. Early US herds included "Winterset", "Kelmescott", "Plimoth Plantation", "Frontier Farm", "Bridges", "Flying W Farms" and "Mountain Shade" prefixes. All pure animals are registered with the Irish Kerry Cattle Society.

There are fewer than 100 pure Kerry animals in the U.S.. The breeders are all across the U.S.. The majority of them have had the cows for less than 5 years. Most have fewer than 3 cows. Efforts are underway to organize the breeders. The primary reason is to reduce inbreeding, provide access to bulls and semen and to look at ways to improve the milking ability of the breed.

Email me for a current list of Kerry breeders in the US. Below are some resources for existing breeders and those interested in obtaining their first Kerry.

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www.albc-usa.org American Livestock Breeds Conservancy

www.bergenfarms.com Brian Bergen and family

www.cowsoutside.com Has the Kelmescott herd of Kerry's. He also makes farmstead cheese from their milk

www.kerrycattle.ork.uk British Kerry Cattle Society

www.clrc.ca/index.shtml Canadian Livestock Records Corporation registers Canadian Kerry cattle

<http://historical-debates.oireachtas.ie/D/0031/D.0031.192907100021.html> Irish Legislators debating the need to conserve Kerry cattle way back when

<http://historical-debates.oireachtas.ie/D/0095/D.0095.1944112900.36.html> More historical debates.

www.isis.org Zoo society with resources to help preserve rare and critical populations

www.east-hill-farm.com Mountain Shade herd of Kerry cattle

www.icbf.com Irish Cattle Breeders Federation

www.tcd.ie/Botany/GHI Irish Genetic Resources Conservation Trust (IGRCT)

www.rockisland.com~mhildegard/cattle.html Our Lady of the Rock Monastery

www.plimothplantation.org a living history museum in Plymouth MA

www.rarebreedscanada.ca Rare Breeds Canada

www.cattlenetwork.net/docs/agri/agri35_4.pdf Strategies for the Conservation of Kerry Cattle

www.kerrycattle.com Irish Kerry Cattle Society. This is where all US Kerry cattle are registered.

www.windlehill.btinternet.co.uk English herd of Organic Kerry cattle