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Subject: What is exotic cattle?

Posted by [duke2015](#) on Fri, 19 Jun 2015 21:10:29 GMT

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There is a question in the Uganda 2011 DHS about whether the household owns exotic/cross cattle. Does anyone know exactly what types of cattle this is? Or any additional information about exotic cattle?

Thanks in advance!

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Subject: Re: What is exotic cattle?

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 23 Jun 2015 14:06:17 GMT

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Dear User,

Here is a response from the survey manager, Annie Cross:

Quote:In Uganda they refer to the unique cattle with the longhorns as 'exotic cattle'; the other name is 'Ankole Longhorns'

[http:// www.agriculturesnetwork.org/magazines/global/cultivating-diversity/valuing-indigenous-breeds](http://www.agriculturesnetwork.org/magazines/global/cultivating-diversity/valuing-indigenous-breeds)

Thank you for your post.

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Subject: Re: What is exotic cattle?

Posted by [duke2015](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2015 17:13:13 GMT

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I've read that these cows are actually Frisian and that the longhorns are actually indigenous. Do you have a reference?

Thanks in advance!

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Subject: Re: What is exotic cattle?

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 25 Jun 2015 14:01:25 GMT

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Dear User,

I spoke with the survey manager and she said you are correct. She mentioned there is no official reference documented for the survey. However, the website link provided can be used as a reference since Quote:it compares the indigenous longhorn cattle to the exotics that may produce more but don't do as well in that environment.

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Subject: Re: What is exotic cattle?  
Posted by [duke2015](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2015 14:38:40 GMT  
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Thank you!

Just to be clear, exotic cattle is NOT the longhorn cattle, correct? But, exotic cattle is said to produce more milk?

Do you know what traditional cattle refers to in the DHS?

Thank you!

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Subject: Re: What is exotic cattle?  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 01 Jul 2015 15:43:29 GMT  
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Dear User,

Here is a response from one of our experts, Mr. Fred Arnold who researched further:  
Quote:It looks like exotic cattle in Uganda are primarily Friesian (or Frisian) cattle that were originally imported into Uganda. The first two exotic cattle were imported to Uganda early in the 19th century but both of them died after getting bitten by tsetse flies. Attempts were finally successful in 1924. There are apparently other breeds as well that have been cross bred with local Uganda cattle (including longhorns). The most common exotic dairy breeds in the region are Friesian, Holstein, Ayrshire, Jersey, Guernsey and Sahiwal. However, the Friesian breed predominates. The common exotic beef breeds are Hereford, Brahman, Sussex, Charolais, South Devon, Africander and Simmental (dual purpose).

The reference:<http://www.fao.org/wairdocs/ilri/x5485e/x5485e04.htm>

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Subject: Re: What is exotic cattle?  
Posted by [duke2015](#) on Mon, 06 Jul 2015 17:29:35 GMT  
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Thank you, that is very helpful!

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