

AYRSHIRE NEWS

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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE AYRSHIRE

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It is not likely that the precise origin of the Ayrshire will ever be definitely settled...

It is known that the Earl of Marchmont sent to his estate at Sorberie, Kyle, Ayrshire, between 1754 and 1764, cattle known then as the Teasewater or Holderness breed...

Mr. Patton of Inver, Dalry, is usually credited with having introduced a cross of West Highland blood into the Ayrshire...

It is claimed, too, that Jersey and Guernsey blood was used in making up the breed; this contention is very likely correct...

In this as in all other dairy breeds, owing to the necessity of breeding for performance as well as type, the improvement has been slow and unsteady...

Owing to the conditions under which it has been developed the Ayrshire is a hardy, vigorous breed...

Like most other breeds, Ayrshires have suffered from the hands of breeders to some extent...

Bull calves of this cow were much sought after and largely used, and in the opinion of many did much to impair the usefulness of the breed as dairy cows...

Ayrshires have now become one of the breeds of cattle for which Great Britain is noted and they are exported to all parts of the world...

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