



Jersey Breed Commentary Notes

The charming Jersey cow has become the **2nd most popular dairy cow in the world**. With an ever increasing number of Jerseys being born and bred in the UK it has become apparent that many dairy businesses wish to work with a breed that can perform well in sustainable herds.

Jersey cattle have increased their **milk production** after years of selective breeding. The average registered Jersey cow in the UK produces 6024 litres of milk per year with a butterfat content of 5.46% and protein of 3.83%, with the best individual animals yielding around 9000litres or higher. **Jersey milk is in many ways unique**. As a product it contains:- 18% more protein, 20% more calcium, 25% more butterfat than "average" milk.

With the **excellent traits of ease of management, feed efficiency, longevity and production, the Jersey Cow is a breed fit for a variety of farming systems worldwide**. The Jersey can now be found across the world with a large population in Countries such as Australia, Canada, Denmark, New Zealand, South Africa, USA, and Zimbabwe, as well as here in the UK.

The Jersey Cattle Society of the UK offers Jersey breeders the opportunity to add value to their herd by recording births of new born Jersey cattle and compile ancestry records for each and every cow that qualifies for a pedigree certificate. This provides farmers with valuable information to enable them to analyse their herd and improve any particular weakness by selecting sires to change the genetic potential of the next generation of Jersey cattle.

In the **current agricultural climate** the strengths of the Jersey cow are increasingly sought after by UK farmers and milk processors alike and the breed continues to gain momentum due to its low carbon footprint and efficiency in converting feed to high component milk.

For more information about the Jersey breed please contact Jersey Cattle Society
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