

Dairy Breeds

Ayrshire

(AIR-SHEER)



ORIGIN:
Scotland

COLOR:
White and/or reddish-brown

PRODUCTION (yearly):
17,230 lbs milk
665 lbs (3.6%) butterfat
542lbs (3.3%) protein

SIZE:
Mature Cow - 1,200 lbs
Calf at birth - 75 lbs

1822 - The first cows were imported to the U.S. by the New England Dairy Farmers.

1863 - The First Ayrshire Herd Book with 217 females & 79 bulls was published.

1929 - Two Ayrshire cows were walked from Brandon, Vermont to the National Show in St. Louis, Missouri to prove their hardiness and good type.

Today - U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association (1875) has over 1,500 members & headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

Ayrshires are known for being hardy, adaptable & for producing high quality milk.