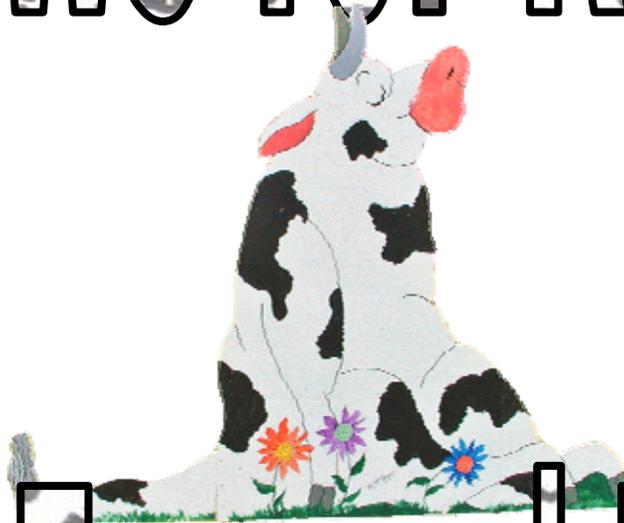


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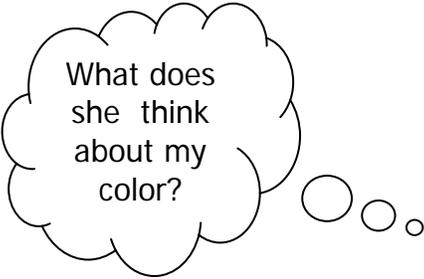
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Cow Colors and Breeds

An amazing fact is that cows and bulls can be most any color; black, brown, red, speckled, patchy, and white faced. I can say for a fact though, that I have never seen a blue, green, pink or purple cow and most definitely I have never seen a polka-dotted one. I only saw polka-dotted cows and bulls in my dreams when I was a child (just kidding).



This particular Guernsey cow reminds me of chocolate and vanilla ice cream. Maybe it's because ice cream is a dairy product. Sounds good, doesn't it? YUM, YUM!

The breed, Brown Swiss, brings to mind Swiss cheese. But Brown Swiss cheese? I don't think so. That doesn't sound good, UGH!



The first thing that came to mind the first time I heard the breed name Hereford, was, it sounds like someone calling a Ford car to them. Silly thought, isn't it? Think about it though — "Come Here Ford."



For some reason, the Black Angus breed reminds me of a beautiful black cat that took up residence at my house a few years ago. It can't be because a cow and a cat look alike. That's a silly thought. Maybe it's because that black cat loves milk more than anything.



I wonder why the breed name Holstein makes me want a mug of milk. Can anyone guess why?

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These Holsteins look as though they are running away from home.



Hey, WW, let us know when we can make a break for it.

More Breeds



This Wild White is standing guard for them.

The coast is clear and the pasture is green — green — green light, go sister go!

This Black Baldy does not look bald. As a matter of fact she looks as though she might have a ball of loose white knitting yarn sitting on top of her head. What do you think?



It's a toupee, Malinda.

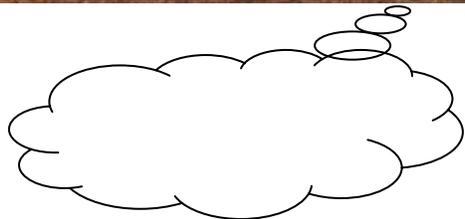
I'm pretty enough to be a car, but I'm a beef cow. I'd rather be a dairy cow and give milk so children's bones don't get soft.

This Hereford doesn't look as though she would come running if you said, "Come here Ford." I wonder what she's thinking?



This Scottish Highlander has a hairdo. She has bangs. She looks like she's on a mission.

I need to get to the hair salon before it closes. Looking this good isn't easy.



What do you think the Pinzgauer is thinking about?

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Children, don't let my color fool you, I do not give chocolate milk.



This Jersey makes me thirsty for a large mug of dark chocolate milk. When I was a kid, I thought chocolate colored cows gave chocolate milk. That was a ridiculous thought, wasn't it?



Now, this little Jersey calf looks as though she is posing. The little white heart on her forehead says to me, "I love children and can hardly wait to grow up and give them milk so they will have strong bones." Isn't she a sweet little calf?

More breeds



Hi, I'm a Red Holstein. Yes, I know I am beautiful! But just wait until I grow up and you drink my great tasting milk.



Take the picture, already. I can't hold this pose all day.

Charlois is a beautiful breed name for this beautiful little calf.



Did you see my sister Brown Swiss on page 5? She looks more like a gray Swiss to me. So, why was Malinda thinking about brown Swiss Cheese?



I am a Black Angus. I am not a black cat. No way do I resemble a black cat.

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Cows feeding between milking.

Dairy Cows

All cows eat a lot, but dairy cows must eat even more because they are walking milk factories. They change hay, grass, grain, and whatever else they are fed into milk. How do they do that?

Cows are really big farm animals that belong to the family of mammals called ruminants. That's a funny sounding word isn't it? It sounds like room. Maybe that's because their stomachs have four rooms. They eat grass or hay and when they swallow it, it goes into one room. Then when they are resting, they burp up some of that grass that has been sitting in that room and being mixed with stomach acids and bacteria.

Whew! That sounds disgusting, but not to a cow. They chew the grass that is now called cud. When they are done chewing, it goes back into another room in the stomach. Eventually, that hard to digest grass and hay is smashed up and the cow can digest it to get all the nutrients out of it, turning some of it into milk.

What do you think would happen if you tried to eat grass or hay? You would get sick because your stomach is not designed by your Creator to eat hay the way He designed a cow's stomach. We like lettuce, and other green vegetables, but grass and hay, UGH!

Dairy worker selects cows for milking.

Ladies, what's the hold up?



Proper diet is very important for cows, the same as it is with humans. Great care should be taken to ensure that they always have the required amount of vitamins and minerals.

Water should also be available at all times, either by watering tanks, ponds, streams, or creeks.

If your cows are kept in a barn, as was our family's cow, Bossy, then their stalls should be cleaned often and refilled with fresh straw or other bedding material.

A fond memory of mine is of my siblings and me cleaning Bossy's stall and sometimes the entire barn. After several times of smelling the foul odor of Bossy's poop, and saying how Bossy could not have possibly eaten what came out of her, my siblings and I decided that putting a clothespin on our noses would make our cleaning task tolerable. At that time in our lives, we did not understand the digestive process.

After we cleaned Bossy's stall we would lay fresh straw. Sometimes I miss that chapter of my life.

Hey, sister, stop hogging the watering trough.



Coming in to get milked.

Shush! He's taking my picture!