

DROUGHTMASTER STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Droughtmasters are a beef breed evolved from *Bos indicus* and British beef cattle. Droughtmasters are red in colour and may be horned or polled. Special emphasis is placed on constitution, fertility, mothering ability, growth rate, docility, tick resistance and other factors related to economic performance particularly under tropical and sub-tropical conditions. All Droughtmaster cattle must fall within the Desirable or Acceptable characteristics contained in the following Standard of Excellence.

	DESIRABLE	ACCEPTABLE
COLOUR	Red.	red: some dilution
WHITE UNDERLINE		Not more than one third white underline
HEAD	Moderately broad; medium to large ears; broad light pigmented muzzle; well-hooded eyes; extended dewlap; strong jaw.	Dark muzzle
SIZE	Mature cattle in full flesh - Males: 900kg and over. Females: 545kg and over.	Lighter on poorer pastures
BODY	Long, smooth turned rump, slightly rounded; well sprung ribs; strong even well fleshed backline; smoothly set hips; wide pinbones; well filled buttocks or twist; neatly set tail with good thick base; wide withers in bulls.	
CARCASS ATTRIBUTES	Thick, with shallow fat covering, evenly distributed.	Lighter under adverse conditions.
BONE	Medium	Heavy
COAT & HIDE	Sleek, short, soft coat	
LEGS	Moderate length; free active walk; firm, even hocks, pasterns short and strong.	
FEET	Even well proportioned claws	
TEMPERAMENT	Alert, but docile.	
UNDERLINE	Moderate development of sheath in bulls and navel in cows.	
SCROTUM	Containing two testicles of equal size, evenly placed and relevant to age.	
UDDER	Well developed, with teats of moderate size, evenly placed.	