BREEDS OF COWS
There are over nine million cows in the United States today and about 90 percent of these are Holsteins. There are seven major breeds.

**VITAL STATISTICS OF A HOLSTEIN MILK COW**
- **GENDER:** Female
- **HEIGHT:** 5 to 5½ Feet
- **WEIGHT:** 1,500 to 1,800 lbs.
- **BODY TEMPERATURE:** 101° F
- **AMOUNT OF MILK HELD IN UDDER:** 25 to 50 lbs.

**HOLSTEINS (BLACK & WHITE)**
- Originated in Europe and brought to U.S. by Dutch settlers
- Know for highest milk production of all breeds
- The Holstein is the dominant dairy breed in U.S.

**RED & WHITE HOLSTEIN**
- Originated in U.S. and Canada when farmers started selecting for recessive red hair color trait
- Most recently recognized into breed family in 1964

**JERSEYS (YELLOWISH-BROWN)**
- Originated on the island of Jersey, 15 miles off the coast of France
- Produce more butterfat in their milk than any other breed

**GUERNSEY (GOLDEN TAN & WHITE)**
- Originated on an island in the English Channel, 30 miles off the coast of France
- Known to be hearty and adaptable

**BROWN SWISS (BROWNISH GRAY)**
- Originated in the Alps Mountains
- They are hearty and rugged, with superior feet and legs
- Known to be quiet and docile

**AYRSHIRE (WHITE WITH RED SPOTS)**
- Originated in Scotland
- Known for their vigor and efficiency of milk production

**MILKING SHORTHORN (ROAN)**
- Originated in England
- Known to be very versatile