



The Brown Swiss Cattle Society (UK) was formed in 1973.

Originating from the Alpine regions of Europe, the Brown Swiss breed has successfully travelled to all corners of the world and adapted as one of the leading breeds of milking cow, particularly where the primary market for milk is the manufacture of cheese.

The Brown Swiss breed is known for their exceptional feet and legs. These strongly built animals will last in any dairy operation for many lactations due to their sound feet and leg structure and well-attached udders.

Brown Swiss adapt to any climate or environmental condition, being noted for their resistance to extremes in temperatures. Brown Swiss cattle show more insect resistance and have dark skin pigmentation around their eyes, which lessens the occurrence of pink eye infections; it is primarily for these reasons that they are proving popular with large dairy units across both North and South Americas and also in the Middle East.

They are renowned for their natural grazing instinct and efficient conversion of forage and the relatively flat lactation curve gives rise to breed's reputation for having statistically fewer metabolic problems.

Brown Swiss can serve many purposes, proving that it is not just volume of milk production that aids the overall profitability of dairy farm units, but more the total package combining ease of management along with quality milk production and of course longevity.

The Brown Swiss Cattle Society (UK) has a membership of approximately 130 from across the UK and Ireland. The main aims of the Society are:

- To prepare, maintain and make available a genealogical record of the breed through the Herdbook
- To promote and represent the best interests of breeders and owners of Brown Swiss cattle
- To support its members in improving the Brown Swiss breed.

The main strengths of the Brown Swiss breed are:

- High Components
- High Milk Production
- Low Somatic Cell Count
- Well-attached Udders
- Sound Feet & Legs
- Reproductive Efficiency
- Docile Temperament
- Disease Resistance – strong immune system
- Heat Tolerance
- Strength
- Longevity
- Adaptability
- Versatility
- Durability

The society's journal 'The Swiss Chimes' is published 3 times a year. The society have strong links to the Brown Swiss European Federation.

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