Beef Skill a Thon Study Guide

Breeds
Angus

This breed originated in Scotland. These animals are polled with a black, smooth coat. They are known for their carcass quality, milking, mothering and reproductive abilities.
Brahman

This breed was developed in the Southwestern United States by crossing Zube cattle from India with British breeds. The color of these animals varies from light gray or red to almost black. It is known for its ability to withstand heat and insects.
Charolais

This breed was developed in France and imported to the United States from Mexico in 1936. These animals are large and white. They are noted for their fast growth and lean meat.
Chianina

This breed was developed in Italy. These animals are white with black skin pigmentation. They are large: a mature bull can weigh up to 4,000 pounds and stand 6 feet tall. They are noted for their working, mothering, and beef producing abilities.
Gelbvieh

This breed originated in Germany. They are solid cream to redish yellow in color. These animals are known as a general purpose breed with good milking abilities.
Hereford

This breed was developed in England and brought to the United States in 1817. These animals have red bodies with white faces. They are known for their foraging ability, vigor, hardiness, and quiet disposition.
Limousin

This breed originated in west-central part of France. They are solid-to golden-red in color with lighter circles around the eyes and muzzle. When slaughtered at an early age, these animals yield a high percentage of lean meat with a minimum amount of fat.
Polled Hereford

This breed was developed in the United States from the Hereford breed. Except for the polled trait, these animals exhibit the same characteristics as the Hereford breed.
Red Poll

This breed is dual purpose developed in England during the late 19th century. The breed is a cross between Norfolk Red beef cattle and Suffolk Dundairy cattle breed.
This breed was brought to the United States from England in 1783. These animals can be red, white, or roan in color. They are noted for their good disposition and mothering and milking abilities.
Simmental

This breed was imported into the United States from Switzerland, France, and Germany. These animals have red to dark red, spotted bodies with white to lite straw faces. They are noted for their fast growth and milking abilities.
Texas Longhorn

This breed originated from Spanish Andalusian cattle. These animals have long horns and several different color patterns. They are known for their longevity, hardiness, strong survival instincts, and resistance to disease and parasites.
Meat Cuts

The following slides show different meat cuts. Reminder the actual skill a thon will use real meat cuts not pictures.
Strip Steak (New York Strip Steak, Kansas City Strip Steak)
Ribeye Steak
Chuck Roast

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Porterhouse
T-bone
Tenderloin/Filet Mignon
Sirloin
Flat Iron