



## Akaushi Cattle Breed Traits

### **What are the average mature weights for the Akaushi cow and bull?**

The average mature weight on cows is 1100 lbs. and bulls is 1700 lbs. or more.

### **What is their frame size?**

The Akaushi cattle are a moderate framed breed. If you are looking for more growth, the Tamamaru bloodline is a good option.

### **Are they proven efficient as grass-fed and grass-finished?**

Akaushi and Akaushi-influenced cattle can perform well in a grass-fed program. In any feeding program, Akaushi cattle grass-fed or long grain-fed have increased marbling compared to domestic cattle.

### **Are they proficient with multiple grass species?**

Akaushi and Akaushi-influenced cattle are located across the US and in many countries. In each case, they have adapted to the environment very well.

### **Are they heat tolerant?**

Akaushi and Akaushi-influenced cattle are very heat tolerant. These cattle are located all along the Gulf Coast, South America, South Africa and Australia.

### **Any inherent parasite or grass digestive issues or concerns?**

As for any cattle breeding, following a good parasite protocol for your area is recommended. American Akaushi Association ranchers have the most experience with Bermuda and Bahia in the south and Brome and Orchard in the north. The ranchers with Akaushi cattle on Fescue have not seen any issues compared to normal.

In a case where Akaushi cattle moved from Central Texas to East Texas, the rancher did have to be more aggressive in parasite control as well as supplementing since the grass was less in protein than what the cattle were used to. It took the cattle about a year to fully adapt.

### **Are they insect and disease-resistant/hearty?**

Because Akaushi cattle thrive along the Gulf Coast in hot/humid climates and where insects are very prone, they do very well. Having good management practices like vaccination protocols and good insect prevention is still key. Akaushi cattle are very hearty and have the vigor and will to live. F1 Akaushi cattle exemplifies extreme heterosis in terms of growth, disease resistance and fertility.

### **Are they slick hair?**

Akaushi are, for the most part, slick-haired. They will grow some hair in the colder climates.



### **Which climates do they perform the best?**

Akaushi and Akaushi-influenced cattle perform well in all environments, especially when they can acclimate before a harsh winter or summer.

### **How does their milk production and udder health compare to other breeds?**

Fullblood Akaushi females are not the heaviest milkers. As a breed association, we are working to improve that area, especially in first-calf heifers. Akaushi females have tight udders and hardly ever have issues with balloon teats or bad udders. Ranchers raising F1 females experience increased milk production and weaning while still maintaining udder longevity.

### **Fertility and Longevity?**

Fertility and longevity are top traits for this breed. Akaushi bulls will work and get cows covered. Akaushi cows breed back very quickly – the only downside being heifer calves will cycle early. Longevity is strong with support from strong built feet and legs. The breed experiences 15+-year-old females still out in production, and bulls fertility performs for up to 10 years or more.