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Herefords were first imported into Canada by William F. Stone of Guelph, Ontario from Herefordshire, England. He admired their strength, docility and feed efficiency. Herefords have survived in Canada for nearly 150 years, due to these strengths and their hardiness in the coldest of winters and driest of summers.

Today, the breed has the largest beef genetic influence in Canadian commercial cowherds with an estimated 1.5 million beef cows in Canada having the Hereford influence. Herefords have also been a popular cross on dairy females to produce veal and "dairy beef".

Canadian Herefords are extremely popular around the world and have produced champions at every major beef show in both the northern and southern hemispheres. Breeders have exported live animals, semen and embryos to 32 different countries over the last 25 years.

All purchasers of Canadian Herefords can buy with confidence, as a strict registry system is maintained as well as the largest performance database of all beef breeds. In addition to collecting the birth, weaning and yearling information, we are collecting breeding information, cow weaning weights, and ultrasound scans at one year of age.

This allows us to provide our producers and their customers EPDs for birth, weaning weight, yearling weight, milk, calving ease, direct and maternal, carcass EPDs based on ultrasound and are the only breed producing a maternal productivity EPD plus cow survivability.

Breed performance is first and foremost in the minds of our producers and we have internationally recognized scientists under contract helping direct our programs