

## British White Cow and Calf

I bought this bred heifer in December. She was due in the spring. She and her beautiful calf are pure British White.

The British White is a British breed of beef cattle.

The breed is naturally polled (without horns) and is color pointed – white with black or red points on the ears and muzzle.

It has a confirmed history dating back to the seventeenth century.

White cattle (often with black or red ears) are believed to have been highly regarded in Britain and Ireland in very early times.

Herds of white cattle were kept as ornamental and sporting animals in enclosed parks.

By the early 20th century these cattle had declined to about 130 registered animals, mainly in the eastern counties of England.

By the end of the 20th century numbers had grown to over 1,500 registered animals in the UK and perhaps 2,500 in the US

The breed is hardy and thrifty, and the animals readily graze rough vegetation such as rushes, nettles or heather, and they keenly browse many trees and shrubs.

They rarely have calving difficulties.

It is a medium-sized breed, with mature cows usually weighing 1,200 pounds.

They are generally calm and docile.

The cow is on the “alert”, shown by her stance and ears forward.

The Black Angus heifer is what we call an “auntie”.

Unrelated females in the herd are generally protective of calves. That is especially true of bison. Tom. July 26, 2015.



**Ben is helping the newborn calf stand.**



