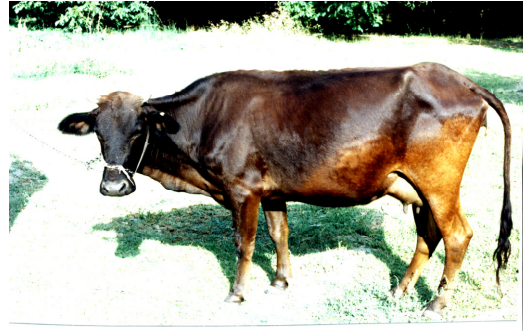


GOLPAYEGANI CATTLE (IRAN)

Golpayegani Bull



Golpayegani Cow



Origin: Golpayegani cattle are a rare breed of dairy cattle native to Iran. Golpayegani cattle are important representatives of the ancient livestock of Iran. By 1983, there were large numbers of cattle in Iran but unfortunately because of AI stations and imported Holstein and Brown Swiss bulls and cows, numbers have since decreased. But through the efforts of the Golpayegani Cattle Society and the Department of Agriculture, three herds have since been maintained in three research centres in Golpayegan, Delijan and Esfahan provinces. Also, there are over 10000 cows and bulls in the central areas of Iran.

Characteristics: Their coat is almost entirely black, and some of them have a yellowish brown coat. They are short with a long thinned tail covered with scattered hair in its end. The cows weigh about 300-400 kg, with an average milk yield of 2200 kg, at 5-6% butterfat and 3.5% protein. The calves weigh about 20 kg at birth. The breed is

extremely hardy and will out winter and summer very well.

The breed also has good resistance to protozoan diseases such as Babesiosis and Theileriosis.

Products: High butterfat and good consistency in Golpayegani cattle milk makes its good taste and quality. Its moisture, fat and protein content used to be 45%, 40% and over 15%, respectively. It is brittle and can be maintained at 4 °C for a year. As a result, it is ideal for making different types of cheese and other dairy products. The cheese of the breed is well known for a large number of consumers in Iran. Therefore, one of the greatest cheese factories which considered as a famous brand in Iran is Pegah Cheese Factory. It is located in Golpayegan city where the breed is raised.

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