



CATTLE

THE BASICS:

- BULL or STEER : male
- COW or HEIFER : female
- CALF : baby
- OX: adult steer used as a beast of burden
- GESTATION PERIOD : 9 months
- ADULT SIZE : Cow – 900-2000 lbs
- Cattle are cud chewing animals or RUMINANTS with a ‘split’ hoof, four stomachs and no teeth on top.

THE EXTRAS:

- Cattle eat hay, grain and grass. They will eat about 25 lbs of hay PER DAY and drink 30 gallons of water PER DAY.
- There are many different breeds of cattle; some are raised for milk and others for beef.
- Cattle do not have teeth on the top. They wrap their tongues around grass and pull to tear it off.
- Ruminating: The act of coughing up their food to re-chew. Also called “chewing their cud”. Cattle spend about 8 hours a day ruminating. And then swallowing it into the next stomach for further digestion.

OUR CATTLE:

- We currently have 1 cow, her name is Dottie. We also have 1 heifer, Daisy who will be a cow next spring!