

CHARACTERISTICS

Colour – Varying from light fawn to dark fawn solid or slightly broken.

Pigment – Dark

Head – Medium in length, dished in the face, horned and naturally polled.

Body – Medium to small ensuring low maintenance requirement.

COMPOSITION

- 80% Jersey
- 15% Sahiwal
- 5% Holstein

JAMAICA HOPE LINES

- Basil
- Chief
- Count
- Comus
- Design



JAMAICA HOPE

MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES

RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
(BODLES)



BREED DEVELOPMENT

Breed Development is controlled by the Jamaica Hope Cattle Breeders Society. The Society operates an Open Herd book policy where approved females are up-graded through three (3) generations by the use of registered Jamaica Hope bulls.



BREED DATA

Age at first calving – 34.2 months

Length of Lactation – 322 days

Length of calving intervals – 439 days

305-day milk yield – 3218.5 liters

Milk yield/day of lactation – 10.9 liters

Milk yield/day of calving interval – 8.2 liters

Butter fat – 4.88%

Gestation Period – 281 days

BIRTH WEIGHT OF CALVES

Males – 25.5kg

Females – 23.6kg

MATURE BODY WEIGHT

Males – 636.4 – 727.3kg

Females – 363.6 – 431.8kg



OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

- 12-months calving interval
- Low maintenance requirements
- High milk production
- Tolerance to external parasites
- Good milk let-down without calf
 - Easy calving
 - High butter fat production
 - Calm dairy temperament

REPRODUCTIVE DATA

- 18-21 days heat period
- 9 months gestation
- 305 days lactation
- 60 days dry period

LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT UNIT

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