

# Tarentaise Characteristics

## **General:**

The Tarentaise breed originated in France. Tarentaise are moderate in size with good muscling. There is a large amount of muscling in the hip and round region, with long, smooth muscling over the hindquarters. Their original Fullblood breed color is Auburn, with distinctive dark markings on their legs, and dark pigmentation around the eyes and orifices. Their heads are shorter from poll to muzzle than other French breeds, and can be concave in shape. Tarentaise have long necks and bodies, straight backs, are extra long from hooks to pins and their shoulders blend smoothly into their bodies. Hooves are black and extremely hard. Fullblood Tarentaise have horns that are not very long and have an upward curve. Polled Purebred Tarentaise can be found in the United States.

## **Bull:**

Mature bulls have masculine heads with wide foreheads, naturally thick, well-developed necks, and weigh from 1600 to 2100 lbs.

## **Cow:**

Mature cows have feminine characteristics about the head and neck, with dark eyes, and weigh from 900 to 1300 lbs. The Tarentaise are primarily a dairy breed in their native France, where test performances show average milk production of 10,000 lbs. with high butterfat. Their udders are strongly attached and evenly sloped with finger size teats with dark pigmentation. The dark pigmentation found on the Tarentaise offers good protection from sun-related disorders.

## **Additional information:**

Fullblood Tarentaise have 100% Tarentaise genes.

Purebred Tarentaise bulls have 92% to 99% Tarentaise genes. (15/16 & above)

Purebred Tarentaise females have 87% to 99% Tarentaise genes. (7/8 & above)

Purebred Tarentaise can exhibit different outward characteristics such as being polled, or having a hide color other than the Breed color of auburn, such as red or black or yellow. But they retain the other Tarentaise breed characteristics.

## **Tarentaise advantages:**

Long term proven track record in crossbreeding with British breeds

Genetically trim back fat/high cutability

Highly desirable taste of the meat

Highly feed efficient

Strong Maternal traits

Excellent Milk quality

Adaptability to environmental extremes

Unmatched Longevity traits

Ease of calving

Ability to travel for forage

Temperament

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