



Pustertaler Sprinzen cattle

The Pustertaler Sprinzen (PS) cattle represent a very colourful race. Their basic colouring is white but the flanks are red, brown or black. The intermediate section of the cattle looks as if it had been sprayed with colour. The medium range animals have horns, a deep and long trunk and a strong neck. The planum nasolabiale, eyes and ears are very often pigmented.

The race was originally at home in the Puster valley in Southern and Eastern Tyrol. It developed as a result of crossing other races with the local population. At the time of the Habsburg Empire, the cattle were seen as a very productive race with regard to milk and meat. As a result of selling good animals to dairy companies, the genetics of the race got lost. After the 1st World War, the sales market in Vienna for the South Tyrolean breeders collapsed. In addition the breeding authorities imposed strong restrictions. All of this drove the race to the brink of extinction. In Austria the race is seen as a protected breed and it receives special grants. Apart from Southern Tyrol, there is another population in Germany. In terms of breeding it is important to maintain the genetic information. Due to the small population and the great demand, the selection possibilities are limited. Among many breeders enthusiasm for the breed plays a significant role.

Figures and data for Pustertaler Sprinzen:

Breeders:	60 in Austria
Registered cows:	approx. 200
AI-bulls:	16
Animals of natural origin:	approx. 20

GG 43 – 50 kg	Bull	Cow
Height of withers [cm]	135 -145	125 - 140
Weight [kg]	800 - 1000	550 - 800



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