

WAGYU BREEDING AGREEMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the average gestation length for Red Wagyu compared to Hereford or Friesian?

Hereford	289 days
Friesian	279 days
Red Wagyu	285 days (which is equal to a short gestation Hereford)

How do they compare to Friesian or Herefords for average birth weight?

Red Wagyu	36 kg
Friesian	38.5 kg
Hereford	42 kg

Are the Red Wagyu's deemed easy calving?

All Wagyu are deemed easy calving.

What is the typical phenotype of a Red Wagyu versus a Black Wagyu?



I have heard that Wagyu calves can be slow growing, are the Red Wagyu faster and if so why?

Red Wagyu are the result of the Japanese governments cattle improvement program to increase beef production and included an infusion of genetics from Simmental cattle from Europe to improve growth rates. StockCo has specifically selected high growth rate genetics.

What price will we pay for the calves?

StockCo offers annually a guaranteed price for reared calves. The price is the same for both the heifer calves and the steer calves and is published annually in the Wagyu Breeding Agreement. For further details contact us 0800 920 929 or email info@stockco.co.nz.

What is the genetic difference between the Red Wagyu and the Black Wagyu?

There are four breeds of Wagyu. The Japanese Black and Japanese Brown, which is also widely known as the Red Wagyu, are the predominant breeds. All Wagyu cattle derive from cross-breeding in the early twentieth century of native Japanese cattle with imported stock, mostly from Europe.

In the case of the Red Wagyu, the principal foreign influence was from the Swiss Simmental and Korean Hanwoo breeds. The Red and Black Wagyu are not related genetically but have been bred for the same marbling criteria in Japan.

Red Wagyu are highly prized for their marbling, their light birth weights and their ability to fatten on grass, with growth rates, fertility, and phenotype of conventional western cattle – growth, thick and full of meat.

In Japan, they come from the Kumamoto Prefecture where they are run under grazing conditions making them an ideal choice for New Zealand's pasture based systems.

Who do I contact to find out more?

Phone: 0800 920 929

Email: info@stockco.co.nz