



## Frequently Asked Questions about Maine-Anjou Cattle

### 1. **Where did the breed originate?**

a. The Maine-Anjou breed originated in the northwestern part of France. This area is excellent for beef production as it has both grassland and tillable land. The first Maine-Anjou imported into North America came to Canada in 1969. These cattle were then introduced to the United States through artificial insemination.

### 2. **What does a Maine-Anjou look like?**

a. When they originated the cattle were primarily very dark red with white markings on the head, belly, rear legs and tail. White could also be found on other parts of the body as well. We still have these markings in our Fullblood Maine-Anjou cattle today. The modern Maine-Anjou cattle are primarily black in color, but can have some other color markings as well.

### 3. **What are Maine-Anjou cattle known for?**

a. When the breed first evolved they were a dual-purpose breed, with the cows used for milk production and the bull calves fed for market. Today's cattle excel in performance/ feed efficiency, disposition and superb carcass traits. Maine-Anjou cattle are often referred to as a feedlot manager's dream.

### 4. **Where are Maine-Anjou cattle located in the United States?**

a. The American Maine-Anjou Association (AMAA) has members in almost every state in the United States. The majority of Maine-Anjou cattle thrive in the Midwest and in the Southwestern United States. The AMAA office is currently located in Platte City, Missouri.

### 5. **What do Maine-Anjou cattle offer to the beef industry?**

a. Maine-Anjou cattle can offer genetics with uniformity, power, predictability and consistency. The cowman likes the Maine female, the feedlot operator likes the Maine steer and the packer wants more Maine carcasses.

### 6. **How can I be a part of the American Maine-Anjou Association?**

a. It is simple! You can go to [maine-anjou.org](http://maine-anjou.org) and visit our member services tab to sign up for a membership. We offer adult and junior memberships which can include a subscription to the *Voice* magazine. A junior membership offers you access to the American Junior Maine-Anjou Association (AJMAA) and the events and resources offered through the junior program.

### 7. **I want to be involved in the American Junior Maine-Anjou Association! What can I participate in?**

a. The AJMAA is governed by the Junior Board of Directors and is always looking for eager, passionate people to apply for a prestigious position. The AJMAA also has several royalty positions that are open each year for any members that want to represent Maine-Anjou cattle in that capacity. The biggest event that the AJMAA puts on each year is the National Junior Heifer Show. This event is held in a different location each year and is a week-long event full of fun contests, camaraderie and awesome Maine-Anjou cattle. For more information regarding Maine-Anjou cattle please visit [maine-anjou.org](http://maine-anjou.org).