RBST recognises the original population of native or non-imported bloodlines of Aberdeen Angus cattle. The breed is one of the most famous beef breeds and was developed originally in the early nineteenth century from the slow-maturing, black, horned cattle of Forfarshire (now the county of Angus) which were crossed with other breeds. One of the first great breeders was Hugh Watson of Keillor Farm, who established the breed type, while William McCombie subsequently popularised the Angus.

The Angus was widely exported during the twentieth century and there are large populations of the breed abroad particularly in the U.S.A, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South America. The trend abroad was to breed a longer and taller type of Angus and many examples of these animals have been imported into the UK and widely used thus endangering the original Angus population.

**Looks**- Animals of the non-imported bloodlines tend to be shorter in the leg and considerably blockier than the modern Angus and are usually black but there are some red animals.

**Use**- terminal sire and suckler beef

**Hardy**- suited to out wintering

**Docile**, polled – easily managed

**Long-lived, fertile and maternal**- good suckler cows- can produce calves at up to 12-14 years old

**Angus and Angus cross calves are smaller at birth**- bulls much in demand for use on heifers and for producing beef from the dairy herd.

**High profile marketing schemes**- a ready market and premium for Angus sired beef- eg. Dovecote Park, Burger King.

**Beef**- Well suited to finishing at 24-30 months on a forage based system.

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