



WAGYU BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

WAGYU BIRTHS UP BY +27% IN 2022 BCMS FIGURES

Figures released by the British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS) for 2022 show that British Wagyu, known for its highly marbled premium beef, has increased its numbers by 27% on the year. The figures, for beef cattle born in England, Wales & Scotland, reveal over 17,000 Wagyu-sired calves were born in 2022. Of these, 15,933 were crossbred (sired by a Wagyu bull) and 1,150 purebred or Fullblood - totalling 17,083 head of Wagyu animals when compared to 13,457 in 2021. The continued growth and impact of Wagyu is underlined by past totals for 2020 and 2019 of 9,435 and 5,699 respectively with the breed now representing almost 1% of the circa 1.8 million beef-sired calves born in Great Britain annually.

You will find a breakdown by country below:

	England	Scotland	Wales	Total
Wagyu crossbred	11,415	2,860	1,658	15,933
Wagyu purebred	662	181	307	1,150
Total				17,083

Source BCMS

Says WBA Director Chris Dickinson: "It's great to see British Wagyu numbers continuing to grow year-on-year and a further sign that Wagyu in the UK is much more than just a 'fad'. The profile of the breed has risen dramatically over the past 2-3 years and is now a significant player in the UK beef industry. As both Wagyu producer and WBA Director, I can't wait to see where we can get to in the coming years."

The figures are backed by a British Wagyu quality assured branded beef scheme now entering its third year alongside MIJ (Meat Image Japan) carcass camera technology which takes digital images from the cut ribeye surface to objectively measure and reward marbling score, marbling fineness and ribeye area giving an overall Beef Marbling Score (BMS) grade.

Consumer demand for the world's luxury beef shows no sign of slowing.



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