

## HOW CAN I HELP SAVE ENDANGERED BREEDS?

### Become a member of ALBC.

Be informed about endangered breeds and genetic diversity. Your donations and membership directly support research and education that will save these breeds.

### Raise endangered breeds.

About 1/3 of ALBC's members raise endangered breeds. Breeders make up a network for hands-on conservation, marketing, and public education.

### Use rare breed products and services.

Get acquainted with local farmers to buy fresh, healthy rare breed products. By putting these breeds back on the table and giving them a job again, we help ensure their futures.

**1 in 5 breeds of farm animals is on the verge of extinction**

*Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations*



American Cream • Critical

environment. Genetic diversity in domestic animals is revealed as distinct breeds, each with different characteristics and uses.

Traditional, historic breeds retain essential attributes for survival and self-sufficiency - fertility, foraging ability, longevity, maternal instincts, ability to mate naturally, and resistance to disease and parasites. As agriculture changes, we need to be able to draw on this genetic diversity for a broad range of uses and future opportunities.

**Once lost, genetic diversity is gone forever.**

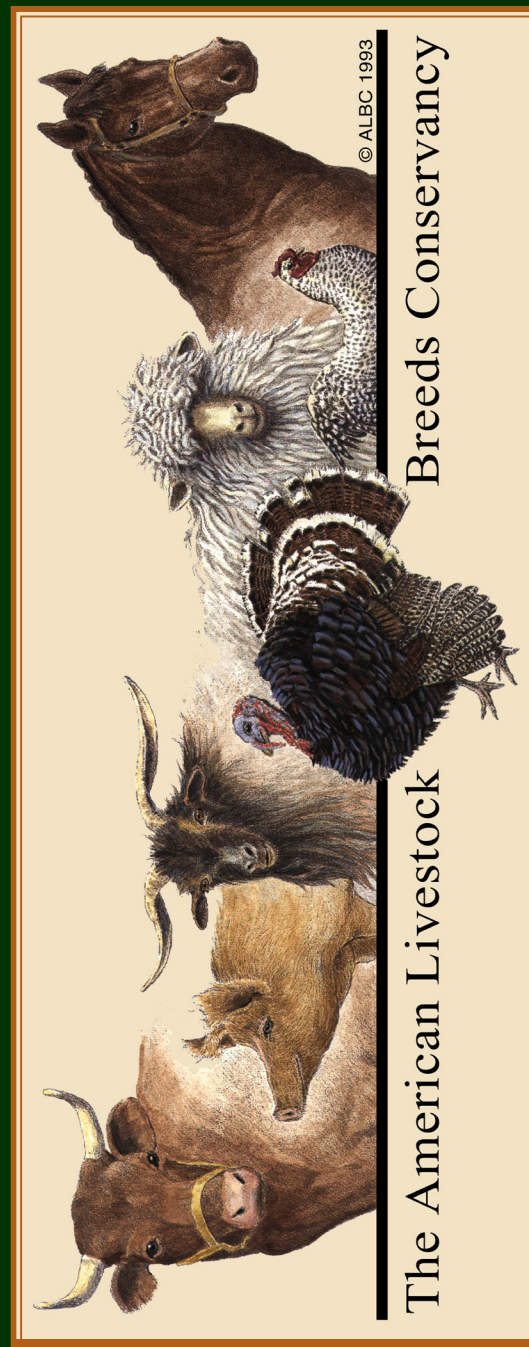


## SAVING RARE BREEDS SINCE 1977

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### Why are breeds of livestock and poultry endangered?

Modern agriculture and food production favors the use of a few highly specialized breeds selected for maximum output in intensively controlled environments. Many traditional breeds do not excel under these conditions, so have lost popularity and are faced with extinction.

### Why is genetic diversity important?

Agriculture, like all ecological systems, depends on genetic diversity to adapt and respond to an ever-changing



Silver Laced Wyandotte • Recovering

*“Our mission is to ensure the future of agriculture through the genetic conservation and promotion of endangered breeds of livestock and poultry.”*



St. Croix • Threatened



American Chinchilla • Critical



Cayuga • Critical

## OUR STORY

The **American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC)** is a nonprofit membership organization working to protect nearly 200 breeds of livestock and poultry from extinction.

Founded in 1977, ALBC is the pioneer organization in the U.S. working to conserve historic breeds and genetic diversity in livestock. Included in ALBC’s mission are donkeys, cattle, goats, horses, sheep, pigs, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys.



Marsh Tacky • Critical

## WHAT DOES ALBC DO?

Research on breed characteristics and populations. Annual publication of the *ALBC Conservation Priority List*.



Highland • Recovering

Education about genetic diversity, breed attributes, and the role of livestock in a more sustainable agriculture.



Bourbon Red • Watch

Technical, marketing, and promotional support to a network of breeders, breed associations, and farmers.



Tamworth • Threatened

Assistance to gene banks to identify important genetic materials that should be collected from endangered breeds.



Korakul • Threatened

Genetic rescues of threatened populations.



Pinewoods • Critical

## MEMBERSHIP

Help save heritage breeds by becoming a member of ALBC.

Annual membership of **\$35** includes:

- ~ Quarterly print newsletter
- ~ *Rare Breeds, Breeders and Products Directory* (includes a copy of and a listing in the guide)
- ~ Free online classified postings
- ~ Access to technical and research staff
- ~ Use of the ALBC member logo
- ~ Discounts on conference registrations, publications, and more

Help us save rare breeds today!



***Yes, I want to help save endangered breeds from extinction!***

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$35

Additional gift:    \$50       \$100       \$250       \$500

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The ALBC is a nonprofit 501(c)3 tax exempt organization (Fed. ID # 03-0270-281).

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Do you raise livestock? If so, what breed(s) and how many? (Use additional sheet(s) as needed)