



WHYC

YAK TRACKS Breaking News

Getting Your News By the Horns



Welcome to WHYC

We would like to Welcome you! to the **World Heritage Yak Conservancy (WHYC)**. As of 2021, WHYC created the criterion and added the Heritage Yak breed to the Conservation Priority List at the Livestock Conservancy. Become a member and get your yak certified as the Heritage breed by WHYC. At WHYC we track yak in North America, create Conservation Partnerships, support yak breeders and associations, and research the Heritage yak breed.



EVENT: Yak Fest 2021 and WHYC

Today, Saturday, October 2, 2021

9:00 AM 5:00 PM

A Yak or 2 Ranch
6885 County Road 571 Northeast
Mancelona, MI, 49659

This event is hosted by A Yak or 2 Ranch and WHYC in Northern Michigan. Take a wagon ride into the pasture with the yaks, and a bite to eat, get your hands on yak products, learn more about Heritage Yak, and enjoy family friendly activities! Come see what the yak is going on at A Yak or 2 Ranch!

- Free fun and admission for everyone!
- Complimentary donuts and coffee from 9-11am.
- Lunch (including yak burgers!) available for purchase from noon to 2:30.
- Hay rides through the yak pasture !
- Pumpkin Bowling !!

Yak Fest 2021

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"Conservation is our biggest goal now -- to keep the yak...
diversity here."
Mark Pisci, Mancelona, Michigan



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CELEBRATING THE VIRTUES OF THE BEAST

Yak Fest 2021 will be held next Saturday in Mancelona

BY GARY BLASSING
Head of the World's...
COURTESY -- "They're the...
Mancelona, Michigan

If You Go
YAK FEST 2021
Oct 2
Mancelona, Michigan

*"Put yourself in the pics TODAY at YAK FEST 2021!
We love having guests on our private ranch tours all year and Yak Fest is extra special because we get to see so many of you lovely folks in one day! Don't miss our 2nd annual Yak Fest, complete with wagon rides in the yak pasture, yak seminars by Farmer Mark and Bethany, a pumpkin patch and pumpkin games, etc. etc! It's FREE admission for everyone and bring your wallet to treat yourself to a yak burger lunch and pick up a few fun gifts from the farm store!
9-5pm Saturday Oct 2"*

- A Yak or 2 Ranch, 6885 County Rd 571, Mancelona, MI

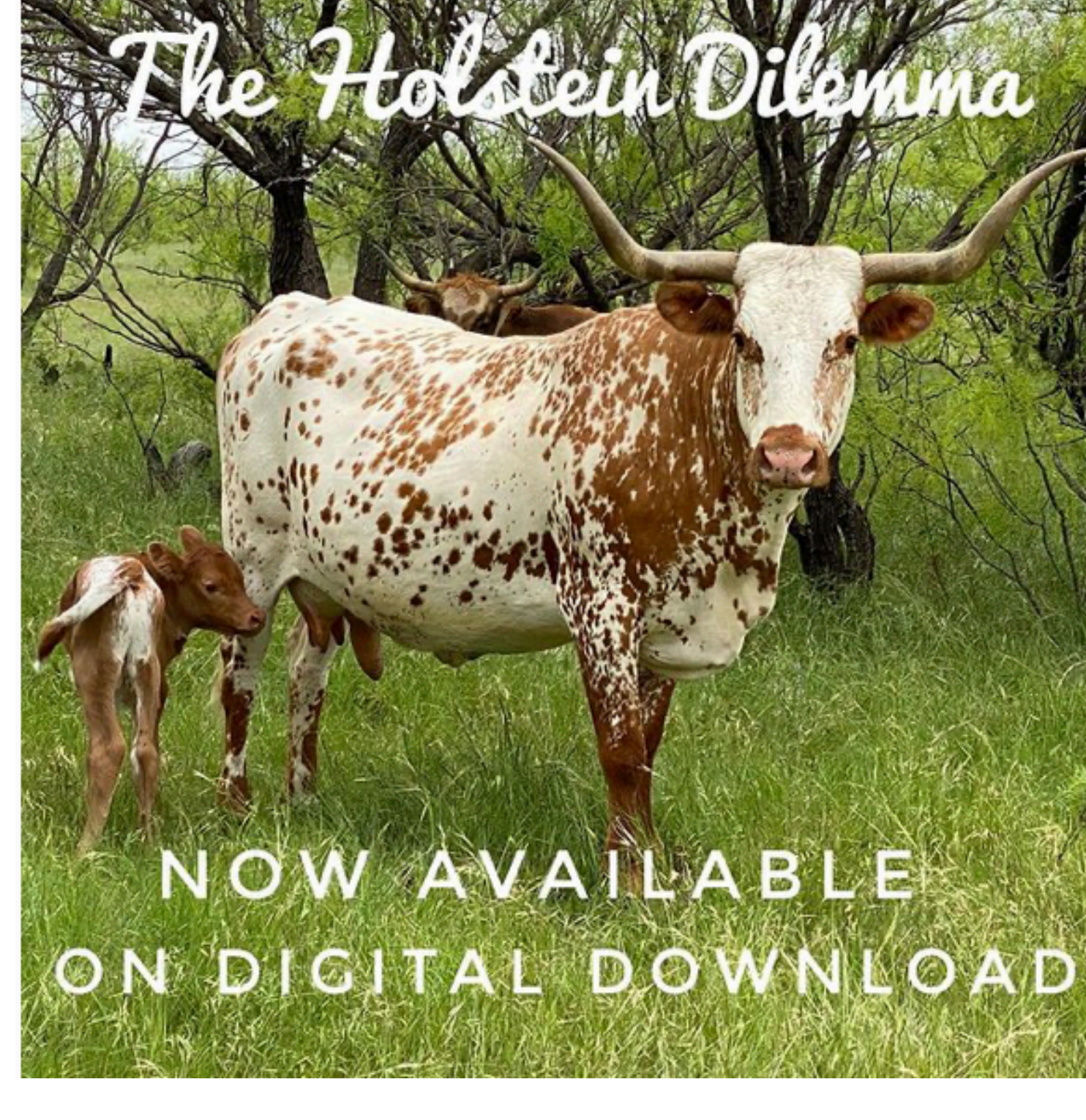
Learn More about Yak Fest on Facebook

ANNOUNCEMENT: Backyard Green Films and World Heritage Yak Conservancy. Our Conservation Partnership.



WHYC is now Conservation Partners with Documentary Film Makers at Backyard Green Films.

We would like you to introduce you to our friends at Back Yard Green Films. Rick and Elara Bowman are documentary film makers that are dedicated to championing Heritage breeds. They are producers of "The Holstein Dilemma: Heritage Breeds and the Need for Biodiversity." Click the link or the picture below or contact Rick and Elara at Backyard Green Films.



Who is Backyard Green Films?

Backyard Green Films' focuses on the value of Heritage Breeds in a landscape dominated by factory farming and breed monoculture. Big Ag's industrialized agricultural production continues to erode our genetic diversity, creating a looming threat of breed extinction.

"On a mission to share the stories, dedication, and wisdom of America's stewards of sustainable agriculture who've followed their own 'call of the land.' From scientists to geneticists to organic farmers and ranchers - plus a bounty of interesting folks we meet along the way, each voice is uniquely diverse, and each story compels us to uncover, discover, and share."

- Rick and Elara Bowman

WHYC and Backyard Green's Conservation Partnership

WHYC and Backyard Green are committed to working together to promote and preserve Heritage Breeds. Our combined and collaborative efforts will work to preserve genetic diversity through the education and promotion of Heritage Breeds, and by continuing to create Conservation Partnership with other Heritage Breed associations. Heritage breeds (many critically endangered) possess important benefits and essential phenotypic characteristics: disease resistance, improved fertility, tolerance to climate extremes and preservation of endangered biodiversity.

Stay tuned for updates in upcoming newsletters about the new and exciting projects we have planned and in the works to benefit the yak community and the yak industry.

To explore their podcast work visit AgriCulture Podcasts or click the picture below or look for them under our Communication Committee resources at the WHYC website.

AGRICULTURE PODCAST
www.backyardgreenfilms.com/podcasts

tales of a green adventure
hosted by Elara Bowman

Visit Backyard Green Films



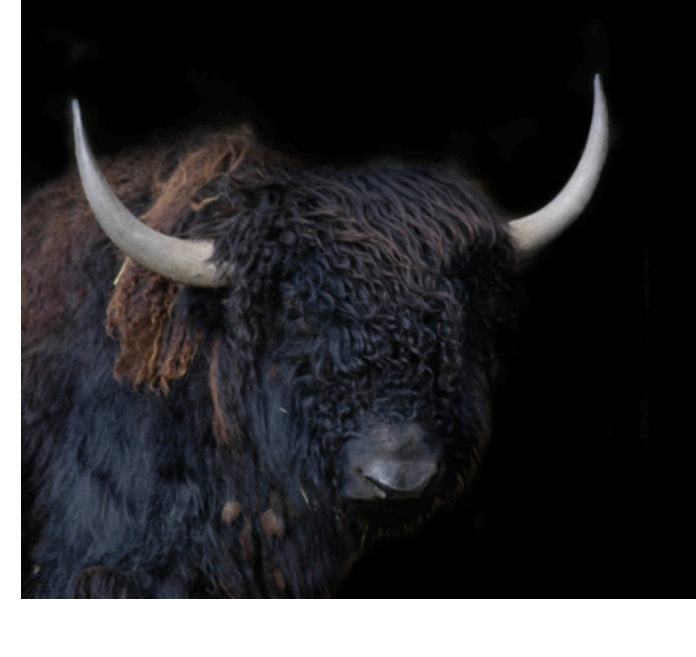
Heritage Yak Breed

A Heritage Yak is a unique breed of hairy, horned bovid meeting a specific set of criterion as established by the World Heritage Yak Conservancy (WHYC) with the Livestock Conservancy. Since 2019, WHYC members have been working with The Livestock Conservancy to define yak as a "Heritage" breed in order to codify the term in the marketplace and create the criterion that identifies the breed. Established in 1977, thus far, the Livestock Conservancy has defined "Heritage" for chickens, turkeys, cattle, and swine - and now yak.

Google "Heritage Cattle" or Visit the North American Heritage Yak breed at the Livestock Conservancy.

[Read more](#) about Heritage Yak

Visit Livestock Conservancy



Is Your Yak a Heritage Yak?

Join WHYC and find out if your yak qualifies for our certification as the rare Heritage Yak breed, or to be put in contact with a Heritage Yak breeder contact the WHYC Registrar.

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