

LOVE COWS

Feelings

Cows are sentient, which means they have feelings, both emotional and physical. They are very sensitive and caring. Cows form extremely close bonds with their calves. Their bodies are in tune with lots of sensations. Cattle have even been known to sense and avoid electric currents running through the ground and other objects.

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Hooves

Cattle hooves are extremely hard and made of the same materials as your fingernails!

Tail

A cow's tail is useful for swatting away pesky flies. Tail docking of cattle is illegal in New Zealand because it causes them terrible pain.

Nose

Cattle have an excellent sense of smell, which helps them detect danger.

Horns

A cow has horns to help defend herself and her herd. They also use their horns when fighting for dominance within their herd. This cow, like most farmed cows, has had her horns removed.

Mouth

Like sheep, cattle lack front top teeth. Instead, they have what's called a dental pad, which helps them tear at grass.

Stomach

You may have heard that a cow has four stomachs. This isn't quite true. They actually have one stomach with four chambers. Cattle eat their food quickly and bring it back up to chew on later (regurgitate the cud).

Udder

A cow has one udder divided into four quarters, each with one teat. Calves need to drink a lot of milk, up to 12 litres per day, because they can grow up to 1kg per day!

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