

What does landrace mean?

The landrace is generally a local population that is consistent enough to be called a breed but more variable than a standardized breed. In livestock, landraces have been shaped by founder effect, geographic isolation, and environmental adaptation as well as by breeders' goals. Landraces tend to be more consistent in complex characteristics than they are in appearance, though they are still unique enough to be distinguished from other breeds. Landraces generally lack the tight organizational structure that people associate with standardized breeds.