Florida Cracker Cattle

Cracker Cattle are small but tough. They are also known as “scrub cattle,” and “Florida cattle,” and are native to Florida.

Ponce de Leon brought the first cattle to Florida in 1513, just south of Ft. Myers. By 1698 there were more than 30 privately owned cattle ranches in Florida. Florida was America’s leading exporter of cattle in the mid 1800’s and supplied beef to the Confederacy during the Civil War.