

# **DRAFT HORSE BREEDS**

# AMERICAN CREAM

- **Origins:** Iowa, United States / 1911
- **Average Height & Weight:** 1,600lbs – 2,000lbs (Mares usually ~200lbs less than Stallions) / 15 – 16.3 hh
- **Physical Characteristics:** Cream in color with pink skin, amber eyes, white manes and tails, and occasional white markings. Medium-Heavy Build.
- **Interesting Facts:** Breed originated from a horse named Old Granny who was impressively large in size and cream colored
- **Association:** American Cream Horse Association

# AMERICAN CREAM



# BELGIAN

- **Origins:** Belgium
- **Average Height & Weight:** 1,800 – 2,200lbs / 16-17hhs
- **Physical Characteristics:** Massive, compact, short thick neck, round hooves, short backs, short legs. Bay, Chestnut, Roan. Flaxen is a very common trait
- **Interesting Facts:** Descendant from the “Great Horse”
- **Association:** Belgian Draft Horse Corporation

# BELGIAN



# CLYDESDALE

- **Origins:** Valley of the River Clyde, Scotland
- **Average Height & Weight:** 16 – 19hh / 1,600 – 2,400lbs
- **Physical Characteristics:** Short, snappy stride; Tall; Well defined, long legs; Feathering around their legs
- **Interesting Facts:** Commonly Bay with white markings on legs. Budweiser Mascot
- **Association:** American Clydesdale Horse Association was organized in 1879

# CLYDESDALE



# FRIESIAN

- **Origins:** Native to the Netherlands
- **Average Height & Weight:** 15-17hh / 1,600 – 2,000 lbs
- **Physical Characteristics:** Powerful, yet lean muscle; High knee action, small head, craning neck (carried high); Can only come in black
- **Interesting Facts:** Prior to WWI there were only 3 sires still alive. Considered a Warm-blood, instead of a cold blood
- **Association:** Friesian Horse Association of North America



# FRIESIAN



# PERCHERON

- **Origins:** Huisne river valley in western France
- **Average Height & Weight:** 15 – 18hh / 1,100 – 2,600 lbs
- **Physical Characteristics:** Agile draft horse breed. Muscular shoulders; Sturdy, elegant, arched necks; Clean-limbed, powerful and docile.
- **Interesting Facts:** Commonly Gray or Black, but can come in all core colors
- **Association:** Percheron Horse Association of America

# PERCHERON



# SHIRE

- **Origins:** England
- **Average Height & Weight:** 15 – 18hh / 1,600 -2,200 lbs
- **Physical Characteristics:** Long face, big eyes, arched neck, Feathering; Gentle and hard working; All core colors. All markings
- **Interesting Facts:** War horses in 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. One of the largest breeds, just behind Belgians
- **Association:** Shire Horse Association

# SHIRE



# SUFFOLK

- **Origins:** Suffolk, England
- **Average Height & Weight:** 16 – 18 hh / 1800 – 2200 lbs
- **Physical Characteristics:** Heavy draught horse, always chestnut in colour
- **Interesting Facts:** The breed pulled artillery and non-motorised commercial vans and buses, as well as being used for farm work
- **Association:** American Suffolk Horse Association

# SUFFOLK

