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The Story Of Texas Longhorns, As Told By Their DNA

After arriving on Spanish ships, North America's first cattle were left to roam the unfenced lands of Texas and Mexico, subject to hundreds of years of natural selection. Emily Jane McTavish, of the University of Texas at Austin, talks about reconstructing the history of longhorns through their DNA.



One of Texas' iconic longhorn cattle grazes near the Johnson Space Center in Houston. NASA image.

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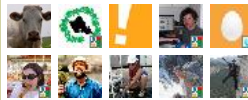
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