

DEXTER CATTLE

**A Breed from the past,
for the present and the future.**

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Cows up to 1 yr old	\$10.00
Bulls up to 2 yrs old	\$10.00
Cows over 1 yr old	\$20.00
Bulls over 2 yrs old	\$20.00

Cost of Transfers:

Regular Transfers	\$10.00
Inner-herd Transfers	\$ 5.00

Registrations & Transfers for non-members \$50.00

Note: Names of animals to be registered cannot exceed 21 letters.

New memberships in ADCA (for individuals who own a registered Dexter)
\$30.00

Annual renewal of dues (for Dexter owners). \$20.00

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the summer season comes to a close, and the fall and winter seasons approach, we need to be preparing for the extra care of our animals. The crops we are harvesting now will soon be needed to nourish our animals throughout the cold seasons.

Once again the time to elect directors for various regions is near. I would urge those members from regions, whose directors are due to be elected, to educate themselves with the voting record of their respective directors. remember that the members elect the directors; in turn the directors should represent the wishes of the members within their regions.

As of present I have received absolutely no correspondence on the issue regarding the legality of certain items passed in the Director's meeting or on any other matters. Because the person to whom I delegated this matter has failed to meet the deadline, a report on this matter will not be available until the next issue. I apologize for any inconveniences and assure you that the matter is being amended.

Should there arise any problems within a region, the respective director along with myself should be notified. Once the proper people are informed of a problem, a solution can at once be taking from instead of having a problem escalate in magnitude. I want to thank all of the directors who are handling any problems within their regions in this manner.

It is already time to start planning for our 1993 annual meeting in "Merry Old New England". This year's hostess will be Amy Record. I appreciate Amy's willingness to help plan this meeting and feel confident that it will be a very educational and enjoyable meeting.

One final note I would like to mention concerns the attitudes of people and their willingness to help. In my experiences I have realized that those most willing to help and accomplish something are those who

already have very busy schedules. Whereas individuals who do nothing are often the first to criticize those who are doing a fine job. A special thank you from me is intended for all of the members who are trying to do a good job in raising and breeding their Dexters and also in helping to operate our association.

Thank you,

Philip R. Martz
President, ADCA

FOR SALE

IDAHO

Cows and heifer calves for sale
George and Cathy Walker
P.O. Box 1131
Orofino, Idaho 83544
(208)476-7299

IOWA

Black bull calf born 101491. Good conformation. Dame: Twainlan Hope #04296. Also **looking** to buy a heifer.
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Audubon, Iowa 50025
(712)563-3891

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EXCELLENT QUALITY.
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Una O'Brier Hill #2683 DOB 062683.
Faye O'Brier Hill #5052 DOB 032191
Gary E. Williams
Box 3860
Sedgwick, ME 04676
(207)359-4453

***If you have short articles on your Dexter experiences or some general information on cattle send them into the Bulletin. Sometimes I have open spaces.

FOR SALE

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Registered Dexters FOR SALE OR TRADE.
18 mo Black Bull, Proportionate and Gentle. 18 mo Heifer, bred to calve in April/May. Two 5 mo Bull Calves one Short, one taller, both proportionate. other cows also available.

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Short, well built, with horns, and gentle disposition.

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Two Beautiful Bull Calves
Registrations Pending
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Inexpensive to good homes
Call Yellowbird Farm
Sophia/Manuel Stillerman
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(602)625-4835 (Sept 4-Sept 15)

NEW YORK

Dexter bull calf for sale. Born on 06/28/92. All Black. Short-legged, well-built, good disposition.

Nancy Roachat
Caller Box 719
Green Chimneys School
Brewster, NY 10509
(914)279-2995 ext 284

NEXT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 01

FOR SALE

NEW YORK

Cow, #4115, DOB 1-89, Black, 39" Short Legged, Dehorned, Bred to #04656 for April '93 calf, handmilker with very firm well set udder and even spaced attachments 12 lbs one day average as 1st calf heifer on good pasture and no supplemental feed.

Wulf Reinicke
Box 46D, RD1
Smyrna, NY 13464
(607)627-6638

NEW YORK

For sale: Thelma & Louise - Heifer calves, born April 1992; one small & one tall; a red-head and a brunette; ready to travel.

K-RO Acres
Kathy Smith
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Fort Plain, NY 13339
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Richfield, OH 44286
(216)659-4861

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Small but Select herd of Dexter cattle, usually some for sale Specializing under 40". **WANTED:** red /dun Bull under 40" at shoulder.

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OREGON

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AL & Sandi Thomas
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Antelope, OR 97001
Phone/Fax(503)763-2970

FOR SALE

TEXAS

Twainland York (#2713 DOB 7-12-83)
Excellent conformation, well mannered,
good producer, \$1000 or 2 young
heifers or 1 producing heifer.

Linda M Cecil
Woody Creek Farms
2604 Woolridge
Conroe, TX 77301
(409)539-5542

WEST VIRGINIA

Registered Dexters, (cows, bulls, calves)
for sale* Dispersal Sale due to
accident.

Paul W. Baud
Greenbrier Mountain
White Sulphur Springs, W.VA 24986
(304)536-1736

WISCONSIN

Selling small Dexter herd. Black.
Two cows and one 15 month old heifer.

Dennis & Jae Dee Allard
Route 2, Box 124
Holcombe, WI 54745
(715)595-4446 or (715)595-6401

WISCONSIN

Selling bull calves, black,
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Saturn of Knotting also a few cows
reasonable.

Mark Weber
6611 Old Q.
Manitowoc, WI 54220
(414)684-1776

SEMEN FOR SALE

CANADA

Use Lucifer of Knotting, #3182, a
red/dun bull 45" at shoulder at three
years. Loaner video available upon
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DEADLINE NOVEMBER 01

SEMEN FOR SALE

COLORADO

Collected from Diplomat O'Briar Hill
#3780, 43" 1050# at 3 years of age.
Collected from Sir William #4321
42", 750# at 18 months of age.

R.S. & Mary A Springer
Green Valley Farm
708 Inverness Road
Fort Collins, CO 80524

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Fairyhill Peter, red/dun, 42" at
5 years. Sire: Cranworth Pilliwiggin
Woodmagic bloodlines smooth topline.
Good feet and legs. Nice disposition.
\$10/Unit plus shipping & handling.

Amy L Record
23 E. Thetford Road
Lyme, NH
(603)795-2606

OHIO

Collected by COBA/Select Sires from
Jamie O'Callen #1949, Black proportion-
ate type from well proportioned sire
and short well proportioned dam.
Excellent disposition, 42" height,
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Briar Hill Farm
James G Johnson
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Richfield, Ohio 44286
(216)659-4861

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THOMAS' DEXTERS/ Al & Sandi Thomas
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Antelope, OR 97001
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Berlin, PA 15530
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SEMEN FOR SALE

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Collected from Glencara Poddy #3864EX. Black, 44 1/2 " tall, 1050 lbs at 4 years old. \$20 per straw plus S & H. **Note his off-spring does not carry EX.

Fred Colclough
10418 - 16th Street East
Puyallup, WA 98372
(206)927-4608

*** WANTED ***

CANADA

Dexter Cows and Heifers, not over 40", good condition and good health, dehorned and quiet. Please send picture and copy of registration and price.

Donna Hutchinson
Box 29
Lousana, Alberta
Canada TOM IKO

WHAT'S SHOWING

Donna Hutchinson showed her black Dexter cow and 5 week old calf in the local Red Deer Fair on July 16-19. She stated there was an excellent interest in the Dexters and passed out over 300 pamphlets showing the address of the American and Canadian Dexter Cattle associations. She was also featured on the local farm TV program.

**Any more stories on experiences at Fairs or other Exhibits? What about ribbons won by Dexter's????

COLOSTRUM

by Paul Taylor

We all know that colostrum is the first milk and that the calf should have an adequate amount of it in the first few hours of life. But what is colostrum really and why is it so important?

When a calf is born it has no immunities to disease. Absolutely none. That is why calves are so very vulnerable. But what the calf does have is large holes in its intestines. Not large in the sense of being able to drive a truck through them, but large on a molecular level. In the first day of life, these holes shrink to the size that is required to absorb

the nourishment in milk. But in the first few hours of life they can absorb some really huge molecules, and that is where colostrum comes into the picture. Colostrum contains lots of huge molecules called antibodies. The cow will produce antibodies for every disease to which she has been exposed. And she concentrates these antibodies in that first mile in order to pass that immunity on to her calf. But remember that the calf can only absorb those antibodies for a few hours.

Colostrum also contains a host of other goodies. The total solids is twice as high as regular milk. Fats are about 50% higher, while protein levels are four to six times as high. The vitamin A content is 8 to 20 times that of regular milk. But all of these levels drop rapidly over just a few days to normal levels. The colour will also change from yellow to white.

The high fat content in the colostrum not only provides much needed energy, but it also acts as a laxative to assist in the passing of the foetal dung, another vital early function. Make sure the calf is passing its dung as a bowel stoppage can be very dangerous.

Calves should receive an amount equivalent to 5% of their body weight in the first six to eight hours of life and the same in the following 18-20 hours. On days two and three, they should receive about 8% of their body weight in colostrum. While they will not be absorbed in those later feedings, the antibodies will help to control bacteria in the gut.

If you are going to store colostrum there are a few things to remember. Since an older cow has been exposed to more diseases in her life than a younger one, you will get more antibodies in colostrum from an older cow. Seven to ten years of age would seem to be an optimal age as cows much older may be down in condition. (Note: It is not a good idea to move a cow into your herd just before

she calves as she will not have time to produce antibodies for those diseases that your herd may have. She will survive that minor cold, but it may be fatal to the calf since she cannot pass on the appropriate antibodies in the colostrum. And any calving in your herd could be similarly put at risk from any minor bug that she has. Therefore, try to bring new animals in at least a few weeks before calving starts. This applies, as well, when you bring in a new bull.)

Freeze your colostrum in a good sterile, plastic container appropriately sized. Use containers suitable for one feeding; with the average Dexter calf weighting about 48 pounds, 38 to 40 ounces is just about right. The calf would go through two of those containers in the first day, and slightly less on the second and third days. Milk containers work well, but you might consider freezer bags laid flat. They store well and will thaw readily. Date your containers to ensure that you use them in a proper rotation cycle.

To thaw, put the container in tepid water, ensuring sterile conditions at all times. Colostrum can be stored frozen for two years or more, but when exposed to heat above blood temperature, the antibodies coagulate and become useless. Keep thawed colostrum in the refrigerator.

Stored colostrum is a cheap insurance policy against the disaster of the cow dying during calving, heifers that won't let the calf nurse, or any of a host of possible reasons for the cow not being able to provide the needed colostrum. Another calf sucking on the cow just before calving will take all her colostrum. So if you have some in the deep freeze, you are protected against those problems. Just put it in the corner of the freezer and forget about it. And hopefully you will never need it.

An often over-looked point with colostrum is that the quality of

the colostrum is effected by the condition of the cow. A cow which is being poorly feed will produce 60% less colostrum then a well-fed animal. It is well to remember that a first calving heifer will require a similar nutrition level to that of a cow producing enough milk for one calf. Not only is that heifer providing nutrition to the developing calf, but she is also providing for her own continuing growth. Feed your heifers well.

Calves that have to be pulled have been found to have a higher stomach acid level than unassisted calves. Those higher acid levels will cause the colostrum to be denatured so that it will be less effective. While Dexters do not often require pulling, it would be a good idea to give any calf which required assistance a little extra care and attention.

FROM THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank Paul Taylor for the article on Colostrum. He submitted this article back in February however, I never had space to print the entire article until this issue. I made the statement last issue that I hold onto the articles you send me. I know there were some doubting members out there; see I do use them. I usually do not have this much space; smaller articles or items about an experience you have had with your Dexters or shows you have participated in would be very interesting. I know there are some funny incidents out there. I'll let you remain anonymous if you specify. I'll swear to keep it secret. If you have any problems with your articles please give me a call or write I'll be more than happy to make any adjustment or additions you may need. Don't forget November 01 is the next deadline and please enclose your check or money order for the ad. I apologize for my answering machine hanging up on anyone. It has been returned to the manufacturer and I should receive a new one in ten days.

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the bull at the time the height was recorded.**