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

American Dexter Cattle Association

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Cost of Registrations:

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
Animals from A.I. sires.....\$11.00 & \$21.00 (see age above)

Cost of Transfers:

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

Registration and Transfers

for non-Members.....\$50.00
New Membership in ADCA (for individuals
owning registered Dexters).....\$30.00
Associate Member (for individuals not
owning Dexter cattle).....\$30.00
Annual Renewal (for all memberships).....\$20.00
Subscriber (bulletin only).....\$10.00

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Message from the President

It is fall calving season, at least in some parts of the country. I hope you have updated all of your cows' immunizations, put away some feed for the winter and have your cattle where you can give them proper attention. Of course, you should check with your vet for the proper program for your area. You can find some helpful hints in the vet column, a new feature in the Bulletin..

Calls have been coming in from many areas about Dexters and it sounds like next years' meeting in Michigan is deep into the planning stages. Pat Mitchell, the editor of the Bulletin, is the point person for the '95 event, so give him any help and ideas you can..

Our directors are quite busy, and hopefully you have been in contact with yours. Kathy Smith has been off to Canada for a presentation and has been doing some writing which has been widely published and read. As a matter of fact, the article "Getting Started With Oxen", which appeared in the Small Farmer's Journal, has created interest in Dexters for that purpose. How about sending Pat Mitchell something about your Dexter oxen, events you've competed in, or tips for the novice on training and equipment.

Some of the members in my area have been exhibiting their Dexters at county fairs and even at the California State Fair. It sounds like there will be a class for Dexters at the CSF if enough people are willing to support the show. A committee is working on the details.

The advertising committee is getting lots of response from some strategically placed advertisements. The office is getting lots of new inquiries and consequently, an answering machine and a fax machine may be added to the association office in the near future so that no one is overlooked. There will be specific times designated to call to talk to a real person, like Rosemary, and other times to just leave messages.

The Canadian Dexter Cattle Association has announced that their annual meeting will be held at the Western Agribition in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada on Nov. 25 - 27, 1994. If anyone can make it, you will need to contact the CDCA Secretary, Winona Crapp, for more info.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The new herd books and membership books have been mailed out. If anyone has not received their books, please let me know. Also, if you have only received one book, please let me know. You should have received two sections- A and B.

Veterinary Wisdom

by John Schroeder, DVM

As fall approaches, now is the time to think about the health needs of your calves. All calves should be dewormed, deloused, treated for grubs, and administered the 7-way Blackleg vaccination. If you have any bull calves that you are not going to use as breeding stock, now is the time to castrate them as the fly season decreases. If you have not previously had your heifers calfhooed vaccinated for Brucellosis, and are not in a Brucellosis-free state, be sure to include this in your fall routine. Remember that this now can be done only between 4 and 8 months of age.

In addition to the regular vaccinations above, you might consider various virus vaccinations for IBR, BVD, PI3, and Cytial. This should be done 3 weeks before weaning.

For cows, consider pregnancy checks if you don't want to feed unproductive cattle all winter. You will also want to deworm them and treat them for grubs along with your calves. You may want to consider a vaccine to control E-coli and Rota-Corona for your cows to help prevent scours in fall calves.

Rancher Prefers Dexters - Roy Atherton compares the meat to Wagyu

For years, when Roy Atherton talked about Dexter cattle and their genetic similarity to the Japanese Wagyu, hardly anybody in the livestock industry listened.

But with Wagyu beef selling nowadays for more than \$100 per pound, Atherton says, a few ears are tuning him in. Even though Dexter beef costs a fraction of what Wagyu brings, both breeds produce the same type of healthy, flavorful meat marbled with **unsaturated fat**.

"When I talk about Wagyu and Dexter being the same, I am not looking at the Japanese export market," Atherton said. "I am interested in marketing to people in the United States who want a healthy, flavorful piece of meat, like a small roast or thick, juicy steak.

"I believe there's a gourmet market in the U.S. for this type of beef," he said.

Wagyu beef commands a high price because Japanese consumers want the flavor that comes with fat marbling but prefer more healthful meat that contains unsaturated fat, which reportedly lowers cholesterol levels, rather than saturated fat, which can raise cholesterol levels, Atherton said.

He's spent hundreds of dollars on laboratory tests comparing the fatty-acid profile of Dexter cattle with that of Wagyu cattle and boasts results proving that meat from the two breeds is similar in fat makeup.

"We are thrilled with the results of our tests with Dexter meat," Atherton said. "We find extensive marbling, tenderness and flavor. Saturated fats are lower than typical American breeds and also show a favorable unsaturated fat profile."

"The Wagyu and Dexter are the same breed in my mind, although

I don't know if genetically that can be proven," he said. "I've been telling people for years 'I've got this kind of meat too'. I just haven't gotten the publicity that Wagyu has gotten."

Most beef produced in the United States, he added, is either marbled with saturated fat or has been bred with large "so-called exotic breeds or oxen-type" cattle with little fat and plenty of muscle. That's fine for mass-producing meat for hamburger flavored with condiments or sauces. But when it comes to a steak or roast beef, he says consumers deserve more natural flavor.

Since there are only a handful of expensive Wagyu cattle in the United States, mostly crossbreeds, Atherton contends the Dexter breed is the way to go for producers seeking to cash in on the health-conscious market and still raise flavorful beef.

A good crossbred Wagyu heifer can bring more than \$50,000, while a Dexter goes for under \$5,000, Atherton said.

As word spreads about the genetic similarities between Japanese Wagyu and the Dexter breed, which originated in Ireland and was first imported to the United States about 100 years ago, Atherton anticipates Dexters will rise in value. For now, he says, they're a bargain compared to Wagyu.

"We are seeing an increase in the use of Dexter bulls in crossbreeding with heifers of the large breeds," Atherton said, adding that the smaller crossbred calves consistently top the market at around \$115 per hundredweight.

The average weight of mature cows is 700 to 800 lbs. Bulls run about 1000 lbs. Feeder steers can be brought to about 1300 lbs without putting on too much fat.

"They're market toppers," Atherton said. "Wherever they're sold at market, the steers sell in the top 10%."

After raising Angus and Murray Gray cattle most of his life, he

switched to Dexters about ten years ago because he liked the idea of a smaller, more unusual breed. He's been crazy about the small, black cattle with the black and white horns ever since.

Of the 100 million or so cattle in the U.S., only about 2000 are Dexters, and about 100 of those belong to Atherton. Admittedly he stands to gain from increased demand for the breed, but at age 73 he says he's most interested in leaving a legacy.

His goal is to be remembered as the guy who converted the U.S. cattle industry to Dexter genetics, and as a result brought American consumers healthier, tastier beef.

"After I got into raising Dexters I found out about the fatty-acid profile and their similarity to Wagyu," Atherton said. "At my age, I don't have to work. I raise these cattle because I enjoy being around them."

"They're my retirement recreation; my golf game in a sense," Atherton said. "It's very satisfying working with these cattle."

"I feel that I'm making a contribution to the industry and to the health of the people with this low saturated fat," Atherton said.

This article was taken from the 3/11/94 edition of The Capital Press, and was written by Ed Merriman.

Roy Atherton's physical condition is much better today than when he was in his late 50's and early 60's, when he began walking and replacing junk food in his diet with vegetables and low fat foods.

On the low-fat diet, Atherton lost weight, but felt tired all the time and was always hungry. His theory, based on what works for him, is that all the fruits, vegetables and grains in the world won't keep a person strong and healthy without hard work and adequate fat-marbled meat. People who work hard need enzymes and amino acids found in meat to help extract the vitamins and minerals from fruits and vegetables.

Interested in oxen? by Kathy Smith

When we were confronted with the birth of four bull calves in 1993, Tom, Dick, Harry and Curly, it seemed the perfect time to call my own bluff and try to train them into oxen. I'd always said that I was going to train some, someday, and that day seemed to have arrived. Because I'd been interested in oxen for many years, I'd spent time accumulating information and talking to every ox driver that I could find. Though I was green on the practical aspects, I'd done a lot of reading and asking, which just means that I had a lot of good intentions but didn't know spit. It was time, patience, walking, repetition, wondering if they'd ever learn anything and wondering if I could teach them anything. Suddenly one night, as I was about at the point of sizing them up for potential pot roasts, they understood. They went right on "gee" and came left on "haw", all without stepping on my feet or being pushed, shoved, lugged or tugged. That evening was the breakthrough, and though we've had our ups and downs, progress has been made ever since. They do suffer from selective hearing sometimes. Just because they know the commands doesn't mean they'll always follow them. There is a certain amount of enforcing the rules to ox driving.

In addition to the thrill of walking next to a pair of cattle and listening to their yoke clang along, our moments of glory have been walking them down the road and having people stop to admire them, taking them out to a local historical site, and to a county fair draft animal show. The steers offer an opportunity to get Dexters out in public, without taking a chance with a cow or a bull.

There are some jobs that the steers have helped with. They've

skidded some small logs, and I look forward to getting them involved in skidding out some firewood and hauling it back home. They started skidding out small loads of manure when they were only months old, and seem to genuinely enjoy working.

Though I've not tapped into it as much as I'd like, there may be a real niche for Dexters in the draft world. I gather that ox teamsters who use their cattle for competitive pulling are always on the lookout for what they call "ton cattle", which mean cattle that weigh a ton as a pair. With larger breeds, cattle reach the ton weight rather early on in their pulling career, but with Dexters they could weigh a ton as a pair forever and, as they get older, they'd get stronger and smarter about pulling and, theoretically at least, should be able to win. Cross-breeding with Dexters also seemed to pique the interest of the teamsters, which is an area that I'm working on with ads and contacts, but no success...yet.

I would suggest the following as resources for anyone who is interested in starting a pair of calves. Certainly Bob and I will be glad to offer any advice that we can, but we've only been at this a short time and have a whole lot to learn ourselves.

1. Attend any event where there are ox teamsters and elbow your way in to speak with them. I would suggest listening to each person's advice, and then tempering it with your own good sense and judgement. Think through what you're doing. If there's a living history farm in your area, that may be a good place to find an ox teamster. We recently visited Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia and spent some time visiting with the ox teamster there.

2. Fryeburg, ME where the fair is held each October is a great place to go to learn about oxen. There are some sharp ox people up there and I learned a lot by speaking with them.

3. Ox projects are very popular with 4-H kids in New England, so contacting the local 4-H office may put you into a network of information on oxen. What these young people can teach cattle to do is very impressive.

4. I would suggest telephoning the following organization for information of any nature. They are themselves full of good information and what they can't help you with they can point you in the right direction for. Faith Anderson, New England Ox Teamsters, RD 5, Penacook, NH 03301, 603-648-2366.

5. Read whatever you can - I find the following publications to be valuable:

A. The Small Farmer's Journal, (SFJ) PO Box 1627, Sisters, OR 97759. I believe that back issues are \$6. The ox article that I wrote was in the Spring '94 issue, as are the ads and publications that I list here. When you get one copy, then you can look through to find previous issues that had articles on oxen. There are ads for materials from many sources in SFJ, and I would be reasonably confident that there are no snake oil salesmen listed.

B. The Oxen Handbook, by Drew Conroy. Listed in SFJ ads; available from Butler Publishing and Tools, 253 Grey Rock Rd., LaPorte CO 80535. 303-221-2834. Also listed are two videos that I have not yet seen.

C. Training the Teamster, by Les Barden, 357 Meaderboro Rd., Rochester, NH 03867. Available for \$6. Great tool.

D. In Praise of Oxen by Terry Thomas. Available from the book ad section of SFJ. Fascinating and inspiring to me as I began working with the calves. Excellent photography.

E. The Smithsonian had an article that was very informative. Came out in the fall of 1993.

F. Tillers International, 1402 Hillcrest Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008. 616-342-6040. Contact Richard Rosenberg.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Here's the place to advertise things that pertain to the sale of Dexter cattle and Dexter semen. The price of advertising is \$5.00 per 2" ad, per issue, or \$25.00 per year for 6 issues. Please make all checks payable to ADCA, and please submit them with your ad for prompt inclusion into the Bulletin. Business cards can now be reprinted and are welcome.

CATTLE FOR SALE

CALIFORNIA

For sale: Two registered black Dexter heifer calves, born 12/13/94 and 3/17/94. Contact:

Steve Moore
5844 Casitas Pass Rd.
Carpinteria, CA 93013
(805) 684-8046

CANADA

For sale:

3157	Idol of Clovebrook	black	11/85
134c	Cranworth Winsome	dun	4/87
4268	Wee Gaelic Ms Tralee	black	12/87
5739	Wee Gaelic Ms Offaly	black	6/89
5080	Hiyu Gingersnap	dun	4/90
5749	Wee Gaelic Ms Tyrone	black	1/91
5958	Hiyu Gingersnap II	dun	5/93
6453	Hiyu Woodlark	black	1/94

Carol Davidson
Bright Meadows, RR 1
Ladysmith, B.C., Canada V0R 2E0

IOWA

Dun bull calf for sale. Proportionate, but stocky. Sire - Shome Xanadu Andy. Dam - AH Anna. \$400.

Paul Anderson
773 Jesup St.
Indianola, IA 50125
(515) 961-6772

KANSAS

Oklahoma panhandle: Free yearling bulls with my option to buy yearling heifers @ \$500 per head. Very nice small fine bone and heavy bone bulls. Will send picture, height and pedigree on request. Will meet half way for delivery.

Smiling Johnson Ranch - Dexter Headquarters
P.O. Box 441
Elkhart, KS 67950
(405) 696-4836

**EDITORS NOTE - THE DEADLINE FOR
ITEMS FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS**

OCTOBER 10:

Nov 1

MAINE

Bulls for sale, combining good milking lines of New England with heavy conformation of midwest lines.

Bull calf-black, born 5/19/94, proportionate type. All health tests and rabies vaccination included- \$500.
Black yearling bull- 33" tall, heavy muscling, very gentle- health papers and rabies vaccination. \$600.
2 year old black bull- proven, 40" tall, massive, gentle, trained to lead, health and rabies - \$750.

We will deliver these animals free anywhere in New England or Eastern New York State toward the end of October. Photos available. Send S.A.S.E.

Stonestrow Herds
323 Pineo Point
Harrington, ME 04643
leave message at (207) 667-7463

MASSACHUSETTS

Good starter herd. Young red Dexter bull, born 11/92. Proven sire. 2 black cows - one due 11/94, other just calved 6/94. Price negotiable. Willing to sell separately.

Eileen Dyer
233 Shrewsbury St.
Holden, MA 01520
(508) 829-5688

MASSACHUSETTS

For sale: Registered, dehorned black Dexters. Bred cow born 3/17/89 due late July. Cow born 12/14/83. Cow born 7/21/91. Heifer born 6/18/92. All halter broken. Will be bred in late summer and fall.

Sandy Brown
58 River Rd.
Gill, MA 01376
(413) 863-8243

MICHIGAN

Registered Dexter bull for sale. Black tall proportionate type. Born 5/15/92.

Tom and Lee Fidge
9175 Grossman Rd.
Manchester, MI 48158
(313) 428-8633

MINNESOTA

For sale: 20 month red Dexter bull; 20 month black Dexter heifer; 8 red Dexter heifers born March 1994. 1 black bull born March 1994.

David Lenz
Rt 2
Royalton, MN
(612) 355-2369

NEBRASKA

Black, shorter-legged heifer born 6/5/94. Prairie Meadows and Twainland bloodlines. \$700.

HABI Farm
Felicia Hall or Rodney Birdsell
RR 2, Box 54
Beatrice, NE 68310
(402) 223-4297

MISSOURI

Registered Dexter bulls for sale. Hester's Finley #5588. Black, born 8/18/92. Gentle, very nice short Dexter type. Mississippi Billy Rae #6474. Black, born 4/16/94. Tall.

Mississippi Ridge
John E. Knoche
RR 1, Box 214 A
LaGrange, MO 63448
(314) 655-4152

NEW YORK

For sale: Lead and feed, and getting ready to breed - two bull calves approaching service age; born 1/21/94 and 2/5/94; one red/dun and one black; measuring 33" and 34" tall at end of August; have had some initial training for use as oxen; very tame and priced to sell.

K-RO Acres
Bob and Kathy Smith
R.D. #3, Box 107A
Fort Plain, NY 13339
(518) 993-2823

MISSOURI

We have recently purchased Beerex's Red Baron Brian from Jim Moody. We will now offer our herd bull- Rhea of Sunshine, born 1/7/91. He is a red, short-legged excellent herd bull. We have many heifers from him in our herd. We will also offer a red/dun female born 7/9/89, along with two yearling black bulls carrying the red gene and one short-legged red/dun yearling bull.

Rainbow Hills Dexter Farm
Jerry Starnes
Rt 2, Box 75
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
(314) 785-2719 or (816) 826-5645

OHIO

Registered Dexter Cattle: Cows, calves and bulls.

Elmer E. Templeton
Rt 1, Box 65
Fleming, OH 45729
(614) 373-4892

OHIO

Calves, cows and bulls. Embryos also available. All from certified and accredited herd by Ohio Dept. of Agriculture.

Briar Hill Farm
James G. Johnson
4092 Broadview Rd.
Richfield, OH 44286
(216) 659-4861

MISSOURI

Registered cows, heifers, calves and bulls. All from MO Dept. of Ag. certified disease-free herd. Both types available. Also USDA inspected summer sausage and beef sticks made from Dexter beef.

Twainland Dexter Farm
James Mitchell
Rt 2, Box 71
Paris, MO 65275
(816) 327-5585

OKLAHOMA

Herd dispersal sale. Eight bred cows, heifers and bulls. Call for details.

Lazy B Ranch
Rt 2 Box 315
Watonga, OK 73772
(405) 623-4645

NEBRASKA

Bill and Charlie Ward would like to buy 3-15 head of Dexters - either cows or heifers. Would buy whole herd if possible.

Charlie Ward
Box 426
Valentine, NE
(402) 376-3440

OREGON

Small, select herd of Dexter cattle. Usually some for sale. Specializing under 40".

Kelvin Grove Stock Farms
James H. Brown
15060 S.W. Hillsboro Hwy.
Hillsboro, OR 97123
(503) 628-1116

OREGON

We sell registered Dexter cattle, Dexter supplies and semen. Contact us for all your Dexter needs! If we don't have what you want, we'll help you find it.

Thomas' Dexters
Al and Sandi Thomas
P.O. Box 135
Antelope, OR 97001
Phone / Fax (503) 763-2970

OREGON

Herd dispersal.

25 Registered Dexter cows bred for spring calving
10 long yearling Dexter heifers bred for spring calving
12 short yearling Dexter heifers, open
6 young bulls
This is a herd of registered proportionate cattle.

Roy Atherton
21125 S.E. Yamhill
Gresham, OR 97030
(503) 666-5356

SOUTH DAKOTA

Registered Dexter cattle: 2 cows, 3-4 years old. 2 heifer calves, born 11/7/93 and 1/4/94.

Tonna Hughes
HC 65, Box 64 C
Ree Heights, SD 57371
(605) 943-5612

SOUTHEAST

Cattle in North Carolina and Florida. Bulls, cows and heifers. Red/dun and black. Delivery possible in South.

Jim Moody
555-B North 15th St.
Immokalee, FL 33934
(813) 657-3464 or (704) 369-9442

TEXAS

Black and red/dun registered cattle for sale. Proportionate conformation. Bulls, heifers (bred and open), and calves available.

Janellen and Ernie Cole
JC Farm
Grimes County, TX
(713) 522-6512 or (409) 874-2417 wknds

TEXAS

Small herd of Dexters, consisting of 3 cows, 3 heifers and 1 3/4 Dexter.

George Branson
Rt 4, Box 193BB
Victoria, TX 77904
(512) 576-4340

Texas Registered Stock



- Both Types of Registered Dexter Stock Usually Available For Sale

• We need more breeders in Texas. Therefore, if we don't have the animal you want, we will help you find it from our Texas Breeders.

Briscoe's DBL D Stock Farms

Doyle & Delmareen Briscoe
P.O. Box 2368
Harker Heights, Texas 76543
817-939-6016

WASHINGTON

For sale: Llanfair's Minuet, DOB 11/3/91, black, short-legged, dehorned. Llanfair's Wycherley, DOB 7/18/94, (son of Minuet and Saltaire Platinum (Eng. reg. 2708), looks proportionate, black. Wycherley's grandfather, Migh Poldark, for the sixth year running rated as the top British Dexter bull. \$1500 for the pair.

Frederick D. Chesterley
4178 West Rd.
Blaine, WA 98230
(206) 332-8579

WASHINGTON

Dexters - old and young. Bulls, cows and heifers.

R & B Dexters
26712 N. Dennison Rd.
Deer Park, WA 99006
(509) 276-6172

WEST VIRGINIA

For sale: 7 month old dehorned heifer. Sired by #4459 Corey of Old Orchard. Papers available.

Robert C. Gaston
RD 1, Box 325
Weirton, WV 26062
(304) 748-6073

WISCONSIN

For sale: Black Dexter heifer, born 9/93, one cow born 4/92, and 2 cows born in 1990.

Ledge Hill Farm - Keith Koster
W10535 Cross Rd.
New London, WI 54961
(414) 982-5778

WISCONSIN

For sale: Excellent quality herd sire, son of Saturn of Knotting. Beefy, long bodied, straight top line, even tempered, tall, black. 4 years old. \$1200. Also yearling bull, grandson of Lucifer. \$700.

For sale: 2 Sundial line cows and heifer calves, two bull calves sired by son of Saturn. Calves are small-headed with square muzzles, straight top lines, beefy quality.

Mark Weber
(414) 684-1776

SEMEN FOR SALE

Please note - All advertising pertaining to the sale of Dexter semen in the Bulletin is required to state the height of the bull from the shoulder to the ground and the age at which the height was recorded.

HIYU TYEE #3365, black, 45" and 1000 lb @ 5 yrs. Refer to May/June 1994 Bulletin for details. Semen available from Carol Davidson, Bright Meadows, RR 1, Ladysmith, BC Canada VOR 2E0. \$20 US / straw, plus \$50 US flat fee for shipping and handling.

BEDFORD ROMARC RAMBLER #5449 (Cdn 543) - black, 42" and 814 lb @ 22 months. Refer to May/June 1994 Bulletin for details. Semen available from Carol Davidson, Bright Meadows, RR 1, Ladysmith, BC Canada VOR 2E0. In Canada, semen sold direct through Independent Breeders, Box 3608, Ardrie, Alta Canada T4B 2B8. \$20 US / straw plus \$50 US flat fee for shipping and handling, or \$25 Cdn / straw, payable to Independent Breeders, plus s & h.

WEE GAELIC MR. O'TOOLE #5741 - dun, 45" and 1020 lb @ 3 yrs. Refer to May/June 1994 Bulletin for details. Semen available from Universal Genetics, Box 910, Cardston, Alta T0K 0K0. \$20 US / straw (\$25 Cdn / straw), plus s & h, billed directly to your AI unit.

RIVERHILL SATURN'S GALAXY #5255 (Cdn 489) - black, 43" and 900 lb @ 26 months. Refer to May / June 1994 Bulletin for details. Semen available from Independent Breeders, Box 3608, Ardrie, Alta, Canada T4B 2B8. \$20 US / straw (\$25 Cdn / straw), plus s & h, billed direct to your AI unit.

Purchasers please note: The EX suffix was removed at the June 12, 1994 Directors' Meeting of the ADCA.

ALBERTA, CANADA

Use Lucifer of Knotting, #3182, 45" @ 3 yrs if you are looking for a top bull with red genes to improve udders and milk production. Loaner video available.

Paul and Judy Taylor
PO Box 125
Colinton, Alberta, Canada T0G 0R0
(403) 675-3831

GLENN LAND MAGIC #5232. Black, 45" and 950 lb at two years. 1993 California State Fair exhibitor. Very gentle. Outstanding prospect for heifers of all breeds. Has already sired 3 Dexters. Commercially frozen by JLG Enterprises. \$20 / straw plus shipping and handling.

Green River Ranch
Bill and Dusty Kirkland
8636 Berry Rd.
Wilton, CA 95693
(916) 687-7986

COLORADO

Collected from Diplomat O' Briar Hill #3780. 43" and 1050 lbs. @ 3 yrs. Collected from Sir William, #4321. 42" and 750 lbs @ 18 months.

R.S. & Mary A. Springer
Green Valley Farm
708 Inverness Rd.
Ft. Collins, CO 80524
(303) 484-2711

OHIO

Collected by COBA / Select Sires from Jamie O'Callen, #1949. Black, proportionate type. Excellent disposition, 42" tall, 1007 lbs @ 39 months.

Briar Hil Farm
James G. Johnson
4092 Broadview Rd.
Richfield, OH 44286
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DEXTER CROSS-BREEDS - AN ALTERNATIVE CHOICE FOR YOUNGER 4 -H MEMBERS

Do you have a young 4 - H or FFA member in your family that is now old enough to raise a market steer project, but not tall enough to see over the back of the typical "fair steer"? Or, do you foresee problems with that youngster being able to handle a large steer in a busy show ring? If the answer is "Yes" to either of those questions, you might want to consider a Dexter cross steer for next year's project.

We have had the opportunity to cross our Dexter bulls with Simmental, Simmental x Limousin, and Chianina/ Maine Anjou/Angus cross cows. The Dexter proves to be a distinct advantage for first-calf heifers, producing a smaller calf that's easy to deliver and grows extremely fast. This past summer, two Dexter cross steers were shown at our County Fair. Although they didn't win their class as live steers because of their size - 950 and 855 lbs., they both graded Choice, one a yield grade 1, the other yield grade 2 - not bad for calves that were only 13 months old. We have two more for next year's fair, and a couple of first time members to show them.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

So, here it is! Finally! It only took us nearly a year, but we have now moved into the computer age. There are a lot of new things and new ideas to try now that we have the viruses under control. This is the first attempt at upgrading the text and layout for the Bulletin. We have the capabilities for many different fonts, sizes, shapes and formats. I look forward to your comments and suggestions for improvements as we get going. Needless to say, I'm not going to miss the old word processor, although it served its purpose well. It was just, well s..l..o..w..

As Wes stated in the President's message, the 1995 Annual Meeting is slated to be held in Michigan. Two years ago, I volunteered that the Michigan breeders would host this event, and that I would coordinate the activities. I would definitely encourage input, comments, ideas, anything that the membership would like to see and / or do for this meeting. Is there a preference for a particular theme or speaker? Would you like a show again, or a tour of some Michigan Dexter breeders' farms? Due to our oldest son's impending graduation from high school in June, we would like to hold the meeting in early July. This gives us plenty of time to get our act together after all the graduation activities. One event that could be possible might be a Dexter barbecue, highlighting the best tasting beef we've run across in 15 years of raising our own beef. These are just thoughts at this time, but time is moving fast and I'd like to get an agenda and game plan started. If you have any ideas, please contact me, either by mail or phone. Our phone number is (616) 875-7494. If its busy, keep trying! Remember, we have teenagers! Otherwise, please jot your thoughts down on paper and send them to us. The address is listed on the front of the Bulletin. I look forward to all of your help.