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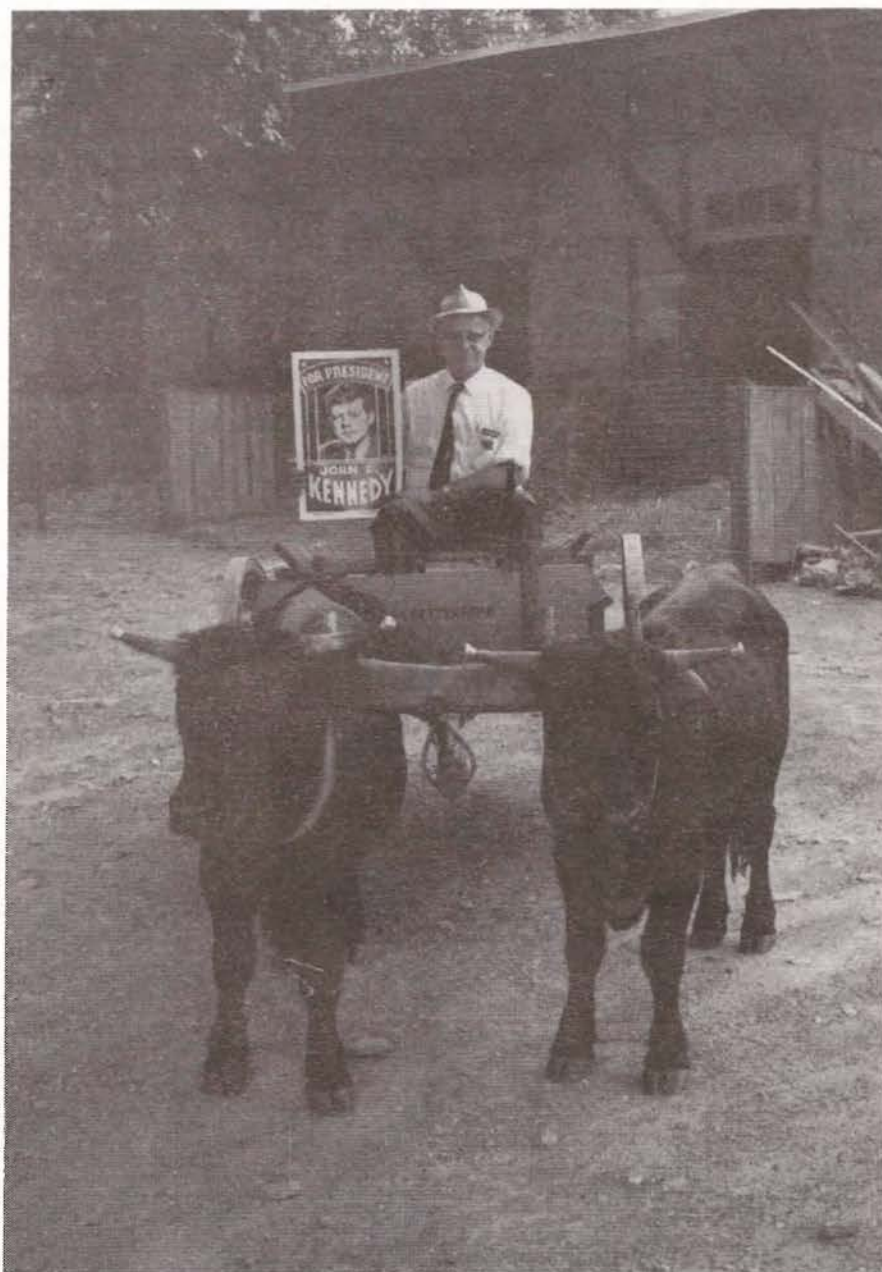
Getting Started With Dexter Cattle In The Early Days by Palmer H. Langdon

In 1952, my wife and I purchased 16 acres of attractive land in Closter, New Jersey, about evenly divided between field and woods, on which we built a house. Right away, we looked into ways to utilize the land. Sheep were considered, but we soon heard that they overgraze, get killed by dogs, and require constant attention. About this time, a friend told us about a herd of Dexters at Syosset, New York, and I went out to look. They were just the right breed for our little farm, gentle, easy to manage, do well on rough forage and not too large.

Soon we acquired our first stock of the Atlantic line, which had been recently imported from England and was registered with the English society. As the herd grew, we purchased our first bull, and I became interested in the American association, in which I could register the animals.

On April 28, 1960, I attended the annual meeting at Decorah, Iowa, at which John Logsdon, who had served as president for 20 years, was replaced by Otto Jensen, who had a large herd near Buffalo, New York. An important item discussed at this meeting was the need for a regular bulletin or newsletter to bring the members together with news, articles and advertising. Since I was in the publishing business, I was given this assignment and became the editor. There were only about eighty herds at that time, including both members and non-members who had registered stock, so the newsletter was only two pages long, but it was a beginning.

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Dexter oxen team at the Allentown Fair, September 17, 1960. Owned and trained by Hannah Lee Stokes who later served as vice-president of the ADCA.

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From the President

Since we are now into November we need to give thought to the needs of our Dexters. Most of our animals are going to be on dry feed for some time to come. Have you considered the protein and fat value of the feed they will receive? Give some thought to their needs - are they growing animals, are they pregnant cows or heifers, or are they our old mature bulls? Requirements vary. If you are not sure what to feed ask your feed supplier.

We do have a new Editor for the Bulletin. May I introduce Richard Henry from Lee's Summit, MO. We had several well qualified people indicate an interest in the position of Editor. The officers selected Richard because of his qualifications and the fact that he has attended the annual ADCA Meetings. Let's give Richard our utmost support. Send him your letters and other items that are of interest to other Dexter Breeders. They will be published as timely as space permits.

Several regions will be voting for Regional Directors this month. Please give consideration to candidates who will act in their members behalf. The candidates must be willing to attend the annual General Meeting of the ADCA. It is at this meeting that the majority of the years business is transacted.

The decision was made at the 1995 AGM that all animals registered after January 1, 1996 must carry a farm or herd name. If you do not have a name for your herd on file with the ADCA choose a name of your own. Check that name with list of herd names in the 1994 herd book to make sure that there is no duplication.

There seems to be a rumor around as to what a terrible person I am. Also I understand some members feel that way about other Officers and Board Members. I would only ask that you do not believe all that you hear. If you would like to call or write any of us we will respond to your questions with the best answers that we can. While we

can't always please everyone, we do try to make the right decisions for the majority.

Let's all remember the 1996 Show and Sale in Missouri. I hope you have started planning which animals you will show and sell. This can be a real plus for the ADCA and it's members. We need to work together to make this the best Show and Sale yet. See you there!

R.S. "Shep," Springer

Region II Dexter Meeting Oct. 15, 1995

Members present were: John and Lorraine Wolf, Jean Knoll, Stacey Thomas, Sandi Thomas, Kathy and Cary Drost, Roy and Helen Atherton, Sandra Chaney and Alex Chaney. A special thanks was given to Jack Goodman who drove all the way from Idaho to attend the meeting.

Regional Director John Wolf opened the meeting at approximately 1:30 and briefly reviewed the national meeting.

The discussion moved on to State Fair issues. Bud Forrester of the State Fair board had told John at the fair, that if Dexter breeders don't get the numbers up for next year's fair, Dexters will be dropped. John told Bud that he was trying to generate interest amongst breeders for a better turn out next year. Bud said the State Fair would send out exhibitor booklets to anyone who called in and requested one. Lorraine Wolf mentioned talking to Bud over the phone and getting a list of names of beef cattle judges that might help us with our showmanship. Roy Atherton thought that an annual Dexter show and sale would be better than showing and the fair. Sandi Thomas felt the State Fair was good promotion and there seemed to be lots of interest among breeders for the fair next year. John Wolf said it would be a shame to lose the fair after a few members have

worked so hard to secure it for us. It was generally agreed that we'll have to generate more interest.

Animal health was discussed. John suggested using a natural protein supplement instead of one containing urea. John handed out literature on worming cattle by Dr. Bliss and members watched a video on parasite control.

John closed the meeting by thanking Kathy and Cary for hosting our meeting and by thanking this year's Dexter princess and presenting her with a gift. Next year's princess will be chosen from suggestions sent in by the next spring meeting. Roy Atherton passed out handouts and discussed the need for promotion of Dexters.

Submitted by Sandra Chaney

A Dexter Health Reminder

If your Dexters get sick, remember don't wait too long to call your Vet. Some of the things that you may need to discuss with your Vet is, the length of time that your animal has been sick. Is it eating or off - feed? Are bowel movements functioning? Is this the only animal in the herd sick? Have you attempted to treat and what was given? A sick animal should be isolated from the herd if all possible and kept in a clean dry place with the least amount of restraints. Never treat a sick animal until an accurate diagnosis has been made. Good Luck!!!!

Submitted by John Wolf

ALBC

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Getting Started With Dexters In The Early Days

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Since I was just starting out in the cattle business, with no farm background, I found the County Agriculture Agent to be very helpful and friendly. He took me to visit a large Angus operation, where I learned the basic rule of pasture checking: every animal must stand when you approach them. On my farm, he advised on the construction of a V-shaped corral, shute, squeeze gate and loading ramp. He also advised on types of grasses to seed, strong fences and a plan for winter feeding of hay that dropped the seeds in a different area each day.

About three quarters of our membership was in the New York towns of Albany, Cooperstown, Tarrytown, and once a year in Hamburg, where the Erie County Fair was held, near the farm of Otto Jensen. These meetings were round table events, with everyone taking part. A custom of always scheduling a visit to a member's farm was started, and continues to the present. Usually a guest speaker was invited to take part, frequently a person from Cornell University. At a special meeting in 1960, at the Allentown, Pennsylvania State Fair, Dexter cattle were exhibited, and a team of Dexter oxen pulled a wagon around the grounds, attracting much attention.

After we sold our farm, I continued with Dexters by going into partnership with Al Bendelius, who had a farm at Accord, New York. The history from then on is well told in the current Dexter Membership Book. By 1983, the association had grown to 183 members.

Palmer Langdon was made an Honorary Member of the American Dexter Cattle Association at the annual meeting in 1991.

Book Review - The Family Cow

A few months ago I asked an agriculture extension agent in New England about family cows in his county. The man snorted, laughed and pulled out a wide roll of pale green computer printouts for farm censuses taken over the past twenty years.

"Family cow's a thing of the past," he said, and there was a note of triumph in his voice. He swept a broad, pink palm across page after curled page, stabbing dates and figures. "Look here ... and here. There's your last family cow. 1958."

Innocently I asked why they had disappeared. The agent smiled. "There's no money in a family cow Only work." He warmed up to his theme, looked me sharp in the eye and challenged. "Fifteen tons of manure a year! You going to tell people that?"

So the family or "house" cow, as she is also called, is not gone. She is only sometimes forgotten..

I had thought of it, but not in the way he implied—gesturing with arms outstretched over a pile of that in his own mind must have filled the office.

As for making money with a family cow, that never had been our object in buying one. We didn't want to lose money with her—and we didn't. On a cash basis, unless the cow suddenly dies, most people stand to come out a little ahead.

But on leaving that county agent's office that day I felt a little behind. It wasn't the "no money" or "all work" arguments. I'd heard them before. It was the "fact" that the family cow was extinct in this fairly typical rural corner of the United States.

There are hundreds of family cows in the Maritime Provinces. But suddenly I was confronted with the possibility that this might be a freak result of

isolation and economic factors that didn't hold with the rest of North America. If the family cow was gone, it had to be because there was something very impractical about her. I didn't know what it was. But how could I write a practical book on an impractical subject?

I had to find a family cow! Not having lived in the area for many years, I didn't know where to start looking.

A few minutes later I was in the next town having coffee with an old friend. She's not a farmer, but I told her my problem. "Oh," she replied. "How about the Bandleaders? They've got one. And then there's the Appleblossoms." I drove to the next town, stopping by the meat market to pick up some hamburger. Did they know of any family cows? They knew of four more.


What an ignorant computer! But no, it was my ignorance in forgetting that computers can only count what a technician feeds them. *Technician does not think family cows are practical? Technician engineers instant extinction.* So the family or "house" cow, as she is also called, is not gone. She is only sometimes forgotten.

Introduction from The Family Cow by Dirk Van Loon

Early Advertisement

The following advertisement was found in FARM JOURNAL and FARMER'S WIFE, November, 1944 issue. Cover price was 5 cents. Issue was discovered at a garage sale and purchased for 25 cents. Everything has gone up in price. Dexter advertisements are no exception.

IRISH DEXTERS
 Economical producers of milk and prime beef. Quiet, glamorous, favorites with women. Cows 800—900 lbs. Only registered herd in America. Free catalog from
JOHN LOGSDON,
 Box A-1 Decorah, Iowa



Thumbs Up On Dexters

We have raised Dexters for 5 years now and are very pleased with this breed. They have been everything we were told they would be.

The cattle raisers in our area, and I suppose everywhere are sure upset with the market lately. That normally doesn't affect us as the Dexters are marketed differently, however, we do sell some excess bull calves as steers through the local auction markets. We have found them to bring comparable prices with the other animals in their size and weight category. Considering the lower prices at this time we should all have some Dexter meat in our freezers. I have been making lots and lots of beef jerky and have had lots of people come to me to buy it, especially with Christmas coming. It makes a great gift.

With the huge influx of small acre farms becoming so popular, (everyone wanting to get away from the crime and crowding in the cities), the little perfect farm cow should become more and more in demand. This is where they reign supreme, what their original purpose was.

All of us as members and owners need to work together to spread the word. The *Bulletin* has some very informative articles and we need to keep the information coming in. Let's share good stories on success and different ideas on marketing and getting the word out on the "Best Little Breed in the World."

Robert & Carole Rohloff

P.S. Thumbs up to the officers and all the people who work hard for our organization!!!



Bylaws Revision Committee

Have you read our Bylaws lately?

In response to concerns by some members, the Board appointed a Bylaws Revision Committee, at its last meeting. The Committee's mandate is to examine the present Bylaws and recommend changes, if warranted, for the approval of the Board and the membership.

The Committee has a target date. December 14, 1997 is the twentieth anniversary of the incorporation of ADCA. We would like to wish the association "Happy Anniversary" with the completed revision. It sounds like a lot of time, but change is a very slow process.

Your input is vital to the success of this project. Workable, usable bylaws must reflect the views of the members. Do you like the Bylaws and how they are now written? What would you keep? What would you change? We need your opinions and ideas.

Please contact us before the New Year. Write to my winter address:
Sophia Stillerman, Chairperson
601 Corpino de Pecho
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Dexter Oxen

Enclosed with this letter is a picture from the Best yoke of oxen class at Cheshire Fair. My pair of Dexters came in first out of twenty.

Right now Rev and Dun are sixteen months old.

Right after I saw you at Cheshire Fair I learned that I was one of the ten teamster teams that was going to represent New Hampshire at the Eastern States Exposition at the end of September. I will be competing against twenty-five or more other teams from six other states. Hopefully New Hampshire will bring home the banner.

Rex and Dun have been my favorite team out of the five that I've had. I plan to keep them for a long, long, time.

Myles Matteson

Letter from Myles, submitted by Amy Record.

Amy, did Myles bring home the banner for New Hampshire?



Myles Matteson with Rev and Dun

Classified Advertising

Dexter Cattle For Sale

Retiring - wish to sell registered black Dexters. Dehorned except for calves. 4 bred cows, 1 heifer, 4 yearling heifers and 4 bull calves.

L.R. Stanley
P.O. Box 1527
Alturas, CA 96101
(916) 233-2771

For sale: Registered Dexter bulls, cows, and calves. Good bloodlines, easy calving. All black cows, one red bull: short 18 mos., and one short black bull.

Dinsmore Farm
Ron & Gail Brinkley
5455 U.S. 12 W.
Buchanan, MI 49107
(616) 695-5320

Cows, heifers, and bulls. All ages and sizes. Very short to tall. All black. Some dehorned.

J & J Mini Ranch
John and Judy Heisler
1600 17th Ave.
Longmont, CO 80501
(303) 851-0420

Red spring heifer calf, born 4/11/95. Exceptional body type and Irish Setter red. Both parents sired by Lucifer of Knotting. Best Offer.

Red Field Farm
Gary E. Williams
Box 243 AA
Penobscott, ME 04476
(207) 326-4717

Registered cows, heifers, calves, and bulls. All from Illinois Dept. of Agriculture certified disease-free herd.

Hilltop Haven Farm
Bill and Donna Watkins
RR 2, Box 148
Lexington, IL 61753
(309) 365-5611

For sale: Registered Dexter bulls, cow, and calves. Five 1995 heifer calves now available, \$750 - \$900 each. All black, proportionate. One 1995 bull calf, short, \$500. Bred cows also available.

Shamrock Acres
Patrick and Linda Mitchell
7164 Barry St.
Hudsonville, MI 49426
(616) 875-7494

Three dun bull calves and one black bull calf for sale. \$500 each. Long legged, but will not be real tall.

Anderson's Animals
Paul Anderson
773 Tesup St.
Indianola, IA 50125
(515) 961-6772

Registered black 4 year old cow (open). Also, short black 9 month old bull, can be registered.

Seven Springs Ranch
John J. Boda
6056 Gresham Hwy.
Vermontville, MI 49096
(517) 726-1010

For sale: Dehorned black Dexters due to calve Summer 1995.
4041 Colleen of Old Orchard d/b 12/14/88
5458 Rosie of Brookfield d/b 7/12/91
5674 Rivergill Kate d/b 6/18/92

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

Registered Dexter bull, born March 1994. Gentle. Black with red genes. Limited number of 1995 heifer calves, red and black.

David Lentz
Rt. 2
Royalton, MN 56373
(612) 335-2369

Dexter Cattle For Sale

Registered cows, heifers, calves, and bulls. All from MO Dept. of Ag. certified disease-free herd. 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

*If you didn't
check with me, you
may have paid too
much!*

We recently bought out two Dexter herds and are offering the following:

One 4 yr. old proven red/dun bull. Two 2 yr. old bulls-black and dun. The black 2 yr. old has red genes. Several weaned bull calves, both dun and black. 4 bred cows, 3 bred heifers, several weaned heifer calves. Both red and black. All black stock has red genes. We have both short and tall types. I'm sure we have a Dexter to suit you at the right price.

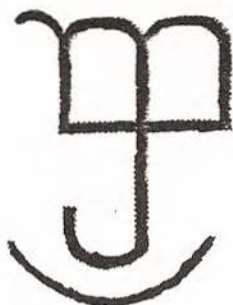
Rainbow Hills Dexter Farm
Jerry Starnes
Rt. 2, Box 75
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
(314) 785-2719 or (816) 826-5645

Registered Dexter bulls for sale. Hester's Finley #5588. Black, born 8/18/92. Gentle, very nice short 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

Smiling Johnson

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We have for sale one "very short" 7 month old heifer and 3 young heifers ready to go in 60-90 days, also bull calves. These are all out of our short legged bull SJDH "Charlie Small" #5710 39" tall. Reasonable prices, and discounts on more than one purchased.

True Grit Farm
Bob and Carole Rohloff
Rt. 3, Box 182
Montrose, MO 64770
(816) 476-5442

Herd dispersal - includes handsome, dark red/dun bull, same color yearling bull, 2 yr. old bull, cow, and yearling heifer. All Kerry type.

Danny and Lida Soileau
Patriot Hill Farm
Rt. 2, Box 115
Palmyra, MO 63461

Irish Dexter heifer born 6/5/94. Sire: Prairie Meadows Amos (#4902). Dam: Twainland #95 (#5344). \$800.

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

Black registered Dexter calves for sale. Dehorned. Bull born 2/4/95. Heifer born 2/14/95.

Elaine and Allan Abrams
Arrow Wood Farm
104 E. Saddle River Rd.
Saddle River, NJ 07458

Registered dehorned black bull and cow. Bull - #4021. Manitou P-Bar Toby. Born 2/9/89. Short, great breeder. \$1100. Cow - #2935. Bricoe's Eleanor. Born 1/29/85. Small calves - to calf in fall. \$600.

Jerry Sewrook
712 Hermosa
Chaparral, NM 88021
(505) 824-4357

Two registered black Dexter cows. Calved March, 1995. Raising their offspring. Cows not bred back as of June.

Charles D. Betz
PO Box 254
Hobart, NY 13788
(607) 538-9100

Registered Dexter cattle. Cows, bulls, and calves.

Elmer E. Templeton
Rt. 1, Box 65
Fleming, OH 45729

Dexter Cattle For Sale

3694 Twainland Clarkia. 7 yr. old black proportionate cow with calf. Hand milked for 5 yrs. Must sell. Non-vaccinated, tested clean.

RARE REALITY FARM
Nancy Schilb
3630 Berkey Southern
Swanton, OH 43558
(419) 826-1677

For sale: Registered Dexter stock. Dehorned. Please call for more information.

Crow Hill Farm
The Schlegels
5484 Force Rd.
Shreve, OH 44676
(216) 567-3890

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 44288
(216) 659-4861

Small, select herd of Dexter cattle. Usually some for sale. Specializing under 40", black and red/dun.

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

For sale: Registered Dexters.

10 open yearling heifers @ \$1250 each. 8 bred 2 yr. old heifers @ \$1500 ea. Several pairs with heifer calves @ \$2500 / pr. One young cow born 5/11/91 with twin heifer calves born 7/7/94 - all three for \$4500. Bull-Glencara Paddy, #3864EX black, 44" tall, 1050 lbs. @ 4 yrs. Offspring don't carry EX. \$2500. Several yearling bulls @ \$1000. My first calves from Paddy are on the ground and are pretty as a picture. I offer these cattle for sale as a complete dispersal. Will offer special volume pricing.

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Phillip Martz
RD4 Box 162
Berlin, PA 15530
(814) 267-5052

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**Larry Higgins &
Gwen Casey-Higgins**

Dog Run Dexters
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Berryville, VA 22611
(703) 955-4421

For sale: 2 heifers, 16 mo. and 3 mo. and 2 cows - 2 1/2 and 4 1/2 yrs. old.

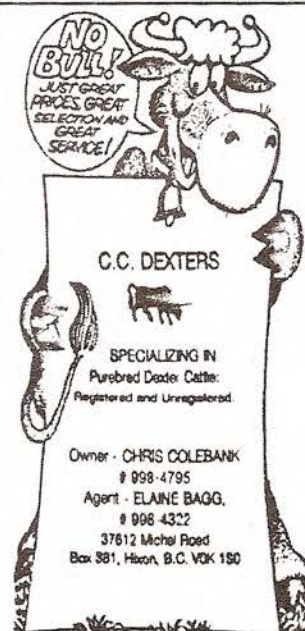
Evelyn Colcough
10418 16th St. E.
Puyallup, WA 98372
(206) 927-4608 or (206) 927-9602

Registered cattle for sale:

Dublin's Red Beauty, #5326, red cow
Billy Bob's Daisy Mae, #7168, red heifer
Billy Bob's Danny Boy, #7167, red bull
Dublin's Billy Bob, #5846, red bull
Happy Mountain Farm
Dick and Arlene Gradwohl
25204 - 156th Ave. SE
Kent, WA 98042
(206) 631-1911

Dexter bull calf born 3/95. Short, black, can be registered. Also, tall Dexter steer born 3/95.

Twin Creek's Ranch
Lynn and Mike Kasel
Rt. 2, Box 151
Hixton, WI 54635
(715) 984-2455 call in evenings



Dexter Cattle For Sale

Small black Dexters available. Years of quality herd management.

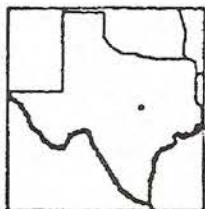


Grand View Farm

7411 288th St. E.
Graham, WA 98338
(206) 847-7204

Charles and Bettie George

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
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Harker Heights, Texas 76543
817-939-6016

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Glenn Land Farm
Wes Patton
7069 County Rd. 20
Orland, CA 95963
(916) 865-7250

Registered Dexter cows, heifers, and bulls. Black, some very short to tall. Heifer calves dehorned and halter broken.

Morgan Ridge Farm
Donna Martin / Robert Tobey
19615 Asheville Hwy.
Landrum, S.C. 29356
(803) 457-4916



Dexter Semen For Sale

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 TOG 0R0
(403) 675-3831

Limited amount of semen available from Rhea of Sunshine, #4588. Red, 38 1/2" tall, 670 lbs. @ 4 yrs. High proportion of heifers. First come, first serve. \$20 per straw plus s & h.

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

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

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James G. Johnson
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Richfield, OH 44286
(216) 659-4861

Thomas' Reu Grande #3847. Black with red genes, 40" @ 3 yrs. \$20 / straw plus s & h. Approved International Export, from U.S. or Canada. Thomas' Magic Pride. Black with red genes. 40" @ 3 1/2 yrs. \$20 / straw.

Thomas' Dexters
Al and Sandi Thomas
PO Box 135
Antelope, OR 97001
Phone / Fax (503) 489-3385

Collected from Anton of Mt. Carmel, #2871. Red. 40 1/2" tall, 8 yrs. old and 975 lbs. Proportionate, long bodied, fleshy. Producing clean-uddered heifers and fleshy bulls. \$15 per straw + shipping.

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Collected from Glencara Paddy, #3864 EX. Black, 44 1/2" tall, 1050 lbs. @ 4 yrs. \$20 / straw + s & h. Note his offspring do not carry EX.

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Dexter Semen For Sale

Semen for Canadian and U.S. use:
 Hiyu Tyee #3365, black 45" @ 5 yrs.
 Bedford Romarc Rambler #5449
 Wee Gaelic Mr. O'Toole #5741, dun 45" @ 3 yrs.
 Riverhill Saturn's Galaxy #5255, black 41" @ 2 yrs.

NEW

CORNAHIR OUTLAW #6703, RED 43" @ 3 yrs.
 1-5 straws - \$35.00/straw. 6 or more \$30.00 each.
 Please refer to May/June 1995 Bulletin for detailed information.

Carol Davidson
 Bright Meadows, RRI
 Ladysmith, BC, Canada VOR 2E0

Smiling Johnson Ranch Donates Steer

The Smiling Johnson Ranch will donate a steer calf each year in Region 6, to any 4H or FFA kid who will show it at a county fair. All they need to do is submit a letter to The Smiling Johnson Ranch, P.O. Box 441, Elkhart, Kansas 67950, stating why they would like to show a Dexter. Maybe the Association President will draw the lucky name and they can pick up the calf in January, 1996.

We need to promote the Dexter breed to the health conscious public as a natural beef with no drugs, low fat, high protein and fine tasting. They will gain well on feed, dress out high percentage, and are small for the family freezer.

One head 896 lbs. Went in @ 565 lbs. Gains of 331 lbs. 122 days on feed 2.71 lbs. per day gain. Dressed 57%
 2nd head 852 lbs. Went in @ 520 lbs. Gains of 332 lbs. 122 days on feed 2.71 lbs. per day gain. Dressed 58%
 Both head graded U.S.D.A. Select YG1 Carcasses.

If I had kept them on feed another 30 to 45 days, they would have graded Choice possibly Prime. Very little backfat, good marbling in the rib eye.

3 head total weight 1695 lbs.
 3 head total weight 2423 lbs.
 Total gain 728 lbs.
 3 head total Cost: \$526.00
 3 head total Cost: .722 cents per lb.
 3 head 4.14 cents per day for 127 days.
 2 head 2.76 cents per day or \$00.51 per lb.

One steer was smaller and he started off slow. Also he was sick to start with, and did not do as well.

*Submitted by
 Marvin B. Johnson
 Smiling Johnson Ranch*

From the Editor

As the new editor, I'd like to first express my appreciation to all the former editors of the Bulletin, going all the way back to our first, Palmer H. Langdon. The Bulletin continues on today because of our former editors hard work and dedication. Being my first issue, it was very special to have an article from Palmer. When called, he came up with an article for me. He also contributed the photograph on the cover. His dedication to Dexter cattle should be an example for all of us.

I've had ancestors that had roots in Kerry County, Ireland. My agricultural background comes from summers chasing toads at my grandparents, Hazel and Hazle Logsdon's farm in Nebraska. My wife Julie has put up with me for over seventeen years and we have two sons, Justin and Lucas, ages 8 and 11. My oldest son started band this year, and I discovered how much a trombone sounds like a Dexter.

Change can sometimes be difficult for people, I know at times it is for me. My wife will tell me to throw that old threadbare shirt I'm wearing away, but it's comfortable, so I'll wear it until the drafts in the elbows become too great. I've found a few holes in the Bulletin, so I've begun making changes. One change you may have noticed is doing away with listing ads by states. Because of the different sized ads, it creates layout problems and makes it more difficult to include a last minute ad. Yes, you now have to read *all* the ads.

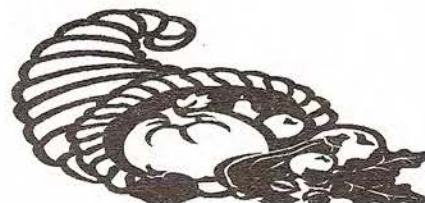
I want to apologize to members whose ad appeared in this issue when it shouldn't have. I'm in the process of straightening out the books, so if your ad doesn't belong, let me know. I'd also like to hear from the members that have ads running for a period of time, so I can record your status. Your help will speed up the process. If your phone keeps ringing from people wanting to buy that Dexter you sold months ago, once again I'm sorry. I'd appreciate everyone's help. As soon as we get this put together, we'll go to work on a better classified section.

I want to thank the Officers of the American Dexter Cattle Association for the confidence shown in giving me the opportunity to serve as editor.

I also want to thank everyone that contributed to this November - December issue. It is members such as you, that make the Bulletin the voice for that little farm cow, the Dexter.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Richard Henry



Information

Books for sale

The Life and Times of Dexters

by Ted Neal

A full color book about Dexters direct from England.
\$27.50 check or money order.

Dexter Cattle

by John Hays - USA

\$7.95 per copy, plus \$1.55 postage and handling.

The Dexter Cow and Cattle Keeping on a Small Scale

by Dr. William Thrower - England

\$9.00 each, postage paid.

Kerry and Dexter Cattle and other ancient Irish breeds.

A history

by Patrick Leonard Curran

Lecturer, Faculty of Agriculture University College,
Dublin Council Member,
Royal Dublin Society, 1990
\$25

Please order all books from:
Rosemary Fleharty, Secretary
American Dexter Cattle Association
Route 1, Box 378
Concordia, MO 64020

Sales requirements for semen

Advertising pertaining to the sale of semen in the **Bulletin**, requires one to state the height of the bull from the shoulder to the ground and the age at which the height was recorded.

All Ads Due by Dec. 25



Happy Holidays

Advertising

Classified advertisements of Dexter cattle or Dexter semen is \$5.00 for a 2 inch ad, or \$25.00 per year for six issues. Make all checks payable to the American Dexter Cattle Association. Please submit payment with your ad and send to:

17409 E. 163rd St.

Lee's Summit, MO 64082

All transactions are between buyer and seller. The Association trusts both will use their own good judgement and exercise the highest of integrity.

The Dexter Bulletin

The **Bulletin** welcomes articles and letters from the membership. Those published may be edited for length and clarity.

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Send letters and articles to the editor:

Richard Henry

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Fee Schedule

Cost of Registrations:

Cows up to 1 yr. old	\$20.00
Bulls up to 1 yr. old	\$20.00
Cows over 1 yr. old	\$40.00
Bulls over 1 yr. old	\$40.00
Animals from A.I. sires	\$25.00

Cost of Transfers:

Regular transfers	\$20.00
Inner-herd transfers	\$10.00
Registration and transfers for non members	\$100.00
New membership (owning registered Dexters)	\$30.00
Associate membership (not owning Dexter cattle)	\$30.00
Annual renewal (for all memberships)	\$20.00
Subscriber (Bulletin only)	\$10.00

Names for registration cannot exceed 21 letters

The code letter for 1995 is "E"

From the Secretary

Be sure to get all registrations and transfers in prior to December 31. Only animals that paperwork is received prior to that time will appear in next year's herd book. Also, don't forget that your annual membership fees will be due January 1.

Annual Membership Renewal

Annual membership fees are due January 1

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Please submit fees to:

American Dexter Cattle Association
Route 1, Box 378
Concordia, MO 64020

1996 ADCA National Meeting - Show and Sale

Don't forget to place this date on your calendar. The 1996 American Dexter Cattle Association's Annual Meeting will be held June 7 - 9, 1996, at Higginsville, Missouri (just 50 miles East of the Kansas City metropolitan area) at the Best Western Camelot Inn (junction of I-70 and Highway 13). The show will be located just 5 miles off I-70 on Highway 13.

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting we will be holding our fourth National Show and sale. As winter is now approaching, now is a good time to break the cattle you would like to show. Of course, you may show animals and not put them in the sale. We would like to have as large a show as possible. One of our Regional Directors has offered to make a video for use in advertising Dexters. So, if you participate, your animals will be a part of our next year's advertising

campaign.

We will be preparing a show catalog, have a professional auctioneer for the sale, etc., so your early response in letting us know how many animals you are bringing is important. This show catalog will be sent to prospective buyers and inquiries prior to the show and sale.

Check with other breeders in your area. Perhaps several of you can make the trip together. If you need to arrive earlier than Friday, we will have housing available for your livestock.

More details will be coming in the January Bulletin.

Dean Fleharty, Show Chairperson
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