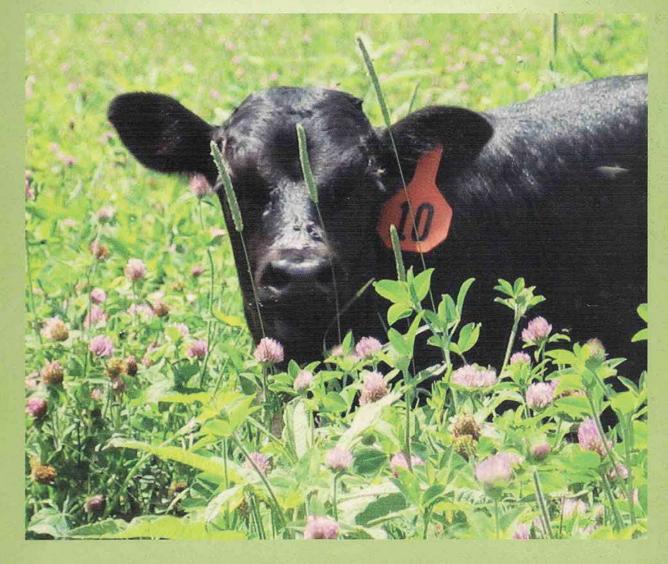


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ON THE COVER

Spring is all about *New Beginnings*, green pastures, colorful blooms and *Calving*. Thanks go out to Matt and Heather DeLaVega at O'Bannon Valley Farms, in Pleasant Plain, Ohio, for this photo of a Dexter bull calf in the lush Spring clover. This truly captures the beauty of the season.

President's Message

I am sitting here trying to know where to start this issue's message. I, being an engineer, write emails and reports all the time and putting my words to paper are not usually a problem. There has been a lot happening within the organization, which your regional directors do a great job reporting to you on, so that leaves me precious little to write. But alas here I go



By now all of you have received your most resent copy of the Bulletin. I can sum up my thoughts about this most resent issue in one word.....WOW. My hat goes off to Lucy Glover on her first issue. It was incredibly done and my only apology, to you the members, was that we had to put all the minutes of the meetings in one issue. Although very necessary information, it did take up a lot of space.

Not only does the Bulletin have a new look, it has a new attitude about our path forward for this publication. The Bulletin will not only continue to be a communication tool for the association but also it will evolve to more of a learning tool for our breeders. Most of our members are small breeders that have a few cows and most often the cows are the first that they have owned. We are going to start having more articles that not only deal with Dexters but with livestock in general. We are going to try to keep it informative and fresh every issue. Please let us know how you like the new format as your feedback is the only way to know if we are going in the right direction.

I would also like to welcome our newest member of the ADCA Board of directors, Pam Malcuit, from the great state of Texas. Pam has a Master's degree in Education and taught school where her husband Bernie was stationed with the Air Force. Now "Retired" (ya right) their farm in Iola is home to Miniature Donkeys, Miniature Horses, Tennessee Walking Horses, and best of all Dexter Cattle. Please join me in welcoming Pam to the management team of the ADCA.

The AGM is fast approaching. For those that are going to be attending, I urge you to register and book your accommodations as quickly as possible so as not to be disappointed. Those showing animals from out of state, please remember to contact your vet to ensure that state health requirements are met. As well, those that have space for hauling either to or from the AGM, make yourself known as there are always persons looking for reliable transport.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to AI and Sandi Thomas of Antelope, OR for their donation of the young Dexter cow that will be auctioned off at this year's AGM. You all know the Thomas Herd of livestock and the quality of animals that they produce. This is a two-for-one price as this young cow will be bred back to Sandi's Red bull Rory. Make sure that you get a chance to bid on this fine animal by attending the AGM.

We have recently purchased new registration software for the association. The original software the association was using was no longer being supported due to the fact that it was a private individual that developed it for the association many years ago. For those that are not computer savvy, Chuck will be at the AGM with a copy of the registry and the ADCA Online Pedigree. He will be setting up and offering support for anyone that would like to learn how to access the Online Pedigree and use this tool that we have.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of John Potter and all the work that he has done is setting up the Chondrodysplasia testing for the ADCA members. John was instrumental in negotiating the current agreement that we have with Bova-Can, designing the application form, and taking care of the processing of the samples. The first batch of Chondro testing has been sent and it was a huge

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Bova-Can. For those interested, Bova-Can also offers Dun Factor color testing as well. This is extremely important for those breeders that have red bulls in their herds. By testing for dun, should your red bull come back negative for the Dun gene, you know that all the non-black calves have to be red. Thanks John for all vour efforts

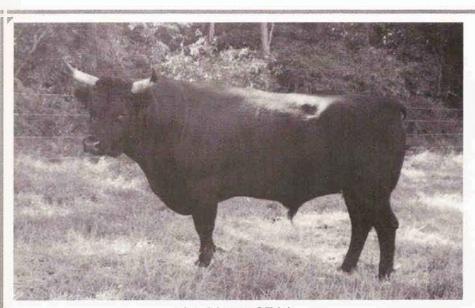
I was saddened to hear of the passing of John Hays, long time Dexter breeder and ADCA member. I never !!!!!" It is amazing what these little bovine can do to had the opportunity to meet John but this last while spoke to his wife Belle as well as many that did know the fever !!! him. The members of this association owe a lot to the energy of this man. John wrote the Articles of Incorporation for the ADCA, wrote and updated By-Laws for the ADCA from 1977 until 1989, acted as legal council for the association and served as Director for the original Pacific Region.

His "Talisman Herd" founded 1974 was the foundation

for many Dexter herds. Looking in the ADCA online pedigree, the Talisman name is on 66 animals. Belle herself still has two "Talisman" cows on their place. The loss of John will success. In total, 142 tests samples were sent to be felt throughout the Dexter community.

> I recently sold a heifer and bull to a local family in Idaho. Although not their first livestock (they had a jersey cow and goats), these were their first Dexters. I have been corresponding with the father of the family for some weeks on bloodlines, other breeders and such. I made the comment that I thought he was hooked. He responded to me "Hooked Heck I sold the Jersey, goats are goingIt's Dexters all the way you They are infectious. ... Help someone catch

> > Chris Ricard ADCA President



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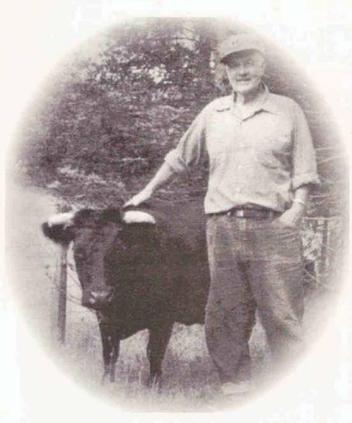
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In loving memory of John Hays

The American Dexter Cattle Association wishes to acknowledge the passing of one of the founding members of this organization, Mr. John Hays who passed away in November of 2004 at the age of 92. His wife of 60 years, our dear friend and fellow Dexter breeder Belle Hays, survives him.

John was an attorney by profession. Music was his second love in life (Belle his first). He played bass trombone with the San Francisco Symphony as well as several others and was a composer of symphonic works.

The Hays purchased their "Talisman Farm" in Comptche, California in 1973. John and Belle bought their first Dexter cattle in the fall of 1974 when he bought four cows sight unseen from a breeder in Indiana and later that year purchased a bull from a breeder in Texas. This formed the nucleus of what was to become the "Talisman" Dexter herd.

John was a key player in the reorganization of the group known as "American Kerry and Dexter Club", incorporated in 1943. This became the American Dexter Cattle Association incorporated in January of 1978, the organization that we know now. John wrote the Articles of Incorporation and the original and updated By-Laws for the ADCA from 1977 until 1989 and acted as Director for the original Pacific Region.

John took on the arduous task of compiling the information of several others and the first edition of the "Dexter Cattle" book was published in 1984. At the ADCA annual meeting at Chico, CA, in 1994 both John and Belle were made Honorary Lifetime members of the ADCA.

Active Dexter breeders, the ADCA online pedigree shows the Hays having registered at least 66 animals under the "Talisman" herd name. John and Belle both were strong supporters of the "Original" type Dexter; small, black, with white horns having black tips. Belle still has two of their Talisman cows but they have been retired from producing calves.

In 2004 before John's passing, he and Belle put together the 4th Edition of "Dexter Cattle" and Belle presented it as a gift to the Association to carry John's name on in the world of Dexter Breeders. This brings the printing total of his book to1700 copies. We are truly grateful for their efforts and generosity!

John's name will not be forgotten in the hearts and minds of many Dexter breeders. He is as much a part of U.S. Dexters as the animals themselves.

Belle Hays,

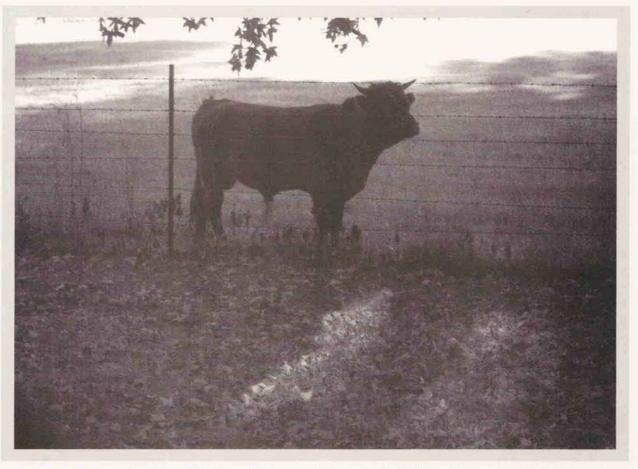
as a gift to the Association to carry on John's name, has given us a limited number of copies of the 4th edition of *"Dexter Cattle"* to be made available to our breeders. The cost of the book will be \$7.95 plus \$1.30 for postage.

To obtain a copy of this edition produced in Memory of John, please send \$9.25 in check or money order payable to ADCA to Treasurer Jim Smith.

> Jim Smith 6907 West Alfalfa Brookline , MO 65619

Dexter Cattle

by John Hays



"Harry ST at Sunset", Courtesy of James Smith, ADCA Treasurer

When Do We Intervene And Assist A Cow or Heifer in Labor?

By Glenn Selk

Fall calving season is upon the Oklahoma ranches that have fall and winter calving. An issue facing the rancher at calving time is the amount of time heifers or cows are allowed to be in labor before assistance is given. Traditional text books, fact sheets and magazine articles have sometimes stated that "Stage II" of labor lasted from 2 to 4 hours. "Stage II" is defined as that portion of the birthing process from the first appearance of the water bag until the baby calf is delivered. Newer data from Oklahoma State University and the USDA experiment station at Miles City, Montana clearly show that Stage II is much shorter, lasting approximately 60 minutes in first calf heifers, and 30 minutes in mature cows.

Table 1. Research Results of Length of Stage II of Parturition (Calving)

Research site	Number of cattle	Average Length of Stage II of Parturition
USDA (Montana)	24 mature cows	22.5 minutes
USDA (Montana)	32 first calf heifers	54.1 minutes
Oklahoma State Univ.	32 first calf heifers	63.4 minutes

In these studies, heifers that were in stage II of labor much more than one hour or cows that were in stage II much more than 30 minutes definitely needed assistance. Research information also shows that calves from prolonged deliveries are weaker and more disease prone, even if born alive. In addition, cows or heifers with prolonged deliveries return to heat later and are less likely to be bred for the next calf crop. Consequently a good rule of thumb is: If the heifer is not making significant progress 1 hour after the water bag or feet appear, examine the heifer to see if you can provide assistance. Mature cows (making little or no progress) should be watched for only 30 minutes before an obstetrical examine is conducted. If you cannot safely deliver the calf yourself at this time, call your local veterinarian immediately. Know your own limitations and

give your veterinarian the best chance to help the cow and you.

Most ranches develop heifers fully, and use calving ease bulls to prevent calving difficulties. However, a few difficult births are going to occur each calving season. For the optimum health of the calf and the best future reproductive performance of the mother, stage II of labor should not be allowed to greatly exceed the averages shown in Table 1.

This article reprinted with permission from Glenn Selk, OSU Extension Animal Reproduction Specialist. Additional articles from Glenn can be seen at http://cowcalfcorner.okstate.edu/





By John Potter, Director, Region 10

The response to the resumption of testing for the Chondrodysplasia ("bulldog gene") in U.S. Dexter cattle has been excellent. Testing will be done quarterly, and John Potter, the chairman of the Genetics and Science Committee, is the liaison between the ADCA and Bova-Can Laboratories for Applications, instructions, and the the testing. required Bova-Can sample envelopes are obtained by sending a written request specifying the number of samples to be tested to John by USPS mail at 2524 W. Elm Valley Road, Galien, MI 49113 or by email at jpotter@remc11.k12.mi.us. Please do not request the materials by telephone. The remaining 2005 deadlines by which samples must be received in order to be processed with the respective quarterly batch are June 15, September 15, and December 15. Samples and applications received after each deadline will be processed with the next test batch.

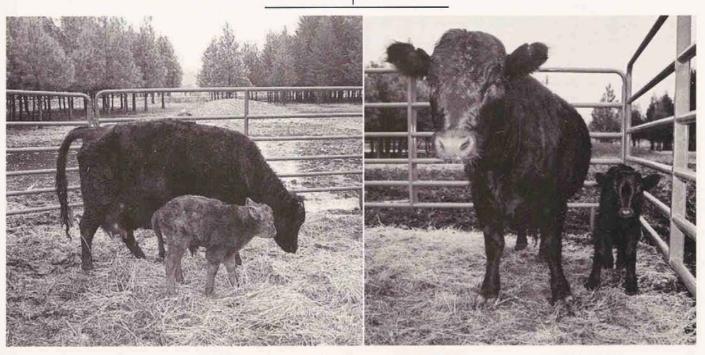
The cost per sample of \$35 is contingent upon the following conditions being met: Each sample must be submitted by an ADCA member in good standing, and the sample must be from a Dexter that is ADCA-registered or, if not yet registered, from an ADCA-registered sire and dam. A check made payable to the ADCA must accompany each application and its sample (s). Each breeder will receive an individual

written report for each sample submitted, and each breeder has the option of receiving a hard copy of the report by USPS mail or a PDF copy by email.

When sending samples, applications, and payments, please use regular first class mail or priority mail with delivery confirmation. The latter service costs \$4.30 per shipment. *Please do not use Express Mail or any other method which requires a signature for delivery confirmation*.

The Dun Factor test is also available from Bova-Can through the ADCA. The same procedures apply to this test as those for the Chondrodysplasia test, and the cost is \$47 per sample. The Dun Factor test can be a valuable and cost-effective tool for the registration of non-black Dexters. Contact the members of the Genetics and Science Committee (Anthony Bauer, IL, John Potter, MI, Sandi Thomas, OR) for information. Also, the 2005 Membership Directory will contain information about color genetics and registration.

Be sure to check the ADCA website for deadlines and other information about genetic testing.



Spring Calves, Courtesy of Celestial Farms

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Registrar's Observations By Chuck Daggett

I first assumed the responsibilities of both Registrar and Webmaster at the 2004 Annual Meeting. Initially, I did not want this position as I had hoped the previous secretary would accept that role. I did not want the Association to split so I accepted both jobs. I did want to work on the website to make it a more responsive, member-driven, source of information for our members.

We got off to a slow start because I did not receive the database or the accumulated paperwork until late September. I tracked down Arthur Tees at a new address (where he is enjoying retirement). Arthur has helped me through some problems with the program he wrote, but does not want to continue to support the program. Therefore, it's taking me a little more time to find answers to many of your questions. With the help of many, many emails from Arthur and a lot of work, we have worked out some of the problems. It is a wonderful program that has undergone a lot of changes but, in a perfect world, I would have liked to have had some help with the transition.

My goal and commitment to the ADCA was to make the move to a commercial software program written in a format that could be supported by future registrars. While this information on 4,000 members and 40,000 animals is not perfect, it is the only up-to-date history of the Dexter breed in this country.

The Online Pedigree is a complete record of our animals taken directly from the registry. Many of our more conscientious members have found errors that were made over the years with the program that would never have been found without this exposure.

I have nearly completed the transition to the Centric Software Herd Registry and the reconfiguring of the Online Pedigree program by Capable Computing. This has been a daunting job and is still in progress. The "populating" of the new program is a process of moving data with different fields that have been configured and changed over the years. I back-up the ADCA registry off

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Your help can help reduce registry and certificate errors immensely. They usually fall into four categories:

Handwritten paperwork - a real source of frustration as animal names are often difficult to read. Members' signatures are also often a challenge. Misreading ear tag letters like D or O, 1 or L is common.

The use of names rather than numbers on our paperwork causes problems especially common names like Jim Smith, Bob Johnson. The problem only increases with our growth in numbers.

Errors are often my fault as well, when I do not properly proofread the information.

The last problem is difficult to deal with. If a member is dishonest or careless in filling out the forms with the wrong Sire or Dam or Date owned or color, it is difficult, if not impossible for me, to catch. Any question I have on color, Polled or ownership, I turn over to our Science Committee for more research. With my lack of experience, my understanding of the registry guidelines has often been questioned. I can assure you that the rules that govern the ADCA registry are followed and our trust in the breeder's honesty is the basis for registration unless member information is disputed.

I am open to email, phone or regular mail questions; I try to correct errors as quickly as possible. It is privilege to serve the ADCA, though not nearly as exciting as watching a new Dexter calf struggle to his feet in the spring!

Chuck Daggett

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A Note from the Secretary's Desk:

Winter is staying longer for some and many of us in the northwest haven't had a winter. But we are all starting to think about spring projects. It is time for a new beginning for us all.

Hope you all enjoyed the new look of the winter Bulletin. We know it is just the start of many more good things for the ADCA.

We hope to see a great turnout at the AGM in Springfield, Mo. The Show and Sale should be one of our best. Let's all mark our calendars for the AGM in June 2005.

Bonnie Boudreau ADCA Secretary



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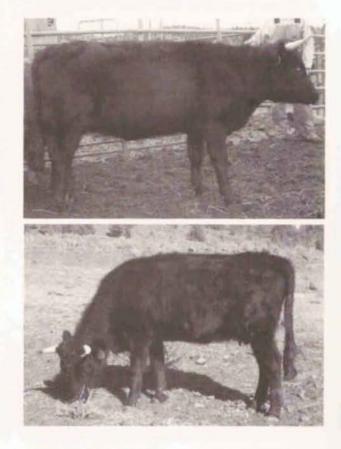
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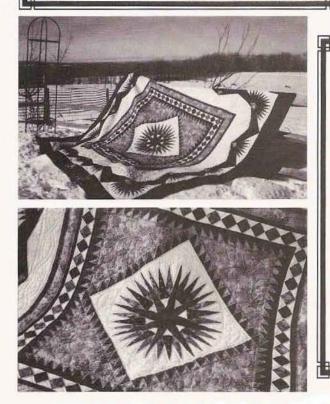
She has a red sire and is pastured with a red bull for 2nd calf breeding (she will be preg checked before Jun sale)

She has been shown at Fair for the last 2 years.

Denna will be offered at the Annual Meeting in Springfield Missouri as a fund raiser for the ADCA.

(Donated by Thomas' Dexters, Antelope, OR)





The White Dexter Sale being held at the AGM will also feature this hand-quilted "Mariner's Star" Queen/King size quilt. The quilt is dark blue and bright red fabric on a crisp white background. It was designed and quilted by Amanda B. Wengerd of South Dayton, New York. Amanda's family is part of the oldest Amish Community in New York State, the Conewango Valley Amish. If you can't make the AGM, a silent bid on this quilt can be sent to: James Smith ADCA Treasurer 6907 W Alfalfa Lane

The traditional "White Dexter Sale" will be held so please bring your donation of unusual or interesting items from your area to be auctioned.

ADCA Treasurers Update by James W Smith

Hello Membership,

I want to give you an update on the status of the ADCA and the IRS.

At the 2004 AGM the prior administration and other individuals were voicing what I would classify as scare comments about how the ADCA had not filed returns properly and was in trouble with the IRS. Please remember some of the ones voicing these comments were the same persons responsible for filing the returns for the past fifteen years or so.

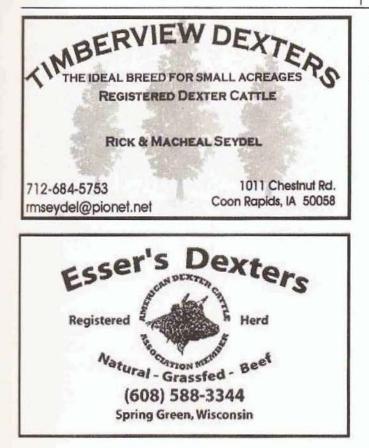
The tax return for 2003 prepared by Howe and Associates CPA of Columbia and Boonville, MO and filed by Rosemary, following a filing extension, was filed as a 990 EZ return which was inappropriate due to the revenue level, it should have been a full 990 filing. Late last year, I received notification by the IRS advising that our tax return had been incorrectly filed and was considered not filed and that penalties and interest were accruing till a proper filing was made.

In January 2005, I prepared a revised full 990 tax return and filed it with the IRS along with a letter of explanation as to changes in the organization. GOOD NEWS arrived on March 8, 2005 when I received a notification from the IRS that our revised return was filed and they had removed all penalties and interest which had accrued and the ADCA owed zero -0-. The amount that the IRA forgave was shown to be \$ 2,960.

The 2004 tax return while not required to be filed as a full 990 I elected to prepare and file as a full 990 return which was mailed to the IRS on March 10, 2005. The initial filing deadline is May 15.

The ADCA is in good financial condition following 2004 a year with many extraordinary costs and membership changes resulting in a loss for the year. While many of the ADCA's major costs come early in the year 2004 had the ADCA recording a loss of (\$ 24,886) by the end of July 2004, then recovering in the last five months to a final loss of (\$ 8,780).

We have cash reserves to carry the ADCA, through this transition period and the Board is working diligently to restructure costs so we operate within our revenues.



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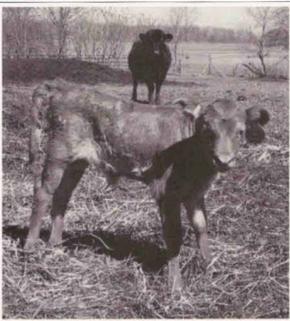
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- 1. Halter or muzzle the animal, if necessary.
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- Check the correctness of the symbols by making a mark on a piece of paper.
- 5. Smear ink on the needles and on the skin, choosing an area free from freckles and warts if possible. Place the symbols parallel to and between the veins or cartilaginous ridges of the ear. The accidental piercing of a vein may spoil the tattoo.
- 6. Make the imprints with a quick firm movement and immediately apply a further amount of ink from the container on the ear and rub vigorously and continuously for at least fifteen seconds to ensure penetration. This is very important. The most effective method is to rub thumb and forefinger, though a brush may be used.
- Remove the rubber pad and rinse it and the needles in water, then dry. The sponge rubber pad should be discarded when it begins to lose its elasticity. The brush, if one used, should also be rinsed.
- Do not disturb the area until the healing process is complete, which may be from 5 days to 21 days, depending on the age of the animal.
- 9. Keep a list of tattoo numbers with name of animals and enter same in your private breeding record.



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"Ciara & Carmen", Courtesy of John Potter, Region 10

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Region 1 John Foley, Director

In Region 1 winter is over and we are ready for spring.

A lot of work has been completed on setting up the Show and Sale and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the American Dexter Cattle Association. Mr. Steve Cushing is in the process of polling the Missouri Dexter Breeders to encourage breeders to bring animals to the National Show and Sale and to attend the AGM.

A meeting was held on January 29, 2005 at Jim Smith's home to discuss plans for the Annual General Meeting in Springfield on June 10, 11 and 12. The group toured the venue and discussed plans for setting up the show and sale. Mr. Dick Clark volunteered to conduct a seminar on Showing Cattle on Friday evening June 10. Mr. Clark has shown cattle for years and has a lot of experience in the cattle business.

The cut off date for registering animals for the Show and Sale is April 30. That will be here before you know it so please get your animals registered as soon as possible. That is also true for registering for the AGM. Please get your registration in as soon as possible so we will know how many to plan to feed and seat at the meeting.

> John Foley Region 1 Director

ADCA Election Results

Four Regions had elections slated for fall of 2004. Due to the need to realign some regions giving equal representation to all the members, the realignment process moved the election/nomination process into Jan. 2005. The nomination forms went out to all members that had paid dues in 2004.

The results of the request for nominations are as follows:

Region 3	No Qualified Nominee
Region 6	Joanie Storck
Region 7	Pam Malcuit
Region 8	Sally Coad

Each region only received one (qualified) nominee, so for that reason, there will be no need for the expense of a ballot to be mailed to each member in those regions.

ADCA members are welcomed to contact Secretary Bonnie Boudreau for a copy of the Nominating Committees count and review of the nomination forms returned.

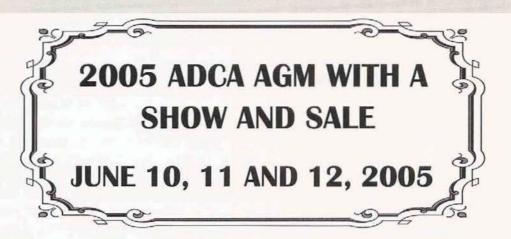
ADCA members Tony Gorman, of Connecticut, and Debbie Davis, of Colorado, independently counted and reviewed the Nomination forms received.

Committee co-chairs, Tom Gray and Shaun Lord, would like to thank the members who participated in the election process.

Best of luck to the new Regional Directors!







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AGENDA

FRIDAY NIGHT -Video Show and Fellowship

5:00 PM: Mr. Dick Clark will be conducting a seminar on how to show cattle. Mr. Clark has shown cattle for many years and is very experienced. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

SATURDAY-Show and Sale & Annual General Meeting

Saturday's Noon Meal will be catered at the meeting location. Saturdays Banquet Meal will be catered at the meeting location. White Dexter Sale after the Banquet Meal.

SPEAKER

Nancy Edge, from New Zealand, will speak on classifying cattle and will also judge the show. Mrs. Edge has been involved with cattle since she was a child. She has successfully run her own Jersey dairy. She also has been involved in breeding commercial beef cattle. In 1991, she started breeding Dexters. She is a founding member of the New Zealand Dexter Society and was its secretary for 8 years and president for 2 years. Mrs. Edge is a trained all-breeds Beef Judge with the Royal Agricultural Society. She and her husband currently run over 50 Dexters on 27 acres. She successfully brings together her dairy and beef knowledge in her breeding practices and in the show ring.

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Budget Inn	(417) 866-7400		
Oasis Inn	(417) 866-5253		

2005 AGM Registration Form

Air Conditioned Sale Area and Meeting Rooms

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2005

(Please copy as needed)

Name:	Name:		
Farm, Ranch or Business Name:_	ning die oor		
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Please send me entry forms and	rules for the Show and Sale	Yes	No
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Mail to: Jim Smith, 6907 W. Alfal	fa Lane, Brookline Mo. 65619-95	80	
For More Information Contact:	Jim Smith - 417-868-8166 jsmith@thearcoftheozarks.org John Foley - 417-833-2186 jfoley@thearcoftheozarks.org		

Director's Message

Regions 2 & 3 Sandi Thomas, Director

Spring has Sprung!

Region 2 has been blessed with a mild winter and a beautiful early spring.

The outlook for a dry summer, drought, and hazardous fire season lie ahead however!

We have baby Dexter calves, Nigerian Dwarf Goat kids, and little red piggies running around reminding us of the new season. The fruit trees are in bloom, and we hope to avoid the usual frost that denies us of a crop most years.

The Dexter market continues to grow. Please let me know if you have any animals available for sale so I can add your name to the list of owners to contact. Many prospective buyers tire of contacting owners with nothing for sale when they call, or even in the near future. Your name and preferred method of contact will be enough to pass on.

The annual Meeting, Sale and Show of the ADCA, June 11th, promises to offer a great opportunity to buy

A Note from the Editor...

The ice has gone out on the lake which means it's finally Spring in the Northwoods of Wisconsin!

Thanks for all your support and accolades for the Winter 2004 Bulletin. I hope you'll like this issue even more.

I wish you all the best with the Spring calving. This has got to be an exciting time of year for all of you.

> Lucy Glover ADCA Editor

or sell your Dexters too. I'm looking forward to visiting with old friends and meeting new owners and folks interested in the breed!

The Region 2 Meeting will be held at Thomas' Dexters in Antelope, Oregon July 16th and 17th 2005. We will be barbecuing Dexter beef (of course) and have had many express interest in attending already! We hope you can be here too. Call or email me to add your name to the list. Everyone is welcome! I'll be mailing a reminder/invitation to Region 2 and Region 3 members in June...this is it for those of you outside this area! Hope you can make it.

I hope you're all having a healthy productive Dexter spring this year!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have.

Sandi Thomas 541-489-3385 thomas97001@yahoo.com

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Deadlines for submission of articles, photos and advertising for the 2005 Dexter Bulletin are as follows:

Spring Issue:March 15Summer Issue:May 15Fall Issue:August 15thWinter Issue:November 15

Bulletin Publishing Date:

Spring Issue:April 15Summer Issue:June 15Fall Issue:September 15Winter Issue:December 15

American Dexter Cattle Association 4150 Merino Ave Watertown, MN 55388

FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005

COSTS OF REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS:

Registrations:		Transfers:	
Cows up to 1 year old	\$20.00*	Regular Transfers (any age)	\$20.00
Bulls up to 2 years old	\$20.00	Inner-Herd Transfers (any age)	\$10.00
Cows over 1 year old	\$40.00		
Bulls over 2 years old	\$40.00		
Steer and Oxen (any age)	\$10.00		

*Heifers under 1 year old and Bulls under 2 years old can be registered and transferred to new owner for \$20 (one fee).

Registrations and Transfers for non-members: \$100.00

<u>Please note</u>: Names of animals to be registered cannot exceed 21 letters and spaces.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

New Owner Membership:	New owners that have purchased an animal that is ADCA registered	Free
Associate Membership:	New membership for individuals who do not own any Dexters or who live outside the USA and Canada	\$30.00
Annual Renewal of Dues:	Due January 1st of each year	\$20.00
Subscriber:	Will receive the quarterly Bulletin	\$10.00
Honorary Membership:	Individuals appointed by the Board of Directors	Free
Herd Book:		TBA

The ADCA reserves the right to require DNA testing to confirm the validity of any registration. Such testing may include but shall not e limited to parentage verification and to color.

Please make checks payable to ADCA and mail to:

Chuck Daggett 4150 Merino Ave Watertown MN 55388

Director's Message

Region 4 Carol Ann Traynor, Director

'CAT TALES'

A Colorado Rocky Mountain "HI"!



The forecast for water in the Region IV area appears excellent this year after several years of lingering drought conditions. Spring is the renewal time of the year – bringing us that constant reminder of new life, hope, and the beauty of nature around us. My Dexters should begin their annual mathematical process of 'divide and multiply' any day now.....I can hardly wait to see those baby calves running in the green fields once again.

On another note....did you realize agriculture is the Nation's largest employer with more than 26 million people connected through growing food and fiber to selling it at the supermarket? For farm families, however, making a profit is sometimes touch and go. The weather, the equipment, the market... all seem to be a gamble. One factor any farm family can take into its own hands is safety for those who live there, work there, or visit – including children. Unfortunately, the natural characteristics of children can lead to disastrous results around the farm.

•There are an estimated 104 farm-related deaths per year to children and youth in the U.S.

•Studies show that 25 to 50 percent of childhood agricultural injuries occur to children who do not live on farms.

•According to the National Safety Council, 17% of all farm injuries involve animals.

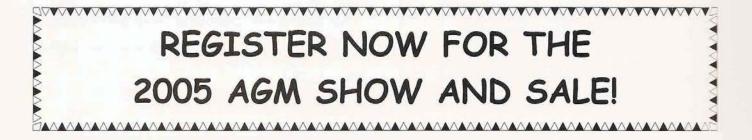
•One-fourth of tractor run-overs claimed victims under the age of 12, with the peak ages being 1 to 4 years old.

Children under 12 years of age should not operate any ATV – children between the ages of 12 and 15 should not operate adult-size (greater then 90cc) ATV's.

For more information and programs in your area, I encourage you to become familiar with the work being done through a nation-wide program, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, 110 South Chestnut Avenue, P.O. Box 458, Earlham, Iowa 50072 (www.fs4jk.org).

With farm safety in mind for yourself, your family and visitors to your Dexter operation, have a wonderful spring and summer! I'm looking forward to visiting with many of you at the June AGM in Missouri.

CAT Carol Ann Traynor, Region IV Director



Director's Message

Region 7 Pam Malcuit, Director

Spring has sprung in our part of the country! The Texas folks who so graciously donated items and/or bought bluebonnets and wildflowers abound, and Louisiana them are most appreciated!! boasts a record presentation of their showy azaleas. Cows are calving (and we wish you many heifers.)

Many thanks to the kind folks who supported my nomination as Director of the new Region 7 of the ADCA! This excellent support continued as we held an organizational meeting on March 19th, here in Iola, TX. A most congenial group of people gathered to try to jumpstart our plans for our region. Many good ideas were presented, and we will be pursuing them over the next months prior to the AGM. Bar None Ranch sponsored lunch for the group - thanks so much to David and Devon Jones! The white elephant auction helped greatly to get our new region started. All those

There is a great deal of interest in promoting our cattle via shows, exhibitions, etc., here in Region 7. With such an energized group of people working together, I am sure we can make terrific things happen here in these two great states. It is my sincere wish that we work together to promote our animals as well as helping each other. If there is any way I can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call or email me. I'll do my best for you, and if I can't help, I'll find someone who can.

Thanks again for your trust and support.

Pam Malcuit



On being Pam Malcuit....

Having been asked to do a "bio," I will do my best...

I was born and raised in Panama (Canal Zone) and went to college in Texas. I returned to Panama to teach, and there met my husband-to-be.

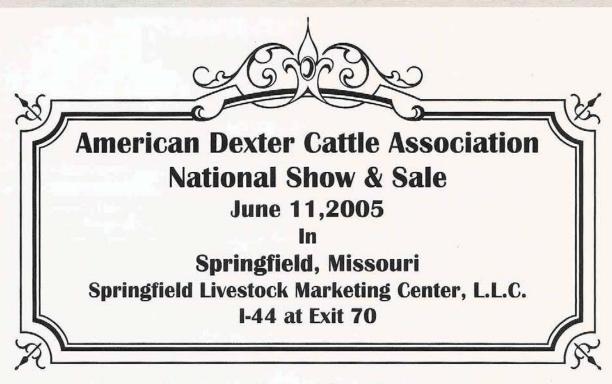
My husband, Bernie, and I have been married for 35 years, during which time he was a pilot in the Air Force, and is now retired and working for Continental in his "retirement" job. We have raised 5 children (including 2 sets of twins) all grown and out of the nest. Having a Master's degree in Education, I have taught school in many of the places we were stationed.

Since Bernie was raised on a beautiful farm in Ohio, I always thought we'd end up on a farm or ranch after retirement. Having decided that Texas weather was markedly different from Ohio, this is where we have settled ... finally ending up in Iola, about 25 miles from Bryan/College Station where Texas A&M is located.

During the time our children were young, we raised puppies. Now we have moved on to larger animals. On our ranch we have Miniature Donkeys, Miniature Horses, Tennessee Walking Horses, and our wonderful Dexter Cattle. (Actually we had Beefmaster cattle for a short time, and -SURPRISE! found the Dexters to be remarkably easier to handle and raise). Of course, there are chickens and geese and the usual assortment of cats and dogs, as well as some alpacas and one very talkative Macaw...all coexisting on our ranch, and all treated with loving care.

We have found that good management and care brings amazing results. Taking the Cattle Management Short Course at A&M was very helpful to us as we began this new phase of our lives. We are Beef Quality Assurance certified here in Texas.

I look forward to serving as a director in the ADCA, and to doing my part to continue to promote these terrific little cattle. The wonderful folks in Texas and Louisiana have been very supportive, and we look forward to working together in a spirit of good will and unity.



The plans are being readied for the National Show & Sale to take place in the early summer but it cannot take place without your involvement!

The following rules and regulations will be enforced for the Show & Sale:

- · All animals brought to the event must be shown
- No animals will be brought for display purposes only
- Animals may be for Show only, but do not have to be sold
- No steers allowed
- A minimum ratio of 2:1, females to male animals must be met for the sale. You may "buddy-up" with another breeder to make this ratio of 2:1, just register for the show together. This will insure there will be enough cows/heifers to make the Show and Sale a successful event for everyone involved.
- "No sales" will be allowed if the reserve price needed is not met, however, a nominal flat rate fee will be charged \$25 or 5% of last bid, whichever is less.
- No private treaty sales allowed on the grounds before or after the sale.

Please contact one of the individuals listed below asap with the following information:

- 1. Name, address, email address, phone number
- 2. Tentative plans on whether you would like to:
- Sell animals
- Buy animals
- Show animals only

For questions, please feel free to contact:

John Foley, jfoley@thearcoftheozarks.org, 417-833-2186 Jim Smith, jsmith@thearcoftheozarks.org, 417-868-8166

2005 NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE ENTRY FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND COMPLETE ALL BLANKS

Division (Circle One)	Halter Division		Pen Division	
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any claims or demands of any negligence of persons in charge of such livestock and to repay to the above mentioned groups on demand all damages that may sustain by reason of any claim or demand. I also agree to abide by the rules set forth.

Signed_

_ Dated_

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND A COPY OF YOUR REGISTRATION PAPERS WITH THIS ENTRY FORM.

On the back of this form if you choose please give a short description of each animal for publication in the catalog.

For Complete ADCA 2005 Show and Sale Rules and Regulations, Please visit our website at: www.dextercattle.org

Director's Message

Region 8 Sally Coad, Director

Spring has arrived and I hope your Dexters are appreciating it as much as mine. As the life of a cow would have it.., many hours are spent basking in the sunlight as fistfuls of winter hair let go of their hold and litter the scratching posts. Our first calf's arrival came at 12:15 am on March 15, followed by the arrival of a colt at 12:15 am on March 16, followed by an uneventful St. Patrick's Day, then another calf arriving at 1:15 am March 18 and more arriving soon. As you can guess, some strong weather patterns were keeping us in the 30's with rain, snow, sleet and wind those days and I was suffering with the flu.., the

combination of those things made it impossible for my dams to resist freshening during that time!

Hopefully spring will bring more moderate temps through our region that will keep both the cattle and their people happy and comfortable. It is the time for re-growth and planning for the upcoming year of busy spring and summer events. Some things that are going on that might be of interest to Region 8 (and surrounding regions):

Here in Louisburg, NC on May 15th and 16th there will be the 2nd Annual Franklin County Farms & Craft Tour. Several area farmers and crafters participate in this event giving folks the opportunity to meet and tour various types of farms in Franklin County. My farm will be on this tour which will give me the opportunity to show Dexter Cattle to folks who might otherwise never hear of them (much less see one!). If anyone would like information on this tour or would like to come to my farm and help promote Dexter Cattle please call me. In Springfield, MO don't forget to make your plans for the AGM! It promises to be one of the best ever. If you are in my area and want to bring an animal to sell but have no way of getting it there..., I will be driving to MO and am planning on bringing an empty trailer (one way only!) – just give me a call and we can discuss this possibility. Don't forget though..., make reservations early June 11 is coming up quick!

In Raleigh, NC the State Fair will be running in October again and we will be bringing our Dexters

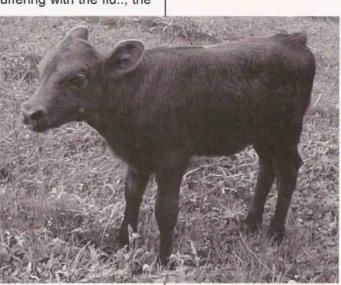
> there to exhibit. We will be discussing the possibility of having a Dexter class added to the Fairs venue in 2006. I would like to hear from anyone who is showing their animals (anywhere in the region) or anyone who MIGHT be interested in showing Dexters in the future.

As most events are held in the Fall I will try and get a more extensive list with contact numbers ready for the Summer Bulletin. If

anyone in the region has questions, news, events, concerns, cattle for sale or wanted – please contact me. I am also looking for regional input on the necessity or desire to have a regional newsletter and the possibilities for regional or "by state" gettogethers. Thanks, and have a great spring!

Sally Coad Director, Region 8

WE NOW OFFER COLOR ADVERTISING IN THE ADCA BULLETIN. SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE CONTACT LUCY GLOVER, ADCA EDITOR, FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Director's Message

Region 9 Robert Seddon, Director

Well guys and gals, it is starting spring here, and we have four new heifers to brag about so far. I hope all in the region have the same luck that we have had at Olde Towne Farm! It is the beginning of a new year, in a newer and better organization to support our Dexter Cattle, so let's make the best of it!

The Chondrodysplasia test is available Again, as well as a test for dun color through the ADCA, and the on line registry is going gangbusters. It is a very useful tool for all of us as we begin to consider who gets who in the herd after the calves for this year hit dirt. On that topic, I am getting many inquiries looking for Dexters that there is no way I can fill, so PLEASE contact me and let me know what you will have for sale this year so I can give out your contact information to these probable new Dexter owners! It really looks like business is going to pick up a lot this year....smile.

The yearly AGM is coming up on June 10-12, and I hope that a lot of us take advantage of this great meeting to network and learn about Dexter's and the ADCA itself.

The annual Region 9 meeting will be held at the ALBC Rare Breeds Expo at the Orange County Virginia Fair that runs July 21-24th. Our meeting will be at 1 pm on Saturday July 23. PLEASE show up for this if you at all can, as we have a lot of regional business to conduct.

I want to form a couple of committees and need regional members to do that. If you want a voice in what happens in Region 9 that may affect your Dexter Cattle, THIS IS THE PLACE TO BE! We really need to showcase our cattle and their value to the Bovine WORLD! There will be Dexters at the rare breeds exhibit, but due to a lack of manpower we will not be holding a show as such at the event. (Hmmm....committee for that maybe?) Next year will be different! Information on directions and what will be at the fair are available at <u>www.orangecountyvafair.com</u>. This is a GREAT fair, with a totally agricultural content, but if you are into ferris wheels and bumper cars it may not be the place for you, because there are none there.

The ADCA Region 9 website <u>www.adcaregion9.org</u> will be up and running by the time you read this. There is a bulletin board where we can ask questions and communicate, as well as a FOR SALE page where you can place ads to showcase what you have for sale OR what you are looking for as far as cattle and farm related items. There is NO CHARGE for ads to ADCA Members in Region 9. There is also a news page for recent events and happenings, and a LINKS page to advertise your website or list any cattle type website that you have found useful to you....this is a GREAT RESOURCE for us all.

Finally, I wish a full and prosperous year for ANY DEXTER OWNER, and will do what I can to obtain that. Contact me at any time!

Robert Seddon ADCA Region 9 Director Olde Towne Farm 775 Spring Rd. Mineral, Virginia 23117 (540) 894-5571 robert5721@firstva.com www.dextersfor.com





Director's Message

Region 10 John Potter, Director

Calving is well underway here in southwestern Michigan in spite of the snow, rain, and mud over the past weeks. Although it seems that our entire continent is experiencing unusually difficult weather this winter and spring, hopefully everyone will have successful and productive calving in spite of adverse conditions.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage the members of Region 10 to attend the AGM with its show and sale in Missouri this June. I'd also like to remind members to check the ADCA website (www.dextercattle.org) frequently for news and information and to be sure to take advantage of the information that is available in the On-line Pedigree on the website.

As always, please feel free to call or email me with questions or concerns. If you email, please remember that the internet isn't 100% reliable. If you don't receive a response from me within three days of sending your message, please re-send it.

Have a nice spring!

John Potter Region 10 Director

Visit the official ADCA website at www.dextercattle.org for the latest info on the Online Pedigree Program

Director's Message

Region 12 Rick Seydel, Director

Spring has finally arrived! Pastures have started turning green and calves are running, jumping, nursing and sleeping. What a great time of year!

A reminder to book your hotel reservations for the 2005 AGM in Springfield, Missouri. It promises to be a great event and it is always wonderful to talk to good friends and fellow Dexter owners!!! I am planning on taking some cattle to this event, so if you need someone to haul some Dexter's to the Show and Sale, I have some limited room in my stock trailer and would be glad to help transport cattle to Missouri for you.

I would like Region 12 members to contact me with ideas for a site for a fall meeting. I know it's a long way off, but I need to get things lined up. With such a

wide geographic area, I'd like to suggest NE Iowa, SE Minnesota, or SW Wisconsin for possible sites. It would also be nice if it could be held in conjunction with a farm/ag show, county fair, etc., so that we can provide attendees with as much information as possible. Many of the members in this Region have never met one another so this would be a great excuse for a possible long weekend get away.

If anyone has cattle for sale, please use our ADCA website for advertising or give me a call so I can point future buyers/members in your direction.

Hope to see you this June in Springfield.

Rick Seydel Region 12 Director

Director's Message

Region 11 Shaun Lord, Director

Welcome mud season! The reality of spring is ushered in not by sunshine and flowers but by muddy Chocolate Lab paw prints trailing down the hallway. One calf has arrived, Magee, cute as a button. He's easy to spoil as the ice storms have kept him and his mother in the barn where he "helps" us do the chores. All Dexter calves are beautiful, but every once in awhile one is especially teddy bear cute and outrageously smart. Such is Magee, providing us with barn yard entertainment. My city cousins have a point when they proclaim I' am too easily amused!

Spring plans, isn't it great- projects to complete, new ones to start. Besides forever fencing, the big project for '05 here is getting a wind turbine up, so the farm is self sufficient, off the grid. We've been planning this for years- our location on the escarpment above Lake Erie is ideal, let those Lake winds blow! Amazingly, New York State is encouraging farm owners to become energy independent, providing grants and easements for alternative energy sources.

I've heard from several Region 11 members who are planning to attend the AGM in Missouri. The annual meeting is your chance to better understand how the ADCA works, what's going on, and what the future plans are. It's trite saying it over and over, but it's the Dexter owners' organization, and your participation is needed.

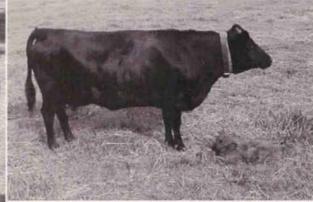
A long those lines- it's time to be thinking about nominating a new Director for Region 11. Several of you are thinking about running for the Directors position but have expressed wariness because of the tumultuous past year the ADCA experienced. That's over, those who were hurtful, mean spirited, and destructive are gone. They have no control or influence in today's ADCA. I've had my turn, and yes, it was unpleasant at times. I would like to believe that I was part of the Board majority who refused to allow the past ADCA officers and minority board to privatize our Dexter Cattle organization. Today, a new Director can step into this organization and truly be a part of the decision making process and future planning. It's wide open to ideas that promote our wonderful wee Dexter, the breed that we share common ground with. So, I except some calls expressing interest in the Region 11 Directorship! You will be offered help and guidance from past and present Directors- we are all committed to the betterment of the ADCA.

Please complete and return the marketing survey that has been sent to all ADCA members. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated.

Here's to healthy, content calves deep in warm grasses!

Shaun Lord Region 11 Director





Calves Courtesy of Freedom Farms Dexters

Creating Predictable Herd Genetics for Good Eating Grassfed Beef

by Gearld Fry

Crossbreeding is primarily used by the commercial producer to achieve a high degree of hybrid vigor that is largely expressed in a higher average daily gain in the calves. Thanks to this hybrid vigor the crossbred calf will gain better than either of its purebred parents. A genetic downside of this extra gain is normally a slight drop in meat tenderness. This is not too noticeable as long as the two breeds crossed are genetically tender.

However, all crossbreeding programs were originally proposed to be for terminal purposes only. This is because only the results of the first cross are genetically predictable.

At the time it was first proposed, it was thought that producers would maintain a separate purebred herd to produce replacement females for their main herd but they didn't.

Today's genetic problems really started with ranchers keeping crossbred heifers as replacements. For example, If you keep the black baldy heifer as a replacement and her father was a Hereford bull the half blood cow should then be bred back to an Angus bull to produce a 3/4 blood Angus calf. Then that 3/4 blood Angus heifer bred back to a Hereford bull to produce a 3/4 blood Hereford.

This method of breeding will keep hybrid vigor at a higher level and selection for quality more controlled. However, notice the number of herds that must be kept separate for this program to work. This was really onerous for ranchers practicing rotational grazing where each herd had to have its own set of paddocks.

After a few years, most ranchers became hopelessly lost as to who was bred to whom. Usually what resulted was that all the cows were run together and bull breeds were switched periodically to try to maintain a certain color or color combination. Eventually, most just bought whatever was fashionable at that moment and the result is the mongrelized mess we have today.

What has been totally forgotten is the effect of

heterosis greatly diminishes after the first cross. Today, most of us are into our 30th or so cross.

The end result of this initial great crossbreeding idea has been a mongrelized, unpredictable cowherd with no hybrid vigor and an ever-diminishing eating quality in its meat. In a desire to simplify breeding programs, some seedstock providers adopted the composite bull theory. In other words, a crossbred bull for crossbred cows.

Unfortunately, this just makes the problem worse. In fact, I do not know of any trait, quality or performance problem in today's cattle industry that a crossbred bull could solve..

Now, new breeds can begin with a well planned and thought out crossbreeding plan with selected animals. Most of these new breeds are bred to solve specific environmental problems such as increasing resistance to tick-borne diseases.

With a new breed, strong selection pressures must be imposed on the bulls and females. However, new breed development takes a lot of knowledge, dedication, commitment and time; lots and lots of time. Much more time that most of us have in a working lifetime.

As a result, there is a great temptation to start selling bulls that have not yet become genetically "fixed" and are really just unpredictable crossbred bulls. Now, even the traditional "purebred" breeds allow such crossbred anomalies as Black Herefords and Black Simmentals. These are excellent examples of the seedstock industry following the whims of fashion rather than maintaining strong, predictable genetics.

If there is as much difference within a breed as there is between a breed, what does the breed stand for? Nothing!

As I have frequently said, the more you learn about the North American seedstock industry the more you will see it as the source of our genetic problems rather than a solution.

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We're in a genetic mess where at least 30% of the beef we produce is too tough even when it is grown out and fattened correctly. How do we turn it around?

We have to go back to the beginning and take a look at the linebreeding programs that developed all of our traditional "purebred" breeds.

LINEBREEDING

The reasons for linebreeding are to genetically concentrate specific genetic traits, characteristics and production needs. This gene pool (herd) concentration is especially important in the herd sires.

As I have previously discussed, building a maternal gene pool is cheap and easy with crossbreeding. However, building a paternal gene pool requires a level of incestuous type breeding.

Incestuous breeding will line up the unwanted recessive genes in the progeny produced, and therefore demands a strict selection procedure for the replacements females that are put back in the herd and far greater selection pressure on the sire. This necessity for stringent culling means it is more expensive. This expense was the value foundation for seedstock bringing a premium price over commercially bred cattle.

Crossbred and out-crossed seedstock do not have a similar value basis for seeking a premium price and are genetically worth no more than commercial cattle. Breeding a sire to a group of his own daughters is the best way to test the progress, strength and success of a paternal breeding program. With the paternal family (male and female) established the daughters that come from a linebred paternal breeding program should be better than their mothers.

The paternal linebred females (helpmates) will possess the type of genetic makeup required to assist the sire in producing the desired performance, herd and breed characteristics needed and for the utilization of grass, performance and quality of product.

The females produced (third or fourth generation) in a paternal linebreeding management program can be breed to their uncles, cousins sired by their father, possibly to their half brothers and sometime to their grandfathers.

There should be at least four or more female paternal

family lines established in this gene pool by the same sire so the possibility of genetic repression in future generations could be avoided by selecting bulls from the different females. The possibility of genetic repression after four to six generations should be guarded against with much wisdom and vigilance. Remember you cannot create new genes. You concentrate the ones you have in your sire through the paternal dams. It is only through this method that you can change the progeny produced.

Also, remember in the future after the paternal gene pool is established if there is need for change you must find an outside female with the desired characteristics and introduce her to the paternal sire with characteristics the closest to your needs. You never bring in an outside sire!

The most important thing in beginning a linebreeding program is the sire you choose to begin the gene pool with.

Starting with a superior bull (mostly through AI) is a must for building the type of animal, production, utilization of grass and quality of food product you expect.

If possible purchase an already established paternal linebred bull to begin your gene pool with. This will save a lot of time.

While all of this sounds like a lot of work - and it is - it is the only way to get the predictability we need for a premium-priced grassfed meat product. Most of us have good maternal cowherds. What we need is a BULL!

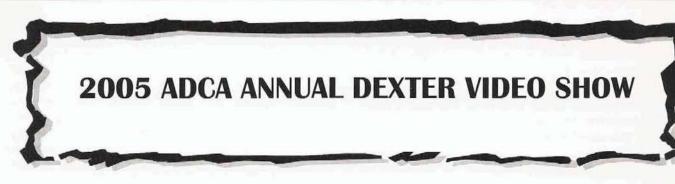
I have no doubt that most ranchers will not want to make this effort and will prefer to buy their bulls from the few who will. That's what makes a market.

However, you need to realize that such an animal will not come cheap.

Solutions to intractable problems never do.

I predict those few who are willing to go to the time and expense to create paternally powerful bulls will be richly rewarded for their efforts.

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The 2005 AGM will have the video show on Friday night at the sale arena in the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center L.L.C. This arena is air-conditioned and has theater seating so there are no bad seats.

Any ADCA member can enter. Only one animal can be shown per tape and it is not essential to enter every animal in your herd, except in the Best Herd Class. The tapes will not be mailed back to you, but can be picked up at the annual meeting and the ADCA reserves the right to use any or all tapes for promotional purposes.

Video Show Rules

- 1. The animal must be identified in the video through signage or audio identification indicating:
 - a. Class
 - b. Animal Name
 - c. Registration Number
 - d. Date of Birth
 - e. Height at shoulder (real or estimate)
 - f. Weight (real or estimate)
- The video tape must be the standard (large) size that will play in a normal VCR. No small cassettes please! If you have a small one, just have the tape copied onto a large size before sending it in.
- 3. The first shot should be a 30 second side view from about 20 feet away.
- The second shot should be a 15 second view of at least two feet (front and rear) while the animal is standing on a hard surface.
- The third shot should be a 20 second rear view from about 12 feet away showing the rear quarters, legs, and udder or testicles as applicable.
- 6. The fourth, a 20 second front view showing head, shoulders and front legs.
- 7. The fifth and final view is a 30 second side view while the animal is moving in a clockwise direction.
- 8. Send a copy of your registration papers in with the entry form.
- The entire tape should not exceed 2 ½ minutes. The class, animal ID, DOB, and owners name, address and email address should appear on the tape. If the animal is for sale this also should be indicated on the tape label.

All tapes must be received by May 1, 2005 or they will not be accepted. Please enclose entry fee of \$10 per animal with the entry form. Make checks payable to ADCA.

Mail Tapes To: John H. Foley 5668 North Farm Road 189 Springfield, Mo. 65803

Any questions: Call John at 417-833-2186 or email at jfoley@thearcoftheozarks.org

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CLASS TITLES

All ages are to be as of 6/11/2005

Class Number	Description
1	Heifer calf less than 6 months of age
2	Heifer calf 6 months to one year of age
3	Yearling heifer
4	Young cow two to four years of age
5	Mature cow over four years of age
6	Cow/calf pair
8	Bull calf less than 6 months of age
9	Bull calf 6 months to one year of age
10	Yearling bull
11	Mature Bull
12	Best herd (separate tape of entire herd, including bull if you have one)

2005 TYPE CLASSIFICATION TOURS

Tour Dates	Days	Area	Send App By	App Due	Send for Herd Inv	# Apps Sent 2004 / 2005	Last Classifier	2005 Classifier
*Jan	8/5	KY, TN	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 10		LJ	G
	10/8	IN	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 10		SM	BS
	10/6	IL	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 10		BM, LJ	G
Jan	7	AL,FL,GA,LA,MS,NC,SC	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 10		GH	G
*Feb	20/12	ОН	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10		JM	BS
	6/2	MI	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10		LJ	G
Feb	4	AZ, NM	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10			G
Mar	40/26	WI	Dec 15	Jan 15	Feb 10		All	All
April	19/10	AR, KS, MO, NE	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 10		SM	BS
May	18/10	IA	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 10		LJ,TA,BM	G
	28/12	MN, ND, SD	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 10		JM, SJ	BS
June	11/5	CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 10		JM	BS
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	7	BS	Tom Agnew	143	Oconomowoc, WI	14	G	Josey Morris	142	Reynoldsburg, OH

Signs of Impending Calving in Cows or Heifers By Glenn Selk,

OSU Extension Animal Reproduction Specialist

As the calving season approaches, the cows will show typical signs that will indicate parturition is imminent. Changes that are gradually seen are udder development, or making bag and the relaxation and swelling of the vulva or "springing". These indicate the cow is due to calve in the near future. There is much difference between individuals in the development of these signs and certainly age is a factor.

The first calf heifer, particularly in the heavy milking breeds, develops udder for a very long time, sometimes for two or three months before parturition. The springing can be highly variable too.

Most people notice that Brahman-influence cattle seem to "spring" much more than do cattle of other breeds. Typically, in the immediate 2 weeks preceding calving, springing becomes more evident, the udder is filling, and one of the things that might be seen is the loss of the cervical plug. This is a very thick tenacious, mucous material hanging from the vulva. It may be seen pooling behind the cow when she is lying down. Some people mistakenly think this happens immediately before calving, but in fact this can be seen weeks before parturition and therefore is only another sign that the calving season is here.

The immediate signs that usually occur within 24 hours of calving would be relaxation of the pelvic ligaments and strutting of the teats. These can be fairly dependable for the owner that watches his cows several times a day during the calving season. The casual observer or even the professional who is knowledgeable of the signs but sees the herd infrequently cannot accurately predict calving time from these signs.

The relaxation of the pelvic ligaments really can not be observed in fat cows, (body condition score 7 or greater). However, relaxation of the ligaments can be seen very clearly in thin or moderate body condition cows and can be a clue of parturition within the next 12 - 24 hours. Relaxation of the pelvic ligaments is a sign the producer or herdsman can best use to more closely pinpoint calving time.

Strutting of the teats is not really very dependable. Some heavy milking cows will have strutting of the teats as much as two or three days before calving and on the other hand, a thin poor milking cow may calve without strutting of the teats. Another thing that might be seen in the immediate 12 hours before calving would be variable behavior such as a cow that does not come up to eat, or a cow that isolates herself into a particular corner of the pasture. However, some cows have few behavioral changes until the parturition process starts. Source: Calving Management, OSU Extension Circular E-906.



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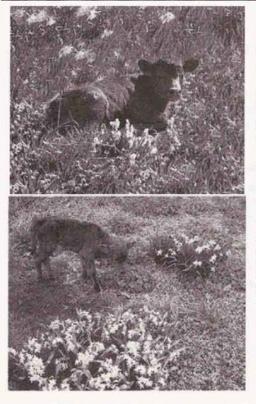
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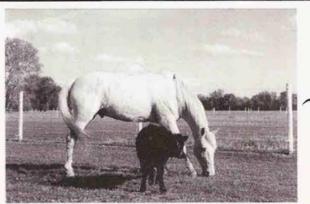
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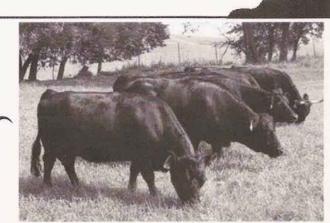
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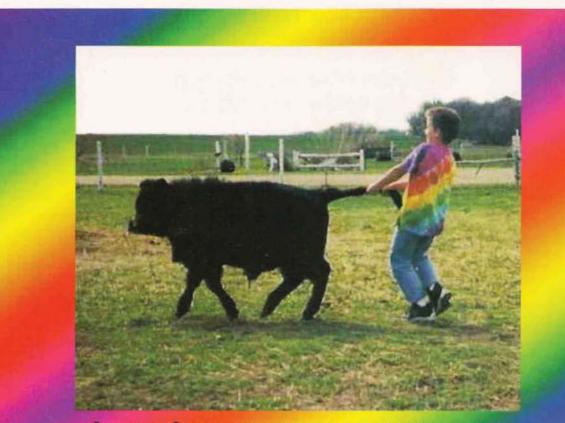
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