



CHECK OUT OUR

Website!

The ADCA website provides a single, easy-to-access source of Information about Dexter Cattle and Dexter breeders.

www.dextercattle.org

Online, you will find pedigrees for every ADCA registered Dexter, contact information for breeders, membership and registration resources, as well as announcements for upcoming events. Other resources are available online for learning more about this special cattle breed.

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LITTLE COWS
WITH
BIG BENEFITS

Why Dexters?

Heritage - Dexters are a heritage breed. Their native home is in the southwestern region of Ireland where they were bred by small land holders. The first recorded knowledge of Dexters in the United States is when more than two hundred were imported to America between 1905 and 1915.

Hardy & Docile - These remarkable cattle can thrive in hot as well as cold climates. They do well outdoors year round when provided with a shelter and fresh water. They are a docile breed, known for their mild, curious temperament. Fertility is high, and calves are usually born in the field without difficulty. Dexters are less prone to illnesses that affect other breeds (milk fever, mastitis, etc.)

Dexters are the ideal cow for families looking for sustainable beef and milk. Pound for pound, they cost less to get to the table. They are efficient foragers - beneficial with today's average farm acreage becoming smaller. Their milk is easily digestible and high in butterfat, providing enough milk for a family and the calf.



Dexter Facts



Small - Dexters are a naturally small breed.

Cows are typically between 36 and 42 inches tall, while the majority of bulls are in the range of 38 to 44 inches (breeding outside of these ranges is discouraged). This smaller frame size and more docile nature makes them less intimidating for a first-time owner or family with children.

Tri-Purpose - Dexters are a tri-purpose breed: milk, beef, and draft. With proper nutrition a Dexter milk cow can produce one to three gallons of milk a day with a butterfat content of 4% to 5%. Yields of cream are generous.

Beef animals typically mature in 18 to 24 months. Dexters produce high percent dressed carcass of well-marbled, tender, fine-grained, prize-winning beef with excellent flavor.

Draft animals are intelligent, highly trainable, and long-lived homestead partners.



3 Colors - Dexters come in three solid colors: black, red, and dun.

Polled & Horned - Dexters can be horned, dehorned, or naturally polled.



Valuable - Dexter bulls are often sought after for other breeds to use on first calf heifers due the calving ease producing vigorous, hardy calves - resulting in less stress for the heifer and lower production costs from birthing difficulties for the farm.



Why THE ADCA?

Membership - By joining the ADCA, you'll take an important first step toward including your cattle in the world's largest registry of pedigreed Irish Dexter Cattle. The ADCA has been serving Dexter owners for over 60 years.

Information - As an ADCA member, you will receive four issues of the information-packed ADCA Dexter Bulletin each year.

You will also gain access to our Regional Directors and other Dexter breeders who can answer questions, give suggestions, and help you with the care and management of these amazing animals.

Community -

The ADCA and affiliated Dexter groups offer meetings and social events to visit with other Dexter owners and learn from experienced breeders. There are also opportunities to exhibit and show Dexter cattle at venues across the country.

