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# ADCA CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the American Dexter Cattle Association, I agree that I will:

- Not knowingly make any untruthful statement in submitting applications for registry and not register animals of questionable parentage.
- Not neglect or mistreat my animal(s), but, on the contrary, at all times safeguard and further its/their well-being.
- Not transfer any animal to a party who I feel will not conscientiously look after its health, safety and well-being or may exploit or degrade or otherwise act to the detriment of the breed of animal.
- Only breed animals that I know to be in good condition and health.
- Represent my animals honestly to prospective buyers and give such advice or assistance to the buyer as may be reasonably requested.
- Keep on the alert for and work diligently to control potentially adverse effects of known genetically inherited conditions by educating prospective buyers regarding the implications associated with the presence of these conditions in a breeding program.
- So act in my breeding practice and in dealings with others as to protect and improve the good standing and reputation of the breed and of the association.

## AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION MISSION

The mission of the American Dexter Cattle Association is to protect, improve, develop, and promote the interests, standing, and quality of the Dexter breed; and to assist members in adding value to their animals.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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Greetings, Dexter Enthusiasts!

Traditionally, the Bulletin focuses on issues pertaining to the care of Dexters across the United States. However, in this issue we decided to broaden our focus to include an article written by an Irish butcher (page 6) and a compilation of Dexter Associations around the world (page 10). We hope this will inspire you to explore their websites and learn more about what interests and concerns other Dexter owners throughout the world.

In this issue we are displaying three winning photos from this past summer's Expo. You will continue to see more photo winners in upcoming issues. The complete minutes from the November 12th AGM start on page 27. If you were unable to attend via Zoom, reading this information will ensure you are up-to-date on what has happened this year in our organization and our goals for 2023. A new vice-president, Dan Edgington, was elected at the AGM. You can get to know more about him by reading his biography on page 13.

The latest installment of The Milking Parlor can be found on pages 4-5. It is a poignant tale of a farm family through the years and how transformation can come out of something that has aged and decayed.

There are two articles contributed by the University of Oklahoma Extension Service, starting on page 15. One discusses what to do when there is limited forage and the other gives guidelines for estimating water requirements for beef cattle.

Since this is the last issue of 2022, we encourage you to renew your membership for the coming year. You will find information on how to do this on page 18.

At this busy time of year, we hope you find time to enjoy your family and friends as you celebrate the season. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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## | PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE |



Happy Holidays from my farm to yours! I hope it is filled with family, friends and of course delicious Dexter goodies filling your tables. I know I truly feel blessed being a Dexter breeder; not only do they provide for my family in many ways, but they have brought so many amazing fellow Dexter breeders into my life that I consider great friends. And for that I am extremely thankful!

We held our Annual General Meeting back on November 12th via Zoom so that as many members from across the nation could attend. We were able to connect with 37 ADCA Members. The meeting is a great time to see what the Association is doing, recognize those that have won awards and hear what different committees have been doing and what their ideas for moving forward are. Everyone can read monthly minutes and updates from our regular monthly meetings, but it is always nice to be able to see (a slide show) and hear it from a real live person. It also gives our members a chance to ask questions, right then and there. But I believe the even bigger benefit of being part of the AGM is finding areas that you may have a high interest in being involved. Maybe you have a passion for Genetics or Advertising, or just really want to help educate others. The AGM is a great way to see what those committees are doing and see if you want to volunteer to be a part of them. Our regional directors, officers and committee members are all Dexter breeders that are passionate about the breed and take the time to volunteer to keep the Association going strong and moving forward into the future. There is a list of committees later in the Bulletin. If there is something that sparks your interest please reach out, volunteer if you can or just shoot us your ideas. We are always looking for new ideas and want to hear your feedback.

I am excited to also start spreading the word about the 2023 ADCA Expo in Salt Lake City, Utah this June 22-24. Again, this is an event to mingle with fellow breeders, take in some awesome educational seminars and see some gorgeous Dexter Cattle! It might be cold and wintery weather now, but it's never too early to start planning your summer cow-cation.

Laaci Louderback







# The Dream The Lessons and The Way of Life

It was a cold February morning as the woman made her way from the farm house to the barn with her young daughter and son following closely behind. The walk was brief, and the light from her lantern illuminated the path only a short distance ahead, making the pasture crossing seem much longer for the children. The gentle rains that fell overnight deepened the sense of cold, and the resulting mud made their footing uncertain. She had made this walk countless times before, and her feet knew the way without help from the lantern. As they approached, the barn loomed large in the darkness, and the muted sounds of animals could be heard from within. The children complained about the rain, the cold and the mud, but she remained silent, letting the experience work its meaning and lessons into their lives.

The barn was old, but sturdy enough and in good repair. It was the center of life on their farm, providing housing for their horses, cattle, sheep, goats

and pigs. Their barn was the source of their food and their income, and without it, life at the farm simply wouldn't be possible. Next to it was a small, humble shed built from native cedar posts that provided four stalls for their horses, as well as a sheltered feeding area for their pigs. The east side of the barn was dominated by a large run-in where their cattle could be fed while protected from bad weather. Their goats and sheep each enjoyed a run-in of their own on the back side of the barn, with doors that led to inside areas with bedding and hay cribs to keep them protected from the elements, and from nightly predators. A wide aisle divided the barn interior, along which their buggy and wagon were currently stored. There was also a nursery pen for their sheep and goats, and most special of all was a stall for milking in the back corner by the gate. This was the woman's destination each morning, and was where she was heading now as her daughter and son attended to their chores.

She paused for a moment to soak in the comforting safety of the barn. By the dim glow of her lantern, she could see the sturdy cedar posts, rough beams and knotty pine siding that provided shelter for so many. The earthy smells of animals and hay hung in the air, mixed with the quiet bleating of sheep and goats. She could hear the lowing of the cows hungrily waiting at their feed trough, and the sounds of her daughter tossing flakes of hay down into their crib from the loft above. Shadows thrown by the lantern played upon the interior fences and gates that separated each area of the barn, creating intricate patterns of light that penetrated into the deep shadows around her. She retrieved a bucket of grain from the small feed room that separated the milking parlor and nursery pen from the sheep and goats, and prepared a treat for her cow in the feeder at the front of the milking stall. After inspecting her surroundings, she hooked her lantern on the beam overhead, and opened the gate for her milk cow that was patiently waiting to come in from the dark.

The cow quietly enjoyed its treat while the woman efficiently washed, dried





and worked her udder, and soon her pail was full with the day's milk for her family. By that time the animals were fed, and the barn sufficiently cleaned, that they could return to the warmth and welcome of their kitchen for breakfast. As light began to creep into the eastern sky, the woman reflected upon the difficulty of their efforts, but the richness of home and family, and the bounty they enjoyed, empowered her efforts and motivated her to continue on with the new day and the events that it would hold.

Winter soon turned to spring, and as the seasons progressed, so did the years. When her daughter became old enough, the woman and her husband presented her with a heifer from their milk cow. The heifer was lavished with loving care, and the daughter won a blue ribbon joyfully showing her in the ring at the county fair. Her proud father built a second milking stall in the barn, next to her mother's, as a reward for her efforts. A year later the heifer delivered the girl a beautiful calf, and so she joined her mother at milking time, sharing many memorable mornings working side-by-side with their sweet milk cows. Though the cold, the rain and the mud returned as they would, they didn't seem as difficult as they once did, and life at the barn continued on. There were animals and pastures and fences to care for, and equipment always needed to be fixed. There was also cooking and cleaning and housework, and everyone worked in their large garden. And through it all, there was the daily walk to the barn each morning to milk the cows.

Though the farm still had many lessons to teach, the promise of an easier life in the city was strong and relentless, and the boy and the girl eventually left behind their mother and father, and their two beloved cows. There were occasional visits to the farm, as well as family gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and each time the girl made the morning walk with her mother to the barn to visit the old milk cows with a hug and wistful remembrance of the blessings of days gone by. Eventually the woman and her husband grew old, and their days were done. Because the boy and girl had their lives in the city, they sold the farm, the animals, the equipment, and the house. On the day that the sale was completed, the girl took a final walk from the house to the barn, and looked back upon her years growing up there with her parents. She poignantly realized that something very precious, rare and irreplaceable had been lost. She remembered her mother and the special moments milking their sweet cows together in the old barn as tears ran freely down her face. Her heart was heavy as she now realized the price that she had paid for the comforts and conveniences of city life. The cold, the rain and the mud gently called to her once more, and she wanted desperately to run to the milking parlor where the glow from her lantern cast shadows that danced upon the walls as her cow waited eagerly at the gate in the dark. The pain of the moment pierced her heart, though she had no choice but to turn away and continue on with her life in the city.

As the years continued to pass, the old barn slowly decayed and fell into disrepair. The new owners didn't use the barn for raising animals, and instead filled it with used appliances, scrap lumber and junk. Brush grew up closely around it, and its roof rusted and leaked. The old milking parlor silently declined as its floor eroded, its foundation failed, and gaps between the boards allowed the wind and the rain to seep in. But the old milking parlor waited, and waited, and waited... until a bright day came when new owners, fresh with enthusiasm and hopeful dreams, purchased the farm. The old barn wasn't very attractive, and the milking parlor wasn't initially recognized or appreciated, but still it waited. Eventually the brush and junk were cleared away, the run-in was rebuilt, and once again the barn knew the

presence of sweet little cows contentedly munching hay on a cold, rainy and muddy winter morning.



Belle eagerly awaits at the gate into the old barn as we prepare her treat and place it in the feeder. It is a wet winter morning, and she shuffles impatiently in the embrace of freezing temperatures. The other members of our herd hungrily eat hay from their crib as our milking supplies are readied and the gate is opened. Belle dashes in, throwing up dust as she turns the corner and trots quickly over to her treat with her eyes bright and her head bobbing. As she settles down, I encourage her with kind, joyful words, and then gently wash her udder with warm hands, warm water, and a warm heart. Belle turns to look at me with gratitude as she happily munches an overflowing mouthful of alfalfa pellets, and then returns her attention to the feeder. The morning sun, just now peaking over the horizon, brightly streams through the gates and fences that separate each area of the old barn, creating delightful patterns of light and dust that play upon us as together we enjoy the ancient ritual of milking that, for a time, graced this barn so many years ago.

As I run a dry cloth across Belle's side and belly, I look around me at the sturdy cedar posts, rough beams and knotty pine siding that provided shelter for so many animals in the past. The earthy smells of animals and hay still hang in the air, and I relish the life that speaks to me from every board, every rusty hinge, and every antique nail. As I begin to work Belle's udder and milk sings in my bucket, the old milking parlor in the corner watches my efforts approvingly, and I can see a hard-working woman -- a wife and mother -- kneeling there beside her cow with tearful thankfulness in her eyes for the miracle of the milk, and I can feel the love in her efforts. As I finish my milking routine, I lead Belle back out to the hay crib and give her a tender hug as I tell her what a great job she did. I hardly even notice the mud as I carry my treasure back to the warmth and welcome of my kitchen, smiling broadly with the knowledge of the goodness and grace that provides such a blessing.

The Dream, the lessons, and the way of life live on -- through you, through me, and through our sweet little Dexters that we so adore. Savor the amazing Blessing...savor it today. ♣



# DEXTER BEEF

## THE

# RIGHT CHOICE

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DAVE LANG | MEAT EXPERT AND BUTCHER

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### SMALL HERD OF DEXTER CATTLE ON A PASTURE.

Let's talk about Dexter & Sandy. No, not the sequel to Grease, or another American sitcom, but two free-range breeds that have piqued my interest. I recently visited two free-range farms to get an insight into non-industrial meat sources and learn about high-quality meat. I was not disappointed.



Dermot Allen runs Winetavern Farm, near Baltinglass, County Wicklow and raises pedigree Oxford Sandy & Black pigs. Peter Bryans runs Donabate Dexter in North County Dublin. Look out for Dexter beef and Sandy pork. You'll be hearing a lot more about them in future. Here's what you need to know.

### DEXTER BEEF IS A NATIVE IRISH BREED

Dexter is also Heraldic Latin for right (side) while Sinister is Latin for left side. This might explain the bias towards left-handed people in less enlightened times. Dexter beef is the right choice when choosing high-quality, environmentally- friendly meat. But why?

Dexter beef is naturally more tender than other beef and contains more Omega-3 fatty acids. The cattle are a hardy breed that live on grass all year round and don't need veterinary attention except in extreme cases. They are truly free range.

Dexter cattle are a mountain breed that is well-adapted to the harsher landscape of Ireland's rocky fields. They thrive on low-quality pastures and will also eat weeds and unwanted vegetation. Their small size and weight also ensure that they do less damage to damp, water-logged land. They are more agile than larger animals and can climb better to reach awkward spots bigger cattle cannot.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## THE ORIGINAL DEXTER BREED

Originally known as the “poor man’s cow” because they needed less land to thrive on, they were named after a Mr. Dexter in the 1700s who bred the cattle for their hardiness and good eating qualities. They have a great beef flavour and meat yields are excellent due to the lower amount of fat on the body compared to other breeds. Milk from Dexter cows contains a higher level of butterfat than traditional milk breeds.

The breed book, the history of Dexters, has been in existence since the 1840s and every registered animal is recorded there. There are genetic similarities between Kerry cattle and Dexter cattle, but they are now considered to be separate breeds.

An interesting trait is that Dexter mothers are very protective of their calves, and will also suckle an orphan calf if necessary. The smallest of the European cattle breeds, being about half the size of a traditional Hereford, Dexter cows are about one third the size of a Friesian. The breed almost became extinct in the 1970s, but thanks to the efforts of the British Dexter Society, they are now secure.

## THE TASTE TEST

I had never tasted Dexter meat previously, so I was very keen to sink my teeth into a nice steak. The first thing I noticed was the flavour. It reminded me of what beef used to taste like when I started as a butcher, 50 years ago. The Japanese came up with the term umami, meaning savoury, and Dexter beef has that in spades. A big, beef flavour with a small amount of very tasty beef fat. Something you don’t



Ribeye steaks

## WHAT ARE THE MAIN DEXTER CATTLE CHARACTERISTICS?

The main dexter cattle characteristics are: Native Irish breed, small cattle, 2/3 the size of a Hereford, naturally tender, high in Omega 3 and 6, good marbling, big beef flavour. Easy to manage, live totally on grass, don’t need to be kept indoors in winter. Thrive best in natural family groups.

## WHEN TO BUTCHER DEXTER CATTLE?

Because they are a small and naturally tender breed and take longer to mature they can be slaughtered up to 60 months old or even older. How does Dexter beef quality compare to Angus?

There is a lot more marbling in Dexter and because they are small animals, steaks cut to say 8 oz are thicker than other breeds, giving a better depth of flavour for rare or medium steak lovers.

## WHERE CAN I BUY A DEXTER COW?

There are many Dexter farmers who will sell live animals. Our favourite is Donabate Dexter in North County Dublin, Donabatedexter.ie, Killenure Dexter in Tipperary are worth contacting also. There are Dexter breeders in many countries and they contact each other regularly. A few to start with are:

<http://www.dextercattlesociety.ie/>

<https://www.dextercattle.co.uk>

<http://www.dexter-cattle.co.nz/>

<https://dextercattle.or>

<https://lbcentre.com.au/Dexter-Cattle-Australia.php>

## WHEN CAN I BUY DEXTER BEEF ONLINE?

We have been dealing with Donabatedexter.ie for a while now and we are very impressed with the quality of the beef. In the South of Ireland try Killenure.

## WHAT ARE TYPICAL DEXTER BEEF PRICES?

Because they take longer to mature, about 10% more than regular beef.

## IS DEXTER BEEF GOOD FOR BURGERS?

Yes. They don’t need additional seasoning because of the depth of flavour in the beef.

# DAVE LANG



About the author: Dave Lang is a meat expert and butcher with  over 40 years experience in meat preparation and butchery training. He was the mentor and trainer of the victorious Butchery Team Ireland at the World Butcher's Challenge in 2018, beating teams from 11 countries. He is also the author of an Online Butchery Course for Beginners ([www.butchercraft.com](http://www.butchercraft.com)). His goal is to help people learn more about quality meat and how to cut it efficiently and profitably.

get from the larger Continental breeds. There is also a tenderness without being too soft or mushy. 40 minutes before I cooked it I put sea salt on the steak, then I fried it for two and a half minutes each side and then put it in a preheated oven for 10 minutes @180C (350F). This was a steak to remember.

Many people mourn the disappearance of what we used to call a “butcher’s heifer”, a medium-sized animal, usually a Hereford, Angus or Shorthorn. The smaller carcass size of the Dexter means that a 10oz steak will be thicker than one from a bigger animal. Thicker steaks are better for cooking if your preference is rare to medium. Steaks from the larger cattle will be thinner for the same weight and that makes it difficult to control the cooking. Roasts too are smaller, giving the customer the opportunity to control rareness as they require. Some of the most important characteristics of Dexter meat are its taste and benefit to your health. The breed develops a unique ‘spider’ marbling and is high in CLAs, Omega 3, Omega 6 and Omega 9. People who first taste Dexter meat also find that they will eat less than they would have eaten of conventional meat.

## AVAILABILITY

It used to be that in Ireland, Dexter beef wasn’t readily available to consumers, but that is changing. There are a few dedicated outlets for this wonderful beef. [killenure.com](http://killenure.com) and [donabatedexter.com](http://donabatedexter.com) are two I know of and I will look into finding more. [dextersociety.com](http://dextersociety.com) should have a list of suppliers. If you know what you want and are prepared to ask your supplier to get it for you,

there should be no problem obtaining this beef. If customers want it suppliers will source it.

## RECIPES

There are some really good recipes for Dexter beef you should try. I have made these and can report that they are all excellent.

- Beef Bourguignon <https://donalskehan.com/recipes/boeuf-bourguignon/>
- Dexter Burgers ( <https://butchermagazine.com/beef-pork-burgers-recipe/>
- Prime Rib on the Bone [https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/prime\\_rib/](https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/prime_rib/)
- Beef Stirfry <https://www.spendwithpennies.com/beef-stir-fry/>
- Garlic Butter Steak Bites <https://www.jocooks.com/recipes/garlic-butter-steak-bites/>
- Steak Salisbury Steaks <https://www.jocooks.com/recipes/salisbury-steak/>

## QUALITY BEEF

Dexter beef is excellent quality, with good marbling. The marbling makes the flesh tender and flavoursome. A typical carcass weighs about 145-220kg, and despite their small size, they can often achieve a killing-out percentage of well above 56%. This is due to a good ratio of meat to waste products like fat and bone.

I visited the Donabate Dexter farm to see the cattle for myself and they seem to have it all. Lots of fresh green grass, plentiful water and of course, freedom to go wherever they want to. The popularity of Dexters has been fueled by a desire for organic food, health concerns over factory farming, and food prices. You owe it to yourself to taste this marvelous beef.

To try this delicious meat, visit [donabatedexter.com](http://donabatedexter.com) for deliveries and let me know what you think afterwards. [info@butchermagazine.com](mailto:info@butchermagazine.com) ♣



Short Ribs





2022 Kids & Dexters  
2nd Place  
photo by Hudson Louderback



# Dexter Cattle Around the World

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The Dexter breed originated in south-western Ireland, from where it was brought to England in 1882. The breed virtually disappeared in Ireland, but was still maintained as a pure breed in a number of small herds in England and the US. Today Dexters can be found on every continent, minus Antarctica. While once on the endangered species list, they are now thriving and gaining in popularity. Join me as we take a virtual tour of the Dexter Cattle Associations, and Dexter groups from around the world!

## IRISH DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY

<https://dextercattlesociety.ie/>



The native home of the Dexter is in the south and southwestern parts of Ireland where they were kept by small landholders and roamed about the mountainous districts in an almost wild state of nature. The origin of the Dexter is quite obscure. The common assumption has been that the Dexter breed was derived from the Kerry breed or that it was a cross between the Kerry and some other breed, perhaps the Devon. It has also been claimed that a “Mr. Dexter”, agent to Lord Hawarden, was responsible for developing this Irish breed by selection from the “best of the mountain cattle of the district”.

In January 1887, the “Farmer’s Gazette” of Dublin published the first

register of “Pure Kerry Cattle and Dexters” in Ireland. This first Register included 46 Kerry bulls, 100 Kerry cows, and only 10 Dexter cows. It did not include any Dexter bulls. The Royal Dublin Society acquired rights from the publishers of the Farmer’s Gazette for this Register. In 1890, the cattle with the original numbers assigned to them, were thus included in Volume One of the “Kerry and Dexter Herd Book”, as published by the Royal Dublin Society in Ireland. The Royal Dublin Society, Volume One included 118 Kerry bulls, 942 Kerry cows, 26 Dexter bulls and 210 Dexter cows. By January 1912, the Royal Dublin Society had published fourteen volumes with the following number of animal registrations: 678 Kerry bulls, 3,565 Kerry cows, 565 Dexter bulls, and 2,349 Dexter cows.

The English Kerry and Dexter Cattle Society was organized in 1892 in England. Before that date, breeders of Kerry and Dexter cattle were obliged to register their cattle in the books of the Royal Dublin Society of Ireland. Volume One of the English Herd Book was published in 1900 and Volume



Two was published in 1902. By January 1912, eleven volumes of the English Herd Book had been published and the following number of animals registered: 238 Kerry bulls, 1,334 Kerry cows, 455 Dexter bulls, and 1,820 Dexter cows.

## AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

<https://dextercattle.org/>



In April 1921, the American Kerry and Dexter Cattle Club published Volume 1 of their herd book. Although both Kerry cattle and Dexter cattle are published in this book, the two types of cattle are separated into distinct breeds with different breed descriptions for each. This is the first record of Dexter cattle registrations in the United States. In 1957, the name American Kerry and Dexter Club was changed to the American Dexter Cattle Association. This began the formal recognition of the ADCA as a national association dedicated to the preservation of Dexter cattle and tasked with keeping a record of purebred Dexter cattle pedigrees.

## THE DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY UNITED KINGDOM

<https://www.dextercattle.co.uk/>



The Dexter Cattle Society offers support to owners and breeders of this exceptionally versatile breed; with advice, information and a range of services.

Currently 1,100 Society members from all over Europe are registering 4,000+ pedigree cattle each year.

## NORTH OF ENGLAND DEXTERS

<http://www.northerndextersgroup.co.uk/about.html>



The North of England Dexter Group was founded in 1978 by a small team of enthusiasts who kept Dexter cattle and were based in North Yorkshire. The group now covers a much wider area, running from members on the Scottish borders in the North down to Stafford in the South. We have members who only keep a couple of cattle to members with 50 + cattle who are selling meat on a commercial basis. Some of our members are keen on showing their Dexters. This was the main way Dexters were promoted in the early days. Our founder members did much to put Dexters on the map in the north. As a group we try to support them by running the show league, which rewards achievements in the show ring. Our group is now much larger than in those early days. As the breed has become more popular, our membership continues to grow.

## DEXTER CATTLE AUSTRALIA INC. (DCAI)

<https://www.dextercattle.org.au/>



Dexters first appeared in Australia after being imported by the Syme family in the late 1890's. They graced the show rings of Australia as early as 1894 when they were photographed at the Royal Melbourne show. The Hawkesbury College in New South Wales also maintained a dairy herd of Dexters in the early 1900's where the herd provided practical, hands-on training for the agricultural students and kept the college in milk. Dexters seemed to have disappeared from Australian farming at a time coinciding with the Second World War.

The first Dexters to be imported into Australia in modern times were imported in 1988. Later in 1988, importation from the UK was banned. The outbreak of BSE (Mad Cow Disease) meant Dexter enthusiasts could no longer access Dexter semen from the UK, so several breeders looked to Canada and the US to source breeding livestock. Full blood animals with pure Dexter genetics were also introduced to Australia by way of imported embryos and further imported semen.

Australia was lacking in many purebred females so the only way to establish the Dexter breed in Australia at that time was by grading up. Imported semen of purebred Dexter bulls was used to inseminate cows of other breeds. This strategy was to ensure sufficient numbers of cattle could be bred to fulfill the demand for females which would form the foundation of the national herd.

The Australian herdbook, from the beginning of the revival of Dexters in Australia, was structured on a framework of good practice and genetic testing. Registration in the Australian herdbook requires cattle to be parent verified, originally by blood-type and more recently by DNA. The DCAI Dexter Cattle Herdbook is based on science making it one of the most comprehensive and reliable herd records in the world. This reliable breeding information enables Australian breeders to produce excellent examples of true Dexter cattle with confidence and integrity.

## DEXTER CATTLE BREEDERS' SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

<https://www.dextersa.co.za/>



The first registered Dexters were imported into South Africa in 1917 by Mrs Conroy, of Paarl in the Western Cape. All the cows were imported in calf and Mr. Robinson registered the first calves, resulting in fifteen females and six bulls with La Mancha prefix; forming the basis of Dexters in South Africa.

In 1921 and again in 1938 more Dexter cows and a couple bulls were imported. These Dexters, along with the originals from 1917 formed the nucleus of South African Dexters for the next 15 years.

Then in the early 1950's, the number of Dexter imports increased in conjunction with the wool boom. These imports boosted the Dexter population in the arid Karoo regions, where Dexters were already popular

with sheep farmers. Dexters could be handled in the same handling facilities as sheep and were excellent foster mothers for orphaned sheep. It was quite common to see as many as six to eight lambs suckling on one Dexter cow as she grazed.

In 1953, the Dexter Cattle Breeders Society of South Africa was established by 13 foundation members. Currently, the society has about 65 members that are stud breeders and stud herds vary in size from a few to over 200 animals. Commercial Dexters are very popular in South Africa and far outnumber the registered population.

## THE CANADIAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

<https://www.dextercattle.ca/>



The Association was formed in 1986 by a group of Ontario Dexter owners and now has 133 members across Canada and over 1260 animals registered in the herd book.

## HOLLAND DEXTER

<https://hollanddexter.nl/>



The Holland Dexter Association is the studbook association for Dexters in the Netherlands and Flanders, founded on September 4, 1993. The approximately 150 members of the association are all hobby farmers who enjoy this special small breed.

Together they have about 400 studbook Dexters. The studbook society was founded in 1994 to guarantee the purity of the Dexter breed.

## DEXTER ASSOCIATION GERMANY

<https://www.dexter-verband-deutschland.de/>



In March 2002, the interest group Dexter breeders was commissioned by the Federal Association of German Beef Cattle Breeders and Keepers e.V. with the nationwide breed representation of Dexter cattle in Germany. With the performance of this task, the IG

Dexter became the Dexter Association Germany.

## DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

<http://www.dexter-cattle.co.nz/>



The first Dexters were imported into New Zealand in 1904. They are undoubtedly two of the purest remaining lines of British cattle – the ancient Celtic breed from which they descend is known to have occurred in Ireland at least as early as the Neolithic Period (New

Stone Age) which began in Britain some 5000 years ago.

The Dexter Cattle Society of New Zealand (DCSNZ) was established in 2000. At this time two existing groups of Dexter Breeders (New Zealand Dexter Breeders' Association – NZDBA & Dexter Cattle Society of New Zealand – DCSNZ) amalgamated to form the Dexter Cattle Society of New Zealand (DCSNZ). This Society then became incorporated, forming the Dexter Society we have today (DCSNZ Inc). In December 2021, there were approximately 970 live Dexter cattle recorded in the Herd Registry.

Other overseas Societies are worth mentioning, but I had a hard time finding information on them. These are: Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. ♣

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Please remember this when registering animals! THE ONLY MANDATORY TEST

for registration - the genotype -  
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# DAN EDGINGTON

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DAN EDGINGTON | VICE-PRESIDENT

Our story begins like many other members. Cindy and I were both born and raised in the suburbs. Around 2000, we decided that we needed to move to a rural area and add some space to our lives. We had been around others in our life with small animals and thought they would make a nice addition to our lives. Eventually we settled on a small 5-acre parcel near Xenia, Ohio. We started with chickens and dogs, and then moved on to looking at small farm cattle, with a dream of raising beef and milk for our own family.

As we continued to look, in 2008 our youngest daughter, Danielle, was born. While I continued my career in electrical design for industrial

machinery, Cindy retired from her own company as an Environmental Consultant. Amongst her time of raising a baby, she researched breeds and requirements and decided Dexter cattle to be the perfect breed for our family and location. In 2010 we picked up 2 steers from Craigslist and put them in the back yard (the seller said they were Dexters but “couldn’t find their paperwork” . . . but now more than a decade later, we have our doubts).

Then, those 2 steers led to us buying 4 cows (with all their ADCA registration in line). Now, a few things happened. Firstly, 4 cows led to 4 calves; and, to complicate that, as many of us have experienced, Dexters are like potato chips, and you can’t stop at one. You just keep getting more. So, we ended up with a bunch of cows. And friends. Lots of friends. People would just stop by out of the blue. Some wanting to learn about our cows, some other Dexter owners. We had no idea that our area had so many Dexter owners. They would stop by out of nowhere and talk. They would invite us to their farm. They would invite us to Dexter cattle shows.

We attended the 2013 Expo/AGM in Missouri, 2015 in Virginia, and 2021 and 2022 in Ohio. We also attempted to go to the Fort Wayne AGM/Expo but ended up showing up on the wrong day. In May 2017, Danielle showed at the Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Association show. We have never felt so welcomed by a group of strangers.

After 2017, our family has been active in the Dexter community, raising and showing cattle with our daughter, raising beef, and milking and cheesemaking for our family. In 2021 I took on the role as the President of the Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Association, an organization that is special to our family and has some of the greatest people you could ever want to be around.

Given the opportunity to act as Vice President of the ADCA is a great opportunity to get more engaged with the larger national community of Dexter owners and give back to the breed through the organization; by offering ideas and experience to help improve the ADCA, to improve the breed, and continue growing our community. ♣





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# MANAGEMENT OF COWS WITH LIMITED FORAGE AVAILABILITY

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## CULL POORER PRODUCING COWS

Many producers are faced with limited forage availability due to drought and/or fire. One of the first management tools that should be evaluated for cow/calf producers is to cull poorer producing cows. This will allow for capture of their value at a time in the cattle cycle when prices for cows and culled replacement heifers are fair. It will also allow for some capital investment to be used when cattle prices are considerably lower and forage supplies are more plentiful.

Below is a suggested order of culling in the face of diminishing forage supplies.

### CULLING ORDER

1. Open (non-pregnant) old cows.
2. Open replacement heifers.
3. Old cows with unsound mouth, eyes, feet, and legs.
4. Open cows of any age.
5. Thin cows over 7 years of age (Body Condition Score < 4).
6. Very late-bred 2 year olds.

The first two items on the list are automatic culls in any forage year. Old open cows are not worth keeping through a low-forage, expensive feeding period. Replacement heifers that were properly developed and mated to a fertile bull or in a well organized artificial insemination (AI) program should be pregnant. If they are not bred, there is a likelihood that they are reproductively unsound and should be removed from the herd while still young enough to go to the feedlot and grade choice with an A maturity carcass. The more difficult decisions on culling come when the producer is short enough in forage and feed supplies that he/she feels the need to cull cows that have been palpated and found pregnant. Culling starts with number five on our culling order. This is necessary only when grass and feed supplies are very short. The thin older cows are going to require additional feed resources to have a high probability of being productive the following year and the late-bred 2-year-olds are least likely to have long-term productivity.

## FEEDING OPTIONS

Once poorer producing cows have been removed, there are several options to meet the nutritional demands of cows. These include moving them to alternate grazing locations, obtaining hay, feeding a complete diet, or limit feeding an energy supplement to extend hay or pasture resources. Decisions should be based on the additional labor requirement, management skills, feed storage capacity, and the availability of feed bunks, feed delivery equipment, and a well drained drylot or sacrifice pasture. Grazing forage has always been and will continue to be the most economical and practical way to maintain beef cows. However, in unique situations, limit feeding may be an economical alternative to purchasing expensive hay. The cost effectiveness of limit feeding will depend on each producer's price of alternative forage, the price of grain or by-product energy sources and the price of the protein supplement needed for the hay or limit feeding program.

Moving to alternate grazing locations or obtaining hay to feed free choice will require the least daily labor input. Feeding complete diets or limit fed hay and energy concentrate will require more facilities and daily labor. Depending on the price of grain, nutrients to maintain cows may be cheaper to purchase through concentrate feeds rather than roughage.

## OBTAIN SUFFICIENT HAY

For cows in late gestation or early lactation, 27 lbs per day of hay that is at least 59 percent total digestible nutrients (TDN) and 9 percent protein is needed to meet the demands of average milk-producing 1,200 lb cows in mid lactation.

### FEEDING A COMPLETE DIET

If hay in sufficient quantity or quality is not available, you can consider limit feeding hay that is available with a concentrate diet. If no hay is available or limiting hay consumption is not feasible (see "Limit Feeding Hay" below), Table 1 represents a complete diet that can be limit-fed. This diet should be fed with a good quality free choice mineral that contains an ionophore. Table 2 provides calculated feeding rates for late gestation and lactating cows in good body condition. Feeding this diet free choice will result in cows becoming heavy conditioned and result in higher cost than feeding good quality hay.

Table 1. Complete diet for maintaining cows.	
Ingredients	Composition, % As-fed
Cracked corn	10
Corn gluten feed	28.75
Cottonseed hulls	20
Soybean hulls	20
Corn distillers grains	20
Limestone, 38%	1.25
<b>Calculated nutrient concentration</b>	<b>%, As-fed</b>
NEm, Mcal/cwt	75
TDN, %	66.1
Crude protein, %	14.6
Calcium, %	0.74
Phosphorus, %	0.42

**Table 2.** Guidelines for limit fed complete ration (Table 1) for cows in average body condition.

State of Production	
Gestation	Lb, As-fed
1100 lb	16.8
1200 lb	17.6
1300 lb	18.4
Lactation (average milk)	Lb, As-fed
1100 lb	20.5
1200 lb	21.5
1300 lb	22.4

## LIMITED FORAGE AVAILABLE – LIMIT FEED CONCENTRATE MIX

Table 3 includes guidelines for rations based on corn grain, supplement and minimal amounts of long stemmed hay. Several Oklahoma feed manufacturers have supplements formulated for feeding with limit fed corn and hay. Table 4 represents a protein supplement designed for use in limit feeding beef cows. These diets require added limestone if the protein supplement does not contain at least 2.5 percent calcium (Ca). The added calcium is to offset the high phosphorus content of corn. An additional method of supplying the needed calcium would be to use a mineral supplement designed for cattle grazing wheat pasture because they typically have high calcium and low phosphorus contents. Salt and vitamin A should also be provided in the supplement or a free choice mineral. The concentrate portion of these diets should not be fed free choice.

Table 5 represents a complete supplement mixture that is designed for use in limiting feeding situations. It is similar to several 14 percent crude protein mixes that are available through local feed manufacturers. On an as-fed basis, it is calculated to contain 13 percent protein, 70 percent TDN, 0.60 percent

**Table 3.** Guidelines for limit fed corn rations for cows in average body condition.

State of Production	Whole corn Lb, As-fed	38 to 44% protein supplement Lb, As-fed	Long stemmed grass hay Lb, As-fed	Limestone Lb, As-fed
<b>Gestation</b>				
1100 lb	8.3	2	5.5	0.2
1200 lb	9	2	6	0.2
1300 lb	9.8	2	6.5	0.2
<b>Lactation (average milk)</b>				
1100 lb	11	3	5.5	0.2
1200 lb	12	3	6	0.2
1300 lb	13	3	6.5	0.2

**Table 4.** Protein supplement for use in limit fed corn diets.

Ingredients	%, As-fed		
Soybean meal, 47%	59	29.5	---
Cottonseed meal	---	29.5	---
Linseed meal	---	---	81.06
Wheat middlings	22.96	22.96	0.9
Limestone, 38%	5	5	5
Cane molasses	3.8	3.8	3.8
Salt	2.5	2.5	2.5
Urea	2.3	2.3	2.3
Dicalcium phosphate	3	3	3
Potassium chloride	1	1	1
Copper sulfate	0.04	0.04	0.04
Selenium 600	0.15	0.15	0.15
Zinc oxide	0.02	0.02	0.02
Vitamin A, 30,000 units per gram	0.15	0.15	0.15
Rumensin 80 <sup>®a</sup>	0.08	0.08	0.08



Ca and 0.55 percent phosphorus (P). Table 6 provides suggested feeding rates for these types of supplements along with 0.5 percent body weight of hay. If producers are not set up to handle bulk grain or other commodities or do not have the equipment and/or feed bunks necessary to feed grain, this mix can be made into 3/8- or 3/4-inch cubes for feeding on the ground. Because of the high level of corn and soybean hulls, the pellets or cubes will be somewhat soft. Consequently, handling, auguring, etc. should be minimized to reduce the amount of fines. As an alternative, many feed manufacturers already have available 20 percent cubes that will work well for this purpose.

**Table 5.** Complete supplement composition, % As-fed.

Ingredient	Wheat middlings/soybean hulls
Wheat middlings	38.1
Soybean hulls	28.6
Cracked corn	24.2
Cottonseed meal	2.86
Cane molasses	4.73
Limestone, 38%	0.952
Salt	0.476
Rumensin 80	0.024
Vitamin A, 30,000 units per gram	0.029
Copper sulfate	0.005
Selenium 600	0.029
Zinc oxide	0.0001

**Table 6.** Guidelines for limit fed complete supplement (Table 5) for cows in average body condition.

State of Production	Wheat middlings/soybean hull supplement Lb, As-fed	Long stemmed grass hay Lb, As-fed
<b>Gestation</b>		
1100 lb	14.5	5.5
1200 lb	15	6
1300 lb	15.5	6.5
1100 lb	18	5.5
1200 lb	18.7	6
1300 lb	19.5	6.5

## LIMIT ENERGY CONCENTRATE FEEDING MANAGEMENT TIPS

Limit feeding energy concentrate diets to breeding females will require greater skill and discipline on the part of the herd manager. Acidosis, bloat,

founder, etc. are always a risk when energy concentrate diets are fed to ruminants. These risks can be minimized by the following management practices:

1. When starting the concentrate feeding program, gradually increase the amount of grain fed and reduce the amount of hay fed over a 2-week period.
2. Provide plenty of feeding space to accommodate uniform consumption. A minimum of 30 inches of linear bunk space per cow should be used, more for horned cows.
3. Whole shelled corn is safer to feed compared to finely processed grain. If the grain must be processed, it should be coarsely rolled or cracked.
4. Long stemmed hay should be fed at a minimum DM level of 0.25 percent and up to 0.5 percent of body weight for cows receiving whole shelled corn. If cracked or rolled corn is used, provide a minimum of 0.5 percent body weight hay DM, but do not exceed 0.75 percent. Feeding less hay reduces the cost, but increases the need for greater management intensity. As the cows and the manager adjust to the program, the amount of hay fed can be gradually reduced to the minimum value suggested above.
5. Feeding an ionophore will help prevent acidosis and bloat as well as reduce the amount of feed needed by 7 to 10 percent.
6. Feed cattle at the same time every day. Altering the time of feeding, especially in limit feeding programs, greatly increases the risk of digestive upset. An ideal feeding situation would be one where corn, hay and supplement could be placed in the bunk ahead of time. At the appropriate time of day, the cattle would be given access to the feed by simply opening the lot gate. An alternative would be to feed the hay before the grain and supplement.
7. Remember, the idea is to supply a ration in a very small package that is highly concentrated in energy. Consequently, the total pounds consumed per day will be less than the cattle are accustomed to. The cattle will likely act hungry for the first few days. They will also have a gaunt appearance, compared to cattle receiving free choice hay or pasture. Resist the temptation to feed more because they act or look hungry. Otherwise the advantages of decreased cost and/or decreased hay utilization will be negated.

## LIMIT FEEDING HAY

The most certain way to make sure the cows are receiving adequate hay in limit feeding situations is to limit feed hay daily along with the concentrate. This could be practical with square bales, a hay grinder, or the ability to unroll bales for the cows. If that is not possible, controlling access to round bales may be an option. For this method, facilities are needed in which the cows and hay are maintained separately, and also be sure to have sufficient bales available for all cows to eat at one time. It may be difficult to get cows away from the bales, so it is recommended to place the bales in one pen and then feed concentrate in bunks in additional pens or pasture. If cubes are being fed on pasture, bunks would not be required. There are two strategies for time limit feeding hay with concentrate diets, daily or every other day. For the daily method, cows should be allowed access to their hay for approximately 45 minutes. If allowing access to hay every other day while limit feeding concentrates, cows should be allowed approximately 4 hours of access to the hay. It is NOT recommended that you feed hay less frequently than every other day. Hay should always be fed before the concentrate to ensure adequate hay intake. Feeding the concentrate after the hay may also be helpful in getting the cows to leave the hay. Limit feeding hay may result in cows acting hungry for the first couple of weeks.♣

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# ESTIMATING WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR BEEF COWS

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Cattle require a minimum amount of water, reflecting the water necessary for growth, fetal development, lactation, and replacing water lost from urine, sweat and evaporation. An adequate supply of clean, fresh water is a critical component of maintaining healthy, productive livestock. Additionally, knowledge of water needs for livestock is necessary when designing water-supply systems where the water supply may be limited or the delivery system restricts access to water during periods of heavy use.

Water is necessary for the majority of life processes, including blood volume maintenance, regulation of temperature, growth, reproduction, lactation and digestion. In fact, the body weight of mature cattle is about 50 percent water (Johnson et al. 2012). Primary factors known to influence water requirements include age, weight, stage of production and environment.

Compared to protein and energy requirements, water requirements and voluntary water intake of beef cattle have not been extensively studied in recent years. For example, water consumption guidelines published in Nutrient Requirements of Beef Cattle (NRC, 2000) were taken from research data published in 1956 (Winchester and Morris, 1956).

Considerably more voluntary water consumption and water requirement data are becoming available for growing and finishing cattle, whereas little information is available in published literature for mature beef cows. Current guidelines are restricted to 900- to 1,100-pound mature weight in gestating cows and 900-pound lactating cows only (NRC, 2000). Recent data suggest mature weight in the modern beef cow ranges from 1,100 to 1,500 pounds (Kuehn et al., 2013). Consequently, this publication focuses on estimates of total water requirements for beef cows with varying mature weights at different stages of production and genetic potential for milk production.

## AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

During warm months, daily ambient temperature and humidity have a dramatic effect on heat stress and thus water intake in feedlot cattle (Arias and Mader, 2011). These authors reported that a temperature humidity index was the best single environmental indicator of daily water intake. The tempera-

ture humidity index is calculated using a combination of the daily average temperature and relative humidity. The Cattle Comfort Index is a similar tool provided through the Oklahoma Mesonet and used to monitor heat and cold stress in cattle (Richards et al., 2012). The Cattle Comfort Index is calculated using ambient temperature, humidity, wind speed, precipitation, and sunlight.

The current National Research Council concludes that average daily ambient temperatures below 40 F do not significantly influence water intake. Daily temperatures above 40 F, however, increase water consumption linearly (NRC, 2000). For example, water intake was reported to increase by 1.44 pounds per

**Table 1. Dry matter content of common feedstuffs.**

Type of Feed	Dry Matter (%)
Sun cured hay; grass and legume	87 to 91
Grazed forage, vegetative	20 to 35
Grazed forage, boot stage	30 to 40
Grazed forage, seeded	75 to 85
Grazed forage, mature	80 to 90
Silage; grass, legume or grain	25 to 40
Haylage; grass and legume	40 to 60

day in lactating dairy cows for each degree Fahrenheit increase in temperature (Murphy et al., 1983), 0.61 pound per day in growing dairy bulls for each one degree Fahrenheit (Meyer et al., 2006) and 0.5 pound per day in feedlot cattle for each one degree Fahrenheit (Hicks et al., 1988).

Published research investigating the influence of ambient temperature, humidity or the combination on average daily water consumption for beef cows is not readily available. Consequently, for this publication, the influence of ambient temperature on water intake was estimated using the approximate mean of the published estimates shown above (0.85 pound of increased water intake per one degree increase in temperature beyond 40 F). Therefore, for

every 10-degree Fahrenheit increase in ambient temperature, an additional one gallon of water should be supplied per animal.

## MILK PRODUCTION

Milk composition in beef cows is about 4 percent fat and 8.3 percent other solids (protein, carbohydrates and minerals; NRC, 2000). Consequently, average water content of milk produced by beef cows is about 87.7 percent. Therefore, lactation has a direct impact on water requirements and water consumption. No publications defining the relationship of milk yield to water consumption in beef cows were found for this publication. Winchester and Morris (1956) concluded that lactating dairy cows consumed an additional 0.87 pound of water per pound of increased milk production. Similarly, Murphy et al. (1983) reported a linear relationship between milk yield and water intake in dairy cows with 0.9 pound of increased water intake for every 1 pound of additional milk produced. Therefore, water intake estimates shown in Table 2 were adjusted by 0.9 pound for each pound of milk produced.

### Key Points

- For each 10 degrees increase in ambient temperature above 40 F, cattle consume about 1 more gallon of water per day.
- For each additional gallon of milk produced, cows need to drink an additional gallon of water.
- Feeds that are high in moisture contribute to water intake. The dryer the feeds consumed, the more drinking water required.

1 ), and because all feedstuffs contain water, feed and forage are important sources of water for beef cattle. Because of this, not all water needs to be provided as free water (drinking water). Compared to dormant pasture, grains and hay, feeds such as silages and growing pasture are higher in moisture. Nutritional guidelines for beef(NRC, 2000) and dairy (NRC, 2001) cows suggest that consumption of free water declines as the moisture content of feeds in the diet increases.

## FORAGE AND FEED INTAKE

Water intake is highly related to rumen volume and feed dry matter intake (NRC, 2000 and 2001 ). Greater daily feed consumption is associated with greater rumen volume. Logically, greater mature weight is associated with greater rumen volume and dry matter feed intake (NRC, 2000). Therefore, for the purpose of these water requirement estimates, the influence of cow size and rumen volume on water intake is addressed through the influence of feed dry matter intake. For the estimates presented in Table 2, it was assumed that non-lactating beef cows consume an average of 2.2 percent of their body weight and lactating cows consume an average of 2.7 percent of their body weight in dry matter when provided average- or moderate-quality forage.

Diets high in protein increase water intake (NRC, 2001). Therefore, early spring forage or high-quality legume silage, for example, is expected to increase water consumption beyond the values shown in Table 2. Conversely, diets at the other end of the quality spectrum also may increase water consumption. While a low-quality diet reduces total dry matter intake, low-quality roughage contains a high proportion of indigestible fiber. Therefore, more moisture is required for additional mucous production to lubricate the digestive tract and move a greater volume of fibrous manure through the large intestine. Diets with a high concentration of salt and other minerals also increase water consumption (NRC, 2001 ).

## ESTIMATES OF TOTAL DAILY WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR BEEF COWS

Table 2 provides estimates of water consumption based on mature cow body weight, average daily temperature, stage of production (gestation or lactation) as well as milk yield. Three levels of milk yield are provided. Zero milk indicates cows that are dry or not lactating. The two levels of milk yield provided for each weight class of cows can be used to indicate differences in genetic potential for milk yield during peak lactation (around 45 to 60 days after calving). The two levels of milk yield also could be used to estimate the difference in milk yield (and thus water intake) from early lactation to the later stages of lactation because milk yield declines as the lactation period progresses beyond peak (NRC, 2000).

These estimates for water consumption are intended to represent total daily water consumption. Free water intake could be substantially lower than the estimates presented in this publication when beef cows consume feeds containing considerable moisture.

## CONCLUSION

An abundant, clean, fresh water supply is an essential element of a beef cattle production system. Considerable work has been conducted to determine water consumption and factors influencing water consumption for dairy cows, growing cattle, and finishing cattle; however, relatively little research has been published to provide robust estimates for water consumption of beef cows. The estimates of total daily water requirements specific to beef cows in this publication were developed using equations developed by reviewing available published literature. Factors considered in these estimates include mature body weight, feed dry matter intake, milk yield and average daily ambient temperature.

**Table 2. Estimated daily water requirements for beef cows.**

Cow Body Weight (lb)	Milk Production (lb/day)	Average Daily Temperature			
		°C	4	18	32
		°F	40	65	90
		*Gallons of Water/ Day			
1,100	0	8.2	10.8	13.4	
1,100	10	10.5	13.1	15.7	
1,100	25	12.8	15.4	17.9	
1,300	0	9.2	11.8	14.3	
1,300	15	12.2	14.8	17.4	
1,300	30	14.5	17.1	19.7	
1,500	0	10.2	12.7	15.3	
1,500	20	14.0	16.5	19.1	
1,500	35	16.3	18.8	21.4	

\*1 gallon is equivalent to 8.35 pounds.

## FEED DRY MATTER CONTENT

The dry matter content of feedstuffs is the proportion of the feed that is not water. Since the water content of forage and feed is extremely variable (Table



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September 6, 2022  
7 p.m. CDT

President – Laaci Louderback, Vice Pres – Becky Eterno, IPP – Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa, Registrar – Jill Delaney, Webmaster – Ray Delaney, \*Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, \*Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, Region 7 – Jennifer Hunt, Region 8 – Mark Chaney, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, \*Region 11 – John Wallace, Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany.

\* - not present

1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 7:06 pm central.

2) Roll call was taken

3) Reports:

a) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total Membership end August 2022 – 1706 (52 paid / 52 new)
- Total Membership end August 2021 – 1689

### August Totals 2021

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units	\$\$Amount
Dexter Bulletin 1/4 Ad	4	800.00
90DayWebAd	11	330.00
BreederListing	1	50.00
Reg	130	3250.00
Late	19	855.00
Tran	268	5360.00
Over/Under Payment	1	45.00
Prt Duplication Certs	5	15.00
Dues	39	1560.00
Dues next year	1	35.00
Family Membership	6	330.00
Associate Membership	1	40.00
Bull Registration	50	2500.00
Steer Registration	6	30.00
Rush Charge	8	80.00

### August Totals 2022

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units	\$\$Amount
Steer Transfer	1	5.00
90DayWebAd	7	210.00
Reg	138	3450.00
Late	16	720.00
Tran	219	4380.00
Over/Under Payment	1	25.00
Prt Duplication Certs	1	3.00
AI Bull Listing	1	60.00
Dues	46	1840.00
Family Membership	5	275.00
Bull Registration	53	2650.00
Youth Donation (Jr)	1	5.00
Steer Registration	3	15.00
Rush Charge	3	30.00

b) Committee reports-

- Bulletin committee – Kevin McAnnany
- Kevin sent a PDF copy of the Dexter Bulletin via email to the board for a quick review. Most of the requested edits were able to be completed with the exception of layout changes. The layout could not be adjusted, or additional pages added due to time constraints for getting the Bulletin printed and mailed to members within the required timeframe for the AGM announcement. A request had been made to include the complete list of show results. Kevin and Kimberly Jepsen explained the committee's decision to only post the top winners in this edition, saying it was based on member feedback and their appreciation for the increase in educational articles. Complete list of the expo show results are available on the ADCA website for members to view or download. Changes to add pages for the show results in this edition would have pushed the print date out three to four weeks causing them to miss the 60-day deadline for announcing the AGM. The committee is more than willing to make adjustments and any other bulletin could have been pushed back for print but due to the deadline this edition could not.

- Discussion was held about the process for making adjustments or changing page layouts and the effects it can have on printing schedules. Major changes to the layout will cause delays. Each bulletin will continue to have a theme and in the future, the board will be given an opportunity to submit items they deem critical to be included in the upcoming issue before the layout is created. This will help to ensure the committee has all the information they need to build each bulletin and do so within the budget and publishing deadline. Kevin and Kimberly thanked the board for their input. Dave Cluff commended them on their efforts.

• Budget Committee – Dave Cluff

The budget committee met, and Dave was pleased with the progress they made while discussing how to plan and delegate ADCA funds.

(i) The first item on their agenda is to create a reserve account with funds equal to the previous 3 year's average for expenses.

(ii) Second item is to determine a plan to use the balance of the ADCA funds for special one-time projects centered on 1-, 5-, and 10-year goals established by the ADCA board.

(iii) The budget committee will be creating next year's budget using the funds delegated to the reserve account. They will be talking to other committees about their budget needs.

- Overall, the board was happy with the committee's progress and asked them to bring any proposal for funds back to the board in a complete package.
- Educational Committee – John Wallace has added members to the education committee and will forward to Becky for the committee list. John will be scheduling an education meeting soon.
- Regional Updated –
  - Region 11 – John Wallace – Region 11 meeting has been rescheduled for the second week of October.
  - Region 4 – Dave Cluff - Colorado State fair Dexter show was held last week of August. Utah State fair is coming up in September. Regional meeting will be held at Utah State Fair on Saturday.
  - Kevin McAnnany stated that the ADCA recently sponsored shows in



Colorado, Utah, and Tulsa. He told directors that the Marketing & Advertising committee has ADCA merchandise available for directors to purchase and give away at their regional meetings. Items can be purchased with funds from their region budgets. Profits from items purchased go back to the M&A committees budget for the purchase of future items.

- Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany - Regional meeting will be held in September. On Saturday September 10, 2022 Kevin will be participating in a national podcast which is being broadcast on a local radio station in his community. He will send a link for the podcast to the board as soon as it is available.
- Region 8 – Mark Chaney held the regional meeting at the Tennessee State Fair. Attendance was small for the meeting but there was good interaction. Another show is scheduled for later in September in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Mark asked the board for answers to a couple of questions raised by members in region 8. (i) When will the new member packet be implemented? Stefani Millman stated that the member packet is not completed yet. Discussion was held about the need to determine a total cost for the project before moving forward. Stefani will follow up with Kevin McAnnany to work on completion of the packet and pursue an estimated cost to present to the board. Laaci wanted to know if packet would be available on the ADCA website for anyone to access. Stefani said this had been suggested before. (ii) Mark Chaney had requests from members in his region to start a monthly sale list. He started a simple list and has had a good response thus far. Dave Cluff offered to share his auto populated list through google forms with other directors. John Wallace asked if the lists could be shared on regional Facebook groups, the answer was no due to Facebook rules not allowing the sale of animals. Jennifer suggested putting list on Facebook would expose member information to spammers and for that reason alone she would not recommend posting on social media.

#### 4) Continuing Business

a) Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) updates - Dave Cluff and Kimberly Jepsen have a final draft for changes to the ethics section. They will be sending a copy the draft to the board for review.

#### b) 2024 Expo Location update – Kimberly Jepsen

- The 2024 expo will be changing from Stillwater Ok to Pryor Creek, OK. In Mayes County for June 20-22, 2024. Kimberly gave a few details for the cost of renting the venue which is very affordable due to deep discount offered to residents. No deposit is required to hold the date. Barns are cooled with large fans, and they were quite comfortable during her visit in July. Hotels are within 7 miles of the fairgrounds. Facility could be reserved for the 2025 expo also. June 19-21, 2025 is available.

#### c) 2022 Annual General Meeting update/practice – Kevin McAnnany

- Kevin will be scheduling a practice meeting for the AGM sometime in late September. He will be recruiting a few board members and inviting other members to participate in a dry run of the AGM. The goal is to help ensure a smooth virtual AGM in November.

#### 5) New business – Laaci Louderback

a) Laaci reminded committee chairs to put together reports for the AGM and send them to Carole for the AGM PowerPoint slide presentation. Kevin offered to help with PowerPoint slides if needed.

#### 6) Other – a) Treasurer report – Roberta Wieringa

- There were no questions regarding the treasurer report.

#### b) Regional election update –

- Nomination letters were mailed on August 15, 2022 to members in regions 6, 7 and 8, the three regions that are up for elections this year. Becky Eterno has already received nominations for directors in each region. Nominations must be postmarked prior to September 10, 2022 and sent to Becky Eterno. Nominations must be received by September 15, 2022 to be considered.

c) Virtual Show - In response to a member question, Mark Chaney asked if the ADCA would be sending a poll to members regarding participation for a possible virtual show. Dave Cluff replied that Elissa Emmons had scheduled a meeting for the virtual show taskforce and although she could not attend he and Stefani Millman did meet to begin sharing ideas. They do not have plans to poll members at this time. Dave said Stefani is willing to work on the show rules and he would create the virtual platform where judges' comments could be recorded. They have several ideas for encouraging member participation. There is no immediate date in sight for the virtual show because of all the details that still need to be worked out. The taskforce will continue to update the board on the virtual show as the planning progresses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm CST / Next scheduled board meeting is October 4, 2022, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

## OCTOBER

October 4, 2022

7 p.m. CDT

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1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 7:05 pm central and roll call was taken.

#### 2) Reports:

##### a) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total Membership: end September 2022 – 1797. End of September 2021 – 1749
- Jill gave an update of her progress converting from Centrix software to the new BBC software. She has been working exclusively on the new software for two and a half weeks. Jill and Susan are meeting nightly

# CONFERENCE CALLS

September 2021 Sales Invoice Totals	
Inventory Item	# Units
Steer Transfer	1
90DayWebAd	8
Reg	87
Late	7
Tran	182
Prt Duplication Certs	8
Dues	24
Family Membership	2
Bull Registration	33
Steer Registration	9
Rush Charge	4

September 2022 TOTALS		
Request Type	Animal Sex	Count
DUES		4
LIVEBIRTH	Bulls	1
REGISTER	Bulls	18
REGISTER	Females	45
REGISTER	Steers	1
TRANSFER	Bulls	14
TRANSFER	Females	41
TRANSFER	Steers	1
TRANSFER2	Bulls	7
TRANSFER2	Females	11
UPGRADE	Females	4

to evaluate Jill's progress and making adjustments for improvements to the software as needed. Members may experience slight delays with registrations and transfers due to the move to the new software and the learning curve for processing information, but Jill is currently working within the two-week period for processing requests.

- The new software has several capabilities for reporting financial information. Jill will need time to learn all of the reporting options before she narrows it down to which reports are most beneficial for the board meetings. In the meantime, reports may vary a little in the manner in which they are presented in the upcoming months. Membership has increased over the last year.
- Jill asked directors to encourage their members to register animals before selling them. Jill receives a large number of emails from buyers seeking information on animals they recently purchased and more often than not the animals in question have not been registered yet. These types of transactions have the potential of slowing the entire registration process down.
- The member portion of the new software is estimated to be available in another year to a year and a half. Jill stated that she really likes working with the new program.
- Kevin McAnnany will be ordering pre-printed certificates for Jill.

3) Continuing business a) Standard Operating Procedure update – Dave Cluff

- The SOP committee proposed an update to the SOPs in regard to the ethics committee. Simple changes were proposed to help clarify information already included in the document and to ensure alignment with the By-laws. Following a review by the board Santiago Lizarraga made a motion, Stefani Millman 2nd, to accept the changes to the SOPs. The motion passed unanimously. Dave will send a final copy to the Board.

4) Reports continued –

a) Treasurer report – Roberta Wieringa. The board did not have any questions about the financial report.

- Roberta requested advice from the board about how they would like her to record the sales and purchases of promotional items purchased from the Marketing and Advertising budget. The M&A committee supplied several regional directors with items to use at their meetings and would like their budget to be credited for those items. Following discussion by the board, it was determined that moving forward and in an effort to keep the reporting simple, a special account separate from the M&A budget should be established for purchasing and selling of promotional items. The board agreed to consume the cost of this year's purchases and give items to directors for promotional use. Any shipping charges ensued to deliver merchandise to directors will be reimbursed.

b) Budget Committee – Dave Cluff

- The budget committee would like to see the name changed to the Finance committee as it is delving into more than just the budget.
- The budget committee will be creating the 2023 budget based on the average income and expenses from the previous 3 years. Dave will be asking all committees to fill out a form with their simple budget requests for next year. Once the entire budget is established each committee will be responsible for keeping their spending within the approved budgeted amount without the need to bring a request to the board.
- The budget committee wishes to create a timeline with the committee presenting their budgeting recommendations based on the associations 1-, 3-, and 5-year goals, to the board before January every year. The board shared ideas about goals they perceived to be important to the association and membership. Ideas included education, member support, regional group support, breed research and classification of Dexter cattle. Following this discussion, the board appointed a new goals sub-committee and charged them with creating a new mission statement and asked them to establish 1-, 3-, and 5-year action plan. The goals committee will be led by Jim Woehl, committee members include Laaci Louderback, Santiago Lizarraga, Dave Cluff and Carole Nirosky.

c) Education committee – John Wallace

- The new education committee met recently to talk about ideas they have for increasing education for members. They would like to make the online versions of the Dexter Bulletins searchable for anyone to find articles previously published. Kevin McAnnany said the easy answer is to roll out the digital magazine which would be searchable.



A recommendation was made to have the PDF version of educational articles from the Bulletin added to the FORMS/INFO page of the website.

- Committee goals include creating and gathering videos for the ADCA YouTube channel.

## 5) Continuing business continued –

### a) Regional Director updates

- Nominees for regional directors received for Region 6: Kimberly Jepsen, Region 8: Mark Chaney, will begin their first terms as directors January 1, 2023. Region 7 received one nominee who declined the nomination but suggested another member. Laaci or Becky Eterno will follow through by contacting them to see if they are interested in serving on the board.

### b) 2023 AGM Virtual Meeting / Practice

- Kevin McAnnany will be holding a practice meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 2pm central and invited board members to attend the dry run of the meeting. Board/Committees were reminded to send AGM reports to Carole by Saturday, October 22, 2022.
- Kevin reminded everyone that the Bulletin press date is December 2, 2022 and they will have to act quickly if they wish to include any results of the AGM in that edition. The board will make a decision on what to include in the Bulletin at the wrap-up meeting that immediately follows the AGM.

## 6) New Business

### a) Permanent Identification -

- Jill Delaney has incurred a few incidents of members not being able to properly identify their animals because permanent identification numbers were never applied to the animal as required. Jill suggested having The board instructed Jill to make the board aware of anyone not properly identifying animals. We need to protect the integrity of the registry and unethical practices.

### b) Authorized Representative form clarification –

- Jill had a member question why they were not allowed to register an animal for another breeder when they were the authorized representative. Jill stated that the delay in registration was due to the original breeder not being up to date with their membership dues. Kimberly Jepsen asked for clarification on the purpose of the ARE. The board concluded the purpose of the authorized representative form is to allow another member to register animals on behalf of the original breeder. The original breeder and authorized representatives must be current members of the ADCA in order to register a Dexter in the ADCA.
- The First Owner Exemption form is available for use in the unfortunate case of the death of a breeder.
- Mark Chaney asked if the forms could be updated on the website in regard to the transfer policy change. Carole will update the printable form and Jill will contact Ranch House to update the online form.

## 7) Other –

- a) Jim Woehl announced that the Mid -American Stock Show being held in Grand Island Nebraska, October 29 – November 6, 2022, has invited Dexter cattle to participate this year. The Mid-American show is a multi-breed national show. This is a huge step in recognition for the Dexter

cattle breed. Dexters will show on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

- b) Skip Tinney relayed a call he received from a member who was upset with an advertisement on the ADCA Dexter cattle for sale page listing A2/A2 health benefits. He was concerned that the ADCA would be perceived as endorsing the health benefits of A2/A2 milk that have not been proven. A simple disclaimer may be placed on the website. The board will discuss this issue at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm CST / Next scheduled board meeting is November 1, 2022, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

# NOVEMBER

November 8, 2022

7 p.m. CDT

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1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 8:05 pm central and roll call was taken.

2) Reports:

### a) Treasurer's report

- There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report.
- Roberta emailed renewal invoices to members who are currently advertising on the AI bull and breeder adverting pages of the ADCA website. Payment is due January 31, 2023. Roberta will send reminders again in December. Kim Newswanger asked if membership is verified for anyone placing an advertisement on the ADCA website. Jill Delaney replied that she verifies membership for all advertising.

### b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Jill stated that while gathering information for her reports for the meeting she came across some discrepancies in the totals. Last month's numbers were also incorrect. Jill contacted Susan and they will be working together on the reports. They continue to meet regularly to fine tune and polish the new software.
- Jill sent a new member list to the board and was happy to announce it now includes a column to help directors identify new members in their regions. • Permanent identification issues continue to hinder some registrations. Jill stated that Josephine at Texas A&M also struggles with breeders not properly using permanent identification on animals. There are a few cases where members have to do additional testing to figure out if they have the correct animal. In addition to the added financial costs some of these cases can take months to solve. Jill estimates 15 to 20% of registered animals fail to have proper ID placed in their ear before they are registered.
- The board discussed the importance of protecting the registry with correct information and said they will continue educating and urging breeders to place a permanent ID in the ear of animal before

registration. They will also be encouraging buyers to look for and verify the ID at the time of purchase. A question was raised about the possibility of tracking brucellosis tags. While the brucellosis tag used by veterinarians should be registered in the state applied, Jill could not find a library to search for those tag numbers. Jill said most veterinarians are now using the 840 tags for the brucellosis ID. Breeders experiencing a difficult time obtaining 840 tags due to supply issues should either contact their veterinarian for an 840 tag or place a tattoo in the animal's ear instead. If a breeder replaces an 840 tag in an animal that is already registered they should notify the registrar so she can update the registry with the animal's new number. It was noted that we are more aware of improper animal identification due to the requirements of genotyping and parent verification for registration. Both help to maintain the integrity of the breed and registry.

c) Pedigree and Genetics Committee – Kim Newswanger

- Kim provided the board with details on two P&G committee cases.
- The case from earlier this year is moving along nicely. After the Board approved funding for testing up to \$250, they have been able to order tests for the 5 offspring and their sire, needed to build a derived genotype for the dam, which they need in order to figure out which bull is her son. Samples are on their way and starting to arrive at UCDC.
- Jill referred another case to the committee at the end of September, concerning registration of some Fingerlakes animals. Originally this had been partially dealt with by the previous committee in 2017. That committee only gave the breeder a final answer on the first bull, but not his daughter. Kim was able to get committee emails & information from that first case, then the current committee reviewed it all, and made a decision that the animals are not eligible for registration. The breeder was notified of the decision via certified mail.
- Since that letter was sent, Kim has received emails from another member who is helping the breeder requesting that the P&G committee reconsider their decision. This other member has provided information for what they believe is evidence that the cow in question should be allowed to be registered. Kim would like to answer this member with the committee's findings and the approval of the board.
- The other member stated that there were 20 animals registered under the "Plan B" exception. Kim informed the board that following the sire qualification rule in 2010, Plan "B" allowed the registrar, at the request of the breeder, to register animals from sires that were deceased and could not be genotyped. Plan B was a short-term plan, and it was discontinued in 2014.
- The member stated that three heifers were registered in 2016 without sire qualification after Plan B was discontinued. Kim told the board; at the time the registrar and the owner of those heifers were told by the P&G committee that they were going to have a derived genotype built for the sire. According to her research, neither lab has a record for the bull, but Jill and the owner were told the heifers could be registered. This was an error, not precedent, and the heifers should not have been registered.
- The board discussed the P&G committee's findings and agreed with the decision that the animals do not meet the requirements for registration now and did not meet the requirements for registration at the time of submission in 2017. The rules were established with the intent to maintain the integrity of the breed. Kim will notify the helping member of the committee's decision.

3) Continuing Business –

a) Regional Updates – region 7 – Becky Eterno

- Becky confirmed that Don Giles was nominated for regional director but had to decline for personal reasons. Becky received a lead and requested for Laaci to follow-up on it. The board tossed around other names of members that might be interested. Laaci recommended advertising again to search for a volunteer to serve as the region 7 interim director.

b) Annual General Meeting update –

- Kevin McAnnany explained the process and order of events for the AGM meeting. Two directors at large will be chosen by members to represent them at the wrap-up meeting being held later that day following the AGM. Members will be able to ask questions using the chat feature relating to thereports being presented at that time. A time has been set aside for members to have an opportunity to voice comments or ask general questions of the board following the reports.
- The AGM committee held a test meeting, everything went well with the exception of Facebook, which may not be an option for use as intended due to technical difficulties.
- Another email will be going out to the membership this week inviting them to attend Saturdays AGM, it will include the zoom invite. They will be reminded to sign into the chat feature with their name and member number.
- Following the AGM there will be a 30-minute break before the board and directors at large meet for the wrap-up meeting.

4) New Business –

a) President and VP elections

- Laaci reminded the board that President and VP elections as well as staff appointments will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting following the AGM on Saturday. She stated her intentions to run for president again but encouraged others to consider running also. Becky Eterno will be stepping down as VP, the board thanked Becky for her time served and years of service on the board. Several names were tossed out for consideration, Becky Swisher, Vicki Jones, Chris Jones and Michelle Hall as a possibility for the VP role. Becky will make some calls to see if there is any interest in serving. If no one with previous board experience is running for the position the board has the option of appointing someone from the membership.

5) Other items -

- Mark Chaney requested an item to be added to the next meeting's agenda. He has received several requests from members wanting to move animals from other registries to the ADCA. He was seeking clarification of the SOPs regarding registration of animals from other registries, specifically section 9 paragraph D. Kim Newswanger recommended using the ADCA decision tree as a reference for any registration questions. Laaci will add this item to the next board meeting's agenda.
- Carole gave the board a preview of the AGM PowerPoint presentation.
- Laaci reminded board members to sign in 10 minutes early on Saturday, November 12th for the AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm CST

AGM & wrap-up meetings Saturday, November 12, 2022 – 2:00pm central time.

Next monthly scheduled board meeting is December 6, 2022, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky ♣



## Annual General Meeting NOVEMBER November 12, 2022 2 p.m. CDT

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1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 2:05 pm central.

2) Kevin McAnnany shared zoom instructions with members and asked everyone to sign-in to the chat feature with their name and ADCA member number.

3) Laaci Louderback thanked members for taking the time to join the AGM to see what happens behind the scenes within the organization. Laaci told members to contact a director or chairperson if they would like to learn more about joining a committee or helping in some other way.

#### 4) Officer reports:

1. Treasurer's report - Roberta Wieringa explained the income and expenses on the Trial Balance report for January 1 – November 1, 2022
  - Questions regarding the treasurer's report
  - The 2018 financial report is posted on the ADCA website, why isn't the current financial report posted? Roberta answered that in the past the financial report was only posted at the annual general meeting.
  - Pat Mitchell asked if we made money or lost money for this year. Roberta responded that we are staying steady, and our income has been sufficient to pay the bills without touching the savings account. Earlier in the year she moved \$50,000 from the checking account to the savings account. The checking account balance stays right around \$35,000.
  - Mark Chaney asked if the AGM account on the Trial Balance was really expenses for the expo? Roberta stated that yes, the AGM account was really expo expenses, and the account will be renamed per the board's request.
  - Mark Chaney asked if the expo paid for itself. Roberta confirmed that the expo was self-sustaining and paid for itself at no additional cost to the association.
2. Registrar's report – Jill Delaney shared registration and transfer numbers and believes we will be close to the same number of animals registered and transferred in 2021. Membership total is 1900 including 652 new memberships. We have experienced a significant increase in membership in the past five years. New reports will allow Jill to break down the totals by region - 8:365, 7:314, 1:224, 10:187, 6:174, 9:144, 12:138, 2:123 and 11:43. Jill shared her work sheet for pending

registrations that are not complete due to a missing component. Dave Cluff asked Jill to explain to members how long it takes to process an average registration. She said an average registration with no complications is processed within 5 days and tries to maintain a turnaround time of 7 to 10 business days for all transactions. The pending list can take much longer depending on the missing information, because of this, Jill urged breeders to register their animals before making a sale to ensure a smooth and timely transfer. Jill stated that her time is divided between researching pending transactions, accounting, registration, and the new software program. Members that want to know if their transaction has been processed should go to the online pedigree page, where they can check under their name or member number. Transactions always show up online first, members can expect to receive their certificates in the mail soon after. Always contact your regional director first with any questions. Kevin McAnnany stated the marketing and advertising committee is creating a cheat sheet for members to reference, on how to register a Dexter.

- Questions regarding the registrar report:
  - Dr Richard Browning asked if there was any movement on having a single sheet for simultaneous registration and transfer of sold animals. Jill answered that members may register an animal and then transfer that animal at the same time, please put pending in place of the number. The current website forms only allow three registrations and one transfer to be completed at one time.
3. Secretary report - Carole Nirosky shared her report and responsibilities as secretary, record keeping and sharing of official association information. Mailing of promotional packets and brochures to members and non-members. Facilitate calls received from the ADCA phone line. Most calls are passed on to the regional director, so they are aware of things happening in their region and some are managed by the secretary.
- No questions were asked

#### 5) Committee Reports

1. Elections – Becky Eterno stated that regions 6, 7 and 8 received one nomination each. No elections were required to be held. Kimberly Jepsen, and Mark Chaney will serve as regional directors for their first terms. Region 7 nominee had to refuse for personal reasons. Becky also announced that she would not be running for Vice President again.
  - No questions were asked.
2. Ethics committee – Dave Cluff stated that the committee oversaw one case.
  - No questions were asked.
3. Pedigree & Genetics – Kim Newswanger stated that the committee has two cases they have been working on. One case involves further testing to build a derived genotype due to improper animal identification. The P&G Committee is looking for another member.
  - No questions were asked
4. Education Committee – John Wallace stated that the committee is hoping to produce how to video's or PowerPoints on assorted topics that can be accessible on the ADCA website or YouTube channel. The education committee is also looking for more volunteers.
  - Questions for the Education Committee:
  - Kevin Blusher asked, what is the address for the YouTube channel? The YouTube channel is The Official American Dexter Cattle

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Association.

5. Marketing and Advertising — Kevin McAnnany gave a presentation on all the projects the M&A committee has been working on throughout the year. He talked about the logos and style guides, past and future advertising goals, promotional materials, and the Dexter Bulletin. The Bulletin costs approximately \$30,000 to produce and mail and the cost of mailing and paper keeps rising. Moving to an electronic version could save the association \$30,000 a year. \$4000 was approved for events/shows. Kevin asked for volunteers to join the M&A committee, especially those with experience in marketing or publishing.

- Questions for the Education Committee:
  - Catherine W asked, Will the organization be moving to an e-magazine? A: Yes, but we need to work through some server issues to be able to post it on the ADCA website.
  - Pat Mitchell asked, Electronic version is good for members that utilize the web, what about members who choose not to be on the internet? A: All things would have to be taken into consideration and the association will do their due diligence before making any changes. Kimberly Jepsen shared that aside from the cost, supply issues are a big concern for producing the Bulletin but at no point has the committee considered charging members more for a printed version.
  - Kathy Chaney asked, Why are the minutes printed in the Bulletin? A: It is a requirement of the ADCA By-Laws for the minutes to be mailed to members.
  - Kathy Chaney asked, Who chooses articles and photos? Why not get the Youth involved in writing articles? The M&A committee sets a theme for the bulletin, most of the articles are written by directors, but they also go to outside sources for other articles. Kevin is also looking to see if we may have other options such as collaborating with another publisher to produce the Bulletin at a lower cost.
  - Catherine W. suggested using the university extension office for obtaining articles relating to cattle/husbandry/care/feeding/hay/nutrition. Lots of free information,
  - Lynell Graham asked, To whom do we send photos? A: Send photos to any regional director or the secretary.
  - Babette Russell asked, Anything we need to know to submit picture, i.e., pixels, size, type of picture. A: Any image that is 300dpi or higher.
6. Expo report — Santiago Lizarraga stated that the 2022 expo hosted in Wooster, Ohio had a good turnout. Educational presentations were well attended with the conformation and choosing breeding stock presentations receiving the most positive feedback. Every region was represented in person. Net cost for the event was \$13,734.80. The youth show had a large participation. Youth were also allowed to participate in the open show if they owned the animal they were showing. Change from the adult show to an open show was well received. 2023 Expo will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Questions for the expo committee
  - Pat Mitchell asked, Will the 2023 expo be a combined Expo and AGM? A: Laaci said the board has not made any decisions about the next AGM.

6) ADCA Annual Awards — Laaci Louderback

- Chuck Daggett Good Citizen — Don Giles

- Talisman Farm Award — Barbara Netti
- Junior Odom Award winners — 1st Hudson Louderback, 2nd Mark Lemley, 3rd Paige Lemley
- Senior Odom Award — 1st Danielle Edgington, 2nd Henry Louderback, 3rd Aiden Sell
- (1) Odom monetary awards: Junior: \$500, \$250, \$50 / Senior: \$1,000, \$500, \$100

7) Laaci Louderback addressed a question asked earlier in the meeting by Babette Russell. Babette asked, Are the needs of the association posted anywhere? Laaci stated that we do not at this time but will look into adding committee needs to our website. In the meantime, members are encouraged to contact a committee chair or regional director about volunteering in an area that interests them.

8) Nominations for Directors at Large

- Patti Adams and Dan Edgington were elected directors at large, they will attend the board wrap-up meeting following the AGM.

9) Open Discussion and Questions

1. An anonymous person posed the question: Is there a possibility that we can start an up-grading genetic recovery program to eventually get grade cattle registered if they are sired by registered bulls for a certain number of generations? A: Laaci responded, right now the association is not looking into any programs like this. We have held steadfast that we are a purebred association and registration must be from registered Dexters.
2. Dave Cluff asked Laaci share the goals committee (subcommittee of the finance committee) report in relation to needs of the association. The goals task force was established to create a vision of 1-, 3- and 5-year goals for the use of ADCA funds to help improve the breed according to the ADCA Certificate of Incorporation. The committee has identified four pillars to begin building on, education, classification, association infrastructure and member services. These pillars will help us to stay focused and create steps for achieving our 1-, 3- and 5-year goals.
3. Dave Cluff asked Laaci what she thought the needs of the association are at this time. Laaci responded that education is a large need and volunteers are needed to help. The YouTube channel has four videos that are ages old. There is a huge need to help create basic information regarding Dexter cattle to share with members and prospective buyers.
4. Dave Cluff explained the budget committee has asked other committees to submit requests for their 2023 budgets based on needs and responsibly spending of ADCA funds.
5. Dr Richard Browning asked: Within the registration data and software workgroup, has the addition of an inbreeding coefficient calculator been discussed? If so, where does that consideration stand? A: Jim Woehl stated that several people have asked for other items that were not part of the initial build. He said that the software is being developed in three phases and currently we are in phase one. Once phase three is completed, which is estimated to be another year and a half out, we can consider other things like the inbreeding coefficient calculator being added.
6. Rene Dykstra asked: Why do we not have a youth director report? This association needs to promote youth involvement and there is not a clear direction to our associations direction for promoting youth involvement



for the breed. A: Elissa Emmons stated that due to personal reasons she did not have time to complete a full report for the meeting. She said there was quite a bit of youth involvement at the expo. The youth board will be going through a lot of changes due to some of the current volunteers aging out. We should see those changes shortly. Elissa asked members to email her at [aggieelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:aggieelissa@yahoo.com) with names of anyone that would be interested in serving on the youth board.

7. Rene Dykstra commented that some youths have aged out years ago. This needs to be a priority. We have several board members who need to see younger members take interest in this association. The youth board needs to groom younger members to sustain the association. Elissa responded per the youth SOPs; youth may stay on the board until they are 21 years old to help guide the younger members. The last call for a youth board meeting was four months ago and only one person attended.
8. Rene Dykstra was unmuted so she could address the board with her concerns about the direction and the vision of the youth board. She believes we are missing out by not tapping into the youth that are already working hard to promote the Dexter breed. Elissa responded that she would like more volunteers with ideas to help her develop and grow the youth program.
9. Maryan Pannell commented that although she is new to this, if a person wants to be involved, they would have to contact the right person. The leaders have no idea who is out there unless someone speaks up other than a meeting like this. Kevin McAnnany suggested members contact their regional director and they will connect them with the right person.
10. Following no other requests to speak to the board a motion was made by Kevin McAnnany, John Wallace 2nd, to adjourn the 2022 annual general meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm CST

AGM & wrap-up meetings Saturday, November 12, 2022 – 4:45pm central time.

Next monthly scheduled board meeting is December 6, 2022, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

## Annual General Wrap-Up Meeting

# NOVEMBER

November 12, 2022

4:45 p.m. CDT

President – Laaci Louderback, Vice Pres – Becky Eterno, IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa, Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, Region 7 Region 8 – Mark Chaney, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, \*Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, Region 11 –John Wallace, Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany. \* - not present

1. The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 4:45pm central.
2. Roll call taken with everyone in attendance, including Patti Adams and Dan Edgington, the directors at large.

3. Jill Delaney, Roberta Wieringa, and Carole Nirosky left the meeting, and the board went into executive session at 4:50pm to discuss contractor renewals.

4. The board returned from executive session at 5:29. Jill, Roberta and Carole were asked to rejoin and Laaci announced the renewal of all contracts for Jill Delaney – registrar, Roberta Wieringa – treasurer, Carole Nirosky – secretary, and Ray Delaney – webmaster.

5. Laaci Louderback left the meeting, and the board went into executive session at 5:35 to elect a President and Vice President.

6. Laaci Louderback was asked to rejoin the meeting while the board was in executive session. The board came out of executive session at 6:05. The board announced that Laaci had been re-elected as President and Dan Edgington elected as Vice President. Two nominations were received for the vice president and one nomination for president.

7. Laaci asked the board to address three questions that came out of the Annual General Meeting.

1. Will the ADCA consider an up-grading genetic recovery program to eventually get grade cattle registered if they are sired by registered bulls for a certain number of generations?
  - The board has no intention of entertaining an upgrade program.
2. Will the 2023 expo be a combined Expo and AGM?
  - Board members shared thoughts on how the AGM should be held moving forward. Most members that attended today's expo were appreciative of the format and opportunity. A suggestion was made to hold the AGM at the expo again and also include the Zoom option. Kevin explained the difficulties in trying to attempt that at the 2021 expo. Laaci told the board that a decision did not need to be made today but be prepared to discuss this in January. This will give the board time to review the 2022 AGM to see if our goals were obtained.
  - Patti Adams suggested holding a similar meeting more than once a year to encourage member participation.
3. Will the association have a single sheet for simultaneous registration and transfer of sold animals?
  - Currently registration and transfers must be handled separately because that is the way the online forms are set up. Transfer requests can be made immediately following registration by using the transfer form and typing "pending" in place of the registration number. The board will always encourage breeders to complete registrations before selling an animal. This process ensures that registration is correct, and a transfer transaction can be managed quickly and smoothly. Registrations that are incomplete can clog the system creating extra work all the way around.
4. John Wallace reminded the board that classification was discussed in a previous meeting, and he would like it to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm CST

Next scheduled board meeting is December 6, 2022, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky ❀



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Kathy Chaney . . . . . Ribbons & Awards  
TBD . . . . . Show  
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TBD . . . . . Photography  
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We can always use more  
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Please contact your regional  
director for more information  
on how to volunteer.**

# HAPPENINGS

## REGION 2

Mark your calendar for 2023!



Washington's biggest celebration of Spring is April 13th – 16th & 20th – 23rd, 2023. Dexter Cattle will be there for the 17th year! We're going to do a repeat of last year and have a "Dexter Extravaganza". There will be 4 days of Dexter education including how to show and

prep for show, costume contest, agility/trail fun, kids showmanship pointers and competition. This is a chance to become involved in Region 2 by simply participating. Can't bring your Dexter? That's fine, bring yourself and your knowledge to share with those that come to learn. Dexters will only be there for one session which we believe is the first (13th – 16th) session so be sure to check before arriving. You are welcome (as always!) to contact me, Stefani @ adcaregion2@gmail.com if you have questions or want to participate. ♣

## REGION 4



DEXTERS In DENVER at the National Western Stock Show 4655 Humboldt St. Denver Co. 80216, January 07, 2023 in the Witwer Show Arena. Late entries must be in by December 19, 2022. Cattle may arrive as early as January 3. All cattle must be in by noon on January 5. The Dexter show is

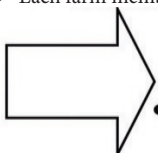
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## REGION 6

I would like to extend a thank you to all Region 6 members who joined our annual Region 6 meeting on November 5th and graciously brought a dish to share! We had an excellent turnout with 42 people in attendance. We had two guest speakers. My local veterinarian, Dr. Clint Gardner, spoke about pinkeye and communicable diseases in cattle. Michael Rose, the OSU Extension Educator spoke about endophyte toxicity. Both speakers generated lots of great questions and discussions. We had lots of ADCA swag door prizes. No one left empty handed! ♣

Kimberly Jepsen ADCA Region 6 Director

## REGION 8

The Florida State Fair Dexter Show February 14 - 16, in Tampa. This Fair is a very large event and brings a large audience. Many people come through the show barn and are interested in Dexter Cattle. This show is perfect to bring one or two animals to. With that being said we need to have at least 15 animals being shown otherwise we may lose the show. Many times the shows are not convenient due to distance and schedules, yet if we have a show dedicated to Dexter Cattle we need to utilize it. Remember, one of the important things about these shows is marketing our Dexter Cattle, for your farm and the breed. Please give it some consideration. If you can lead your animal on a halter it can be shown. There is always someone available to help. As Regional Director, I plan on being there and will be holding a Region 8 meeting. If nothing else it is a good opportunity for Dexter owners to get together. Beyond the Dexter show the Fair is very large with many attractions for a family event. With entering your cattle to the show comes passes to the fair. Entries started on December 2nd, late entries going until January 11th (with increased cost). Visit the website <https://floridastatefairag.com/shows/beef/> ♣

## REGION 10

Save The Date! The Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Association will hold their annual show on May 19th and 20th 2023 at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ohio! This location is near Cincinnati, so if you just want to come watch and hang out with a super group of Dexter owners, there will be plenty of other things to do as well. The show is open to all registered Dexters and the person showing them! The show has been an annual event for over a decade with an open show format where we love to feature the youth. The Ohio Valley Dexter

Breeders Show traditionally features over 100 animals in all classes, including milk cow and cow/calf pair. The wonderful selection of animals come from the nearby 7 states, and that continues to expand. Keep a watch on the websites, <https://ohiovalleydexters.weebly.com/> or the Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Face Book Page for upcoming registrations dates and volunteer opportunities. (Also save the date for May 17th and 18th for the 2024 OVDBA show in Wooster, Ohio!) ♣





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