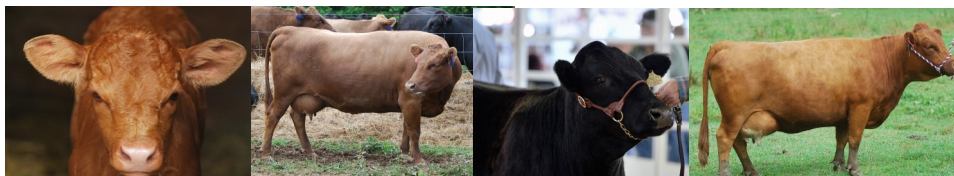




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The DCCT Newsletter

CLUB WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

Well Spring has sprung, and so has an updated April newsletter for the Dexter Cattle Club of Tennessee. I would like to thank everyone for being patient as we begin this endeavor of promoting our cattle club. You are encouraged to visit and share the Club's website at <http://www.dextercattleclub.com>. There you will see upcoming events, membership and officer roster as well as Dexter related items for sale (a free service provided for our members). This website is for all to view and allows everyone the opportunity to learn about the DCCT and the opportunity to contact members and officers, view member websites and Dexter related products for sale - it gives an overview of what the Club is all about and will serve as the primary way interested folks can become members with a PayPal option for buying membership.

All "member only" information will still be accessible only on this newsletter, the closed Facebook group "Dexter Cattle Club of Tennessee", and of course at membership meetings and gatherings! You are encouraged to join the Facebook group to learn of marketing opportunities, general cattle husbandry, health and nutrition information and the ability to have your sale photos and ads critiqued before posting on FB sale groups and the DCCT website in order to make the best first impression, member only activities etc. If you have Dexters (or crosses) or Dexter related products to sell - please contact the webmaster Sally Coad with your information (hopefully after posting on the Club FB group)! Don't miss out on a thing - check the Website often!

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DISCUSSION IN THE BOARD ROOM

Much discussion between BOD members this first month of the DCCT as we work out some of the issues of a new organization. Many of the topics simply included the bare bones of the formation of the group, the different legal documents, bank account opening etc. This moved on to very lengthy discussion about logos, apparel options and such interesting topics as thread color of embroidery, preferred cap styles etc. A committee was then formed to finalize options to bring to the board for final decisions.

The Board also discussed a number of different venue opportunities to showcase the Club and it's members and in general promotion of the Dexter breed. These have been posted on the FB Group Page and many can be seen here under events and happenings.

Currently being discussed in the Board room is the design of Club banners which will be purchased soon to enable members to hang the banner at the different venues they attend. Please contact your Regional Representative for a list of venues in your area and how to obtain a banner to display for that banner.

The group continues as a Member oriented club and we welcome your input.

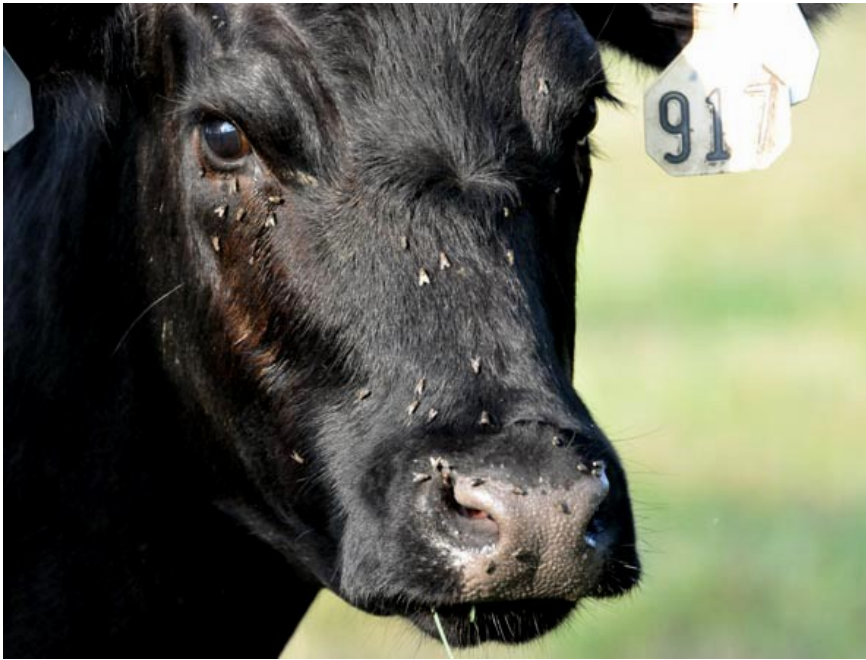
CLUB APPAREL & LOGO

A lot of the first month of any group or club, besides the actual formation, are the many decisions that have to be made - a club logo is one such decision. Thanks to several member suggestions and samples submitted we held an online poll (on the club Facebook Group) and here are the Club Logos that were chosen. These logos will be put on caps, shirts and banners which will be available for purchase.

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out”
-Robert Collier



HERD HEALTH



DADGUM FLIES

On the DCCT Facebook group there has been much inquiry about the prevention of flies during fly season. Many lines of attack are used by many members such as:

- Topical Fly Sprays, Pour Ons & Cattle Rubs
- Fly Predators and Poultry Scavengers
- Feed Through - Garlic, Minerals w/Rabon
- Ear Tags - Regular and Buttonhole Type
- Pasture Maintenance - Dragging & Rotation

One or ALL of the above might help you and your Dexters this Summer! Good Luck!

MINERALS MATTER

It's time for HI MAG minerals here in TN when the Spring Grasses start coming up and our Dexters are chomping them down before the plants have adequate magnesium content!

There has been a lot of discussion on what many of us like to use as supplement for our cattle. Some members feed the mineral in with their feed, while others provide it free choice in a feeder. It all comes down to what is cost effective and what works with your operation. We may not always agree on how to feed it or what brand to feed, but we can all agree that it is a very important component to herd health. Cattle need minerals, and if all you are providing them is a trace mineral block, a trace is all they are receiving. A cow can lick on a block and still not be consuming the amount of mineral they need. In some instances, it is best to have your local extension agent test the pasture of your cattle to see what the soil may have a deficiency in so that the right blend of mineral can be created to meet your herds health demands.

THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM

What does this mean?

To not work alone, but rather, together with others in order to achieve a goal.

The DCCT is nothing without members who want to volunteer. We must all do our part and put something in to get something out.

With that being said, success is determined not by how much we do but the quality of the things we do.

EVENTS & SUCH

APRIL

18-22 - Perry & Lewis Counties, TN
Advanced Master Beef Class
<http://UTBeef.com>

22 - Philadelphia, TN
Show & Grooming Clinic (\$5 off for members)
freedomfarmdexters@gmail.com

25 - Knoxville, TN
26 - Cookeville, TN
27 - Jackson, TN
Recordkeeping Workshops for Farmers
<https://ag.tennessee.edu/cpa>

28 - Athens, TN
McMinn County Expo Center
Southeast TN Beef Summit
423-745-2852
423-334-5781

MAY

6-7 - Asheville, NC
Mother Earth News Fair
Motherearthnewsfair.com

10 - Grainger County Ag. Pavillion
Considerations for Beginning Farmers
<https://ag.tennessee.edu>

12-13 - Mansfield, Ohio
Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Show & Sale
****ENTRY DEADLINE APPROACHING**
Ohiovalleydexters.weebly.com

12 - Mansfield, Ohio
At the OVDBA event
PDCA Annual General Meeting

JUNE

15-18 - Salina, Kansas
Salina County Fairgrounds
ADCA Annual General Meeting, Show & Sale

RESULTS OF MEMBER INTEREST POLL

Members were asked which statements applied to them and their Interests:

Learning Artificial Insemination	28 votes
I will have Dexters for sale in 6 mo.	25 votes
I have Dexters for sale now	13 votes
I have or will have Dexter Beef for sale	12 votes
Interest in Showing Dexter's adults/kids	9 votes
I have a Farm website	5 votes
I sell Dexter milk products (soap etc)	1 vote

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 21 - Deadline to enter the OVDBA Show and Sale

MAY 1 - Deadline for award nominations, Youth Award Applications, Show and Sale entries, Photo Contest entries - ADCA AGM

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of 04/09/17 the Dexter Cattle Club of Tennessee has:

- 35 Founding Family Memberships - 70 Voting Members
- 18 Founding Individual Memberships - 18 Voting Members
- 3 Family Memberships - 6 Voting Members
- 12 Individual Memberships - 12 Voting Members

106 Voting Members Strong in less than a Month!

DCCT MEMBERS SALES PAGE



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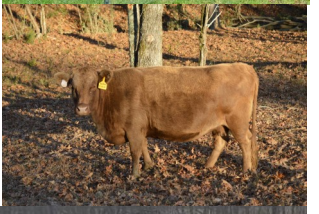
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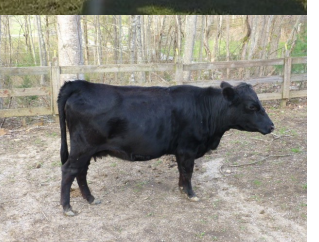
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YOUR DEXTER COULD BE HERE NEXT
MONTH!