

Dexter Cattle Club



of Tennessee

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# The DCCT Newsletter

## SHOWING DEXTERS?

### The Hidden Values That Benefit All

As spring winds down and summer advances it's obvious that it's Show Season. Just look at all the blue ribbon posts on Face book and it can get quite repetitious for those who don't show, but did you know that the Dexter breed has grown tremendously in numbers, popularity, and value as Dexter Shows have become more common throughout the U.S.?

- ◆ **Visibility of the Breed** - Folks that would never consider a smaller breed see that Dexters have substance, sustainability, and popularity.
- ◆ **Beef** - The more shows that offer steer classes can highlight the "pasture-to-plate" aspects of the breed and how growing your own is feasible with Dexters.
- ◆ **Value** - Folks see or hear about Dexters in the show ring and start surfing online. Facebook and Craigslist are increasing YOUR market area without you ever having to step foot in a show ring. *Higher Demand = Higher Value*
- ◆ **Networking** - Going to shows with or without cattle in tow is a fantastic way to meet other Dexter folks, to view the types of Dexters winning the classes, and to talk to other fairgoers about the breed and what you may or may not have for sale now or in the future.
- ◆ **Support Needed** - With these and many other benefits to ALL Dexter owners it is important to support and sponsor Dexter shows. It is not easy for a fair to make the decision to designate a Dexter Division when honestly, they would make more money on a more common breed. So please give when you can and let these venues know we greatly appreciate their help in expanding the Dexter word to cattle breeders, raisers, and consumers!

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PLEASE "SHOW" YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE TENNESSEE FAIRS  
OFFERING DEXTER CATTLE SHOWS!!



PLEASE VISIT OUR  
SPONSORS WEBSITE!  
<https://www.springtimeinc.com/>



Sept. 8-17, 2017

Members of the DCCT are encouraged to help find a few corporate sponsors for this show. **Springtime, Inc. has already agreed to fully sponsor the Dexter Steer division with their \$500 sponsorship!** The Club will have a membership meeting at the Wilson County Fair on August 21, 2017. Whether you want to show cattle or not, please come support the exhibitors and attend this first Annual General Membership Meeting. Contact Sally at [dcct.president@gmail.com](mailto:dcct.president@gmail.com) for more information. **Details in July & August Newsletters.**



Members of the DCCT are encouraged to help sponsor this show. A total of \$500 will enable us to hang a Club banner in the show ring for the entire 10 days of the fair as well as providing other benefits (admission and parking fees, for example). If we can come together with \$1000 we get to hang both Club banners and get more benefits. Contact Mark & Kathy Chaney at [dcct.mkchaney@gmail.com](mailto:dcct.mkchaney@gmail.com) for more information. **Details in July & August Newsletters.**



**CLUB APPAREL UPDATE - STILL WORKING ON THIS!**

In an effort to find the best quality and most affordable option for our members, the Board of Directors is still negotiating with various companies to bring you Club caps, T-shirts, and other Club Apparel . . . stay tuned!

**CATTLE DISEASES IN TN**

Opening any livestock catalog, you can find hundreds of diseases that can affect our cattle and medications to prevent or treat them. Here is a short list of the most common diseases in the TN area. You may want to vaccinate for prevention, or be ready to treat these conditions:

- ◆ Clostridium Diseases - Blackleg, Overeating Disease, etc.
- ◆ Leptospirosis - most commonly Hardjo-Bovis strain.
- ◆ Respiratory Illnesses
- ◆ Pinkeye
- ◆ Coccidiosis - Currently no vaccine - treat with Corid or other medication labeled for Coccidiosis.



**OUR PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR PREVENTION**

Use only **KILLED** virus vaccines safe for pregnant cows and calves nursing pregnant cows.

**Triangle 10HB  
20/20 Vision 7 w/Spur**

Calves get vaccinated at 2 1/2 to 3 months, boosted at 4 months, and boosted **AGAIN** after 6 months.

Cows and bulls get vaccinated annually.

**Freedom Farms LLC**

*"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."*

*- Babe Ruth*

# HERD HEALTH



Fat coverage on a yearling should be moderate. You do not want heifers or bulls getting too fat at this age which is just prior to them going into their breeding career. Here are 3 yearlings -

1. Overly Conditioned

2. Well Conditioned

3. Under Conditioned



## TOO FAT OR TOO THIN?

### Nutritional Support for Growing Calves

The most important nutrition requirements fall between the ages of 1 day and 1 year old. Protein, fat, carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins, and minerals all play a vital role in growth and disease prevention.

#### **Here's what to do:**

- If you think your calves don't need supplemental feed in addition to grass, hay, and forage, **TEST** your forage (grass, soil and hay) to see what they are actually getting nutritionally.
- Monitor body scores of calves.
- Check and treat regularly for nutrition bandits - lice, coccidiosis, flies, and other internal parasites.
- Provide clean water, daily, and choose pastures that provide clean air and sunshine
- Never wean a calf by sending it to a new owner !

### **SIGNS OF NUTRITIONAL DEFICITS**

- ◆ Decreased activity
- ◆ Pneumonia outbreak
- ◆ Rough dull hair & coat
- ◆ Weight loss or lack of gain
- ◆ Minimal "calf antics"
- ◆ Delayed sexual behavior and cycles
- ◆ Abnormal stools
- ◆ Ribs visible
- ◆ Spinal column and plate visible.

The most severe cases of malnutrition can stunt the growth of a calf. Often though, even what seems quite severe can be turned around with careful management and proper nutrition.

## EVENTS & SUCH

### JUNE

#### **10 - Tellico Plains, TN**

At the Chaney Dexter Cattle Farm:  
Farm Tour, USDA Program Summary, and  
informal membership gathering!  
Email Kathy or Mark for info & to RSVP.  
[Dcct.mkchaney@gmail.com](mailto:Dcct.mkchaney@gmail.com)

#### **15-18 - Salina, Kansas**

Salina County Fairgrounds  
ADCA Annual General Meeting, Show & Sale

#### **24 - Savannah, TN**

At Stay N' Put Farm: Educational Farm Day!

- Poultry & Goats
- Chicken Tractors & Hoop Houses
- Multi Species Rotation on Pastures
- Family Garden/Produce & Production
- And of course - Dexter Cattle!

Email Eliena for more info & to RSVP

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### JULY

#### **1 - MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE**

Please visit our website to renew online using  
PayPal, or mail your check payable to DCCT to  
Club Secretary, Cathy Aller at 5455 Palestine  
Rd, Henry, TN 38231. Questions:  
[dcct.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:dcct.secretary@gmail.com)

#### **29 - Cumberland Furnace, TN**

At Red Hill Dexter Farm: Educational Farm  
Day. Speaker on feed and minerals, rotational  
grazing, and Dexter visiting! Email Dwight for  
info and to RSVP: [dwiththambley@yahoo.com](mailto:dwiththambley@yahoo.com)

### AUGUST

**1-** Entry Deadline for the Wilson County Fair,  
Lebanon, TN. Classes are listed in this  
newsletter. **Our Annual Membership  
Meeting will be at THIS show on August  
21, 2017.**

#### **21 - Wilson County Fair Dexter Show & DCCT first Annual General Meeting**

### SEPTEMBER

#### **14 - Open Dexter Cattle Show at the TN Valley Fair in Knoxville**

#### **16 - JR. Beef Dexter Show at the TN Valley Fair in Knoxville**

## **2017-18 Dues for Membership Are DUE!**

Please renew for one year at <http://www.dextercattleclub.com/join-our-club>. If paying by  
check, make payable to Dexter Cattle Club of TN, or simply DCCT. See mailing address below.

### **Dexter Cattle Club of Tennessee**

#### Membership or Renewal Form

Mail to: Cathy Aller, 5455 Palestine Rd., Henry, TN 38231

Type of Membership:  Individual \$25 (1 Vote)  
(Due July 1st)

Family \$40 (2 Votes)



Bylaws will be revised to reflect beginning in July,  
these two categories of membership will be the two primary categories.  
Those who are now Founding Members will always be Founding Members.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town, ST, County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 2nd Voting Member: \_\_\_\_\_



### **DEADLINES TO REMEMBER**



**JULY 1:** Make sure you renew your membership in the  
DCCT! Don't miss a thing!



**AUGUST 1:** Deadline for entry for the Wilson County  
Fair Dexter Show & DCCT Annual Meeting!

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

#### **Chic and Susan Whiting of Brandon, VT!**

As of 06/05/17 the Dexter Cattle Club of Tennessee has:  
35 Founding Family Memberships - 70 Voting Members  
18 Founding Individual Memberships - 18 Voting Members  
5 Family Memberships - 10 Voting Members  
15 Individual Memberships - 15 Voting Members  
**113 Voting Members Strong in our Third Month!**

## DCCT Members' Sale Page

Click on hyperlink to send an e-mail!



Kevin Wiles of Washburn, TN is selling his entire herd of Dexters, including a Black Polled A2 Bull, 2 steers, Cow Calf Pairs, Heifers. Please contact him and make a reasonable offer! [kwiles@sitedevservices.com](mailto:kwiles@sitedevservices.com) or 864-907-6052



Melissa Sterling of Wartrace, TN has an A2 Polled Bull for sale. Contact [hiddenhollowtn@gmail.com](mailto:hiddenhollowtn@gmail.com) or 931-224-5099

Ruth Campagna of Floral City, FL has a Red A2 polled Bull for sale. Call 727-244-4327 or [racamp@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:racamp@tampabay.rr.com)



Mike Mendenhall of Hartford, Iowa has a Legacy Bull for sale. Call 515-989-4375 or [mendenhallfarm@gmail.com](mailto:mendenhallfarm@gmail.com)

Bill & Kim Stewart of Paris, TN have an A2 Dun Polled Bull for sale. Contact [kandbfarm@gmail.com](mailto:kandbfarm@gmail.com) or 479-883-3484.



Kathy and Mark Chaney of Tellico Plains, TN have several nice cows available for sale. Contact them at 423-519-3259 or [chaneysdexters@gmail.com](mailto:chaneysdexters@gmail.com)

Maria & Joe Legler of Petersburg, TN have several nice heifers available now and later in the summer. Contact [cleglermaria@gmail.com](mailto:cleglermaria@gmail.com) or 931-684-8503.



Fran Ashbrook of Woodruff, SC has several heifers available. Contact [sfrollingacresfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sfrollingacresfarm@gmail.com) or 864-270-3033.

Michele Woolford of Lawndale, NC has several Dexters for sale. Contact her at 704-775-3057 or [dctmwoolford@gmail.com](mailto:dctmwoolford@gmail.com)



Cathy Aller of Henry, TN has several polled Dexters available. Call 713-416-7920 or [cathyaller@peoplestel.net](mailto:cathyaller@peoplestel.net)

Sally Coad of Philadelphia, TN has several A2 Dexters available. Call 865-213-0590 or contact [freedomfarmdexters@gmail.com](mailto:freedomfarmdexters@gmail.com)



# Wilson County Fair, Lebanon, TN

## 2017 Dexter Cattle Show

**Monday, August 21, 2017 - 5:00 pm**, Large Animal Livestock Barn (Bldg. W)

**ENTRY FEE \$5 per class. ENTRY DEADLINE August 1, 2017**

Livestock Exhibitors transporting livestock enter at the TN Blvd. Entrance & follow the signs to the Large Animal Barn (Bldg. W). No straw bedding allowed.

**Information & Entries:** Sally Coad: 865-399-8664 or 865-213-0590; dcct.president@gmail.com

### DEXTER SHOW CLASSES

1. Jr. Weanling Heifer - born Feb. 1, 2017 or after
2. Sr. Weanling Heifer - born Nov. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017
3. Young Heifer - born Aug. 1 – Oct. 31, 2016
4. Late Yearling Heifer - born May 1 – July 31, 2016
5. Early Yearling Heifer - born Feb. 1 - Apr. 30, 2016
6. Senior Heifer - born Aug. 1, 2015 – Jan. 30, 2016
7. Young Cow – born Aug. 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015
8. Cow/Calf Class - Any cow with her natural unweaned calf at side (Calf born no earlier than Feb. 1, 2017)  
**\*Champion Female (Rosette, Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy)**  
**\*Reserve Champion Female (Rosette, Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy)**
9. Bull Calf under 6 Months - born Feb. 1, 2017 or after
10. Bull Calf 6 – 12 Months - born Aug. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017  
**\*Champion Bull (Rosette, Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy)**  
**\*Reserve Champion Male (Rosette, Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy)**
11. Young Prospect Steer - born Aug. 1, 2016 or After
12. Market Steer - born Aug. 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016  
**\*Champion Steer (Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy plus Premium Sponsored Payout)**  
**\*Reserve Champion Steer (Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy, plus Premium Sponsored Payout)**

### RULES

- ◆ Dexter Cattle may arrive as early as Sunday Evening the 20<sup>th</sup> and may stay overnight the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ All Dexter Cattle **MUST** be in place and checked in by 3 pm, Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ All Dexter Cattle **MUST** be removed by Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> EARLY AM.
- ◆ **Tennessee Health Requirements apply to all cattle.**
- ◆ Unruly animals may be excused from the show ring by the Judge or Show Chairman.
- ◆ Show cattle should be on grounds two hours before show time.
- ◆ Trucks and trailers shall park in designated areas after unloading.
- ◆ All cattle must be registered with their respective breed association or registry.
- ◆ Livestock trailers should enter through the Tennessee Blvd. entrance.
- ◆ All Livestock Exhibitors\* and Drivers of vehicles transporting livestock will be admitted **FREE**.

\*An Exhibitor is defined as the person who attends the animal in the show ring. All others **must** pay regular Fair Admission.

Announcements made the night of the event supersede all previous announcements.