

## Devon Cattle Field Day

American Milking Devon Cattle Association Board of Directors invites members and friends to a Devon Cattle Field Day on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Maple Breeze Farm in Westbrook, Connecticut.

Professor Drew Conroy will be leading discussions on oxen at work; conformation, breeding and culling. Professor Conroy holds a B.S. Degree in Animal Science from the University of New Hampshire, a Masters Degree in Agriculture from Northwest Missouri State University, and a Ph.D. in Natural Resources from UNH.

He teaches primarily Animal and Dairy Science courses at the University of New Hampshire. He is a registered professional animal scientist for beef cattle and dairy cattle, and is one of the foremost authorities on draft oxen in North America. He has written three books, nearly 100 hundred articles, produced 5 educational videos, been featured in 2 major motion pictures, consulted for numerous television stations assisting with documentaries on draft animals. He has conducted workshops all over the world on the subject of ox training, yoking and using oxen in both historic and contemporary settings.

He and his wife Janet operate a small, diversified grass based farm in Berwick, Maine where they raise cattle, sheep, and poultry, which keeps him actively engaged with the local agricultural community. He frequently judges cattle, oxen and other livestock at agricultural fairs and events. He is a former president and board member of the American Milking Devon Association.

Coffee and very light fare will be available at the farm beginning at 9:00 a.m. The program will run from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** with a Devon beef lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers included. The tentative program schedule is: 10-11 a.m. Oxen Demonstrations in the Garden; 11-noon All About Bulls in the Barnyard, where Professor Conroy will comment on several bulls of various ages, questions and answers; **noon-1 p.m. lunch at the farm**; 1-2 p.m. Let's Look At Cows at the Wheatfields – Professor Conroy will be critiquing cows of various ages; 2-3 p.m. Heifers and Calves also at the Wheatfields – A look at heifers and calves and a discussion about conformation, culling, etc. If you are interested in oxen, you are able to stay and talk with the drovers and skip the bull session, until lunch.

**Reservations are required and must be made no later than October 1, 2014.** Please call, 860-399-4611, or email your reply to: [johnandbonniehall610@comcast.net](mailto:johnandbonniehall610@comcast.net). This program, including lunch, is free.

Lodging is available in Westbrook at: Captain Stannard House Bed & Breakfast, 138 South Main Street, 860-399-4634; Westbrook Inn B&B, 976 Boston Post Road, 860-399-4777; Water's Edge Resort and Spa, 1525 Boston Post Road, 860-399-5901.

Lodging is available in Old Saybrook at: Econo Lodge Inn and Suite, 1750 Boston Post Road -- 860-399-7973; Quality Inn, 100 Essex Road – 860-395-1414; Super Eight Motel, 37 Spencer Plain Road – 860-399-6273; Days Inn, 1430 Boston Post Road, 860-388-3453; Deacon Timothy Pratt B&B, 325 Main Street – 860-395-1229; Saybrook Point Inn and Spa, 2 Bridge Street – 860-395-2000.

Maple Breeze Farm is located at 563 East Pond Meadow Road, Westbrook, CT.