

American Milking Devon Cattle Association

Established in 1978 to promote the conservation of American Milking Devon cattle as a triple purpose breed by maintaining a breed registry, encouraging knowledgeable and responsible breeding, and educating the public about the historic role of American Milking Devon Cattle, as well as their place in a healthy sustainable agriculture.

Properly cared for Milking Devons will work for you, not you work for them.-- Diurna Kibbe



Memorial Day Parade in Hardwick, Vermont 2019

From Left to Right: Jeremy Michaud, Lincoln Michaud (14), Morgan Michaud (11), and Gabriel Michaud (12)

Photo Courtesy of Jeremy Michaud

FEATURE ARTICLE: MIDDLE HORNS FROM DEVONSHIRE **(Part 1 of several non-consecutive parts)**

This article is taken from a book written by William Youatt titled *Cattle: Their Breeds, Management, and Diseases*. Originally published in 1836 by Burton H. Smith, Philadelphia, it has been reprinted by Scholar Select and is in the public domain. It can be freely copied and distributed in the United States. This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. From time to time the Editor will share historical information such as this when he is in need of Feature Article material.

The situation of Devonshire, at nearly the western extremity of the kingdom, and the undeniable fact, that one of the varieties of the middle horns is there found in a state of the greatest purity, render it the best as well as the most convenient point whence to start.

The north of Devon has been long celebrated for a breed of cattle beautiful in the highest degree, and in activity at work and aptitude to fatten unrivalled. The native country of North Devons, and where they are found in a state of the greatest purity, extends from the river Taw westward, skirting along the Bristol Channel; the breed becoming more mixed, and at length comparatively lost before we arrive at the Parrett. Inland it extends by Barnstaple, South Molton, and Chumleigh, as far as Tiverton, and thence to Wellington, where again the breed becomes unfrequent, or it is mixed before we reach Taunton. More eastward the Somersets and the Welsh mingle with it, or supersede it. To the south there prevails a larger variety, a cross probably of



Map of Devonshire



Map showing Somerset and Dorset: A portion of the North Devon, and of the very finest of the breed, come from Somerset and Dorset.

the North Devon with the Somerset; and on the west the Cornish cattle are found, or contaminate the breed. The true and somewhat prejudiced Devonshire man confines them within a narrower district, and will scarcely allow them to be found with any degree of purity beyond the boundaries of his native county. From Portlock to Biddeford, and a little to the north and the south, is, in his mind, the peculiar and only residence of the North Devon.

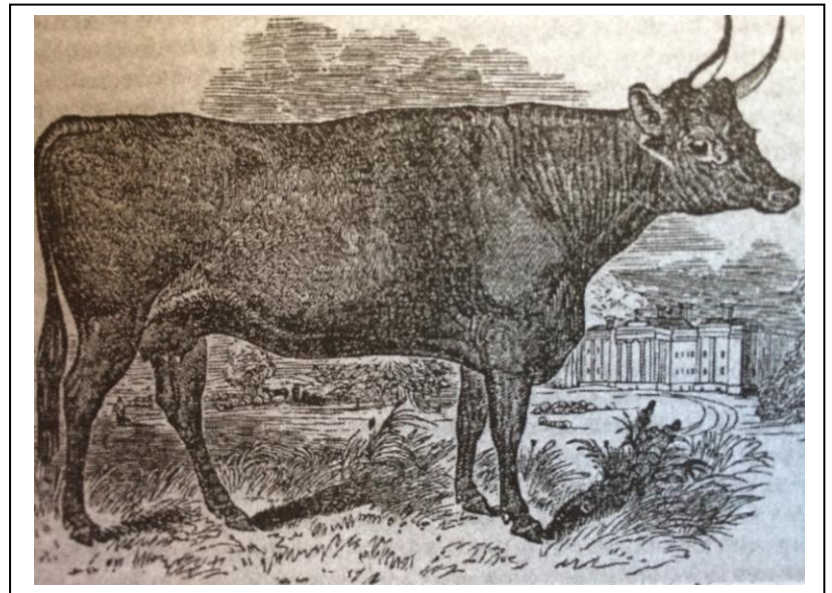
From the earliest records the breed has here remained the same; or if not quite as perfect as at the present moment, yet altered in no essential point until within the last thirty years. That is not a little surprising when it is remembered that a considerable part of this district is not a breeding country, and that even a proportion, and that not a small one, of Devonshire cattle, are bred out of the county. On the borders of Somerset and Dorset, and partly in both, extending southward from Crewkerne, the country

assumes the form of an extensive valley, and principally supplies the Exeter market with calves. Those that are dropped in February and March, are kept until May, and then sold to the drovers, who convey them to Exeter. They are there purchased by the Devonshire farmers, who keep them for two or three years, when they are sold to the Somersetshire graziers, who fatten them for the London market; so that a portion of the North Devon, and of the very finest of the breed, come from Somerset and Dorset.

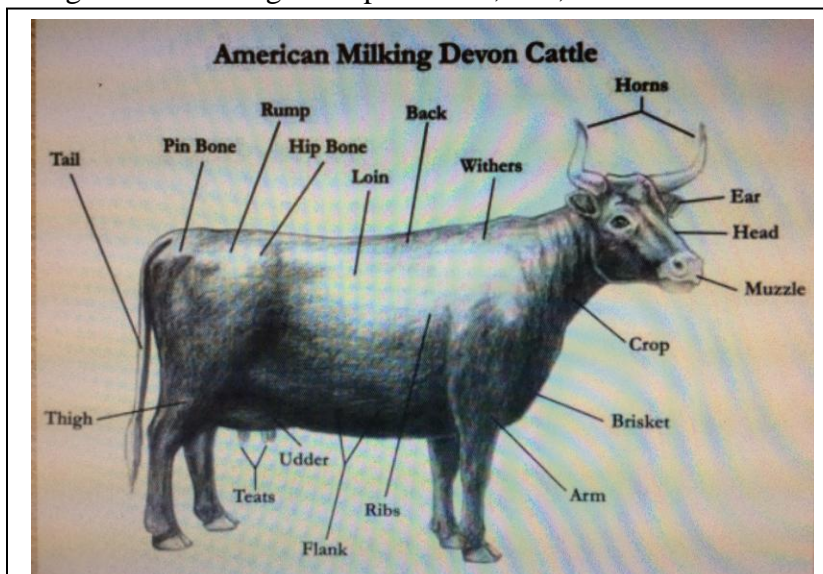
The truth of the matter is, that the Devonshire farmers were, until nearly the close of the last century (late 1700's), not at all conscious that they possessed anything superior to other breeds; but, like agriculturists everywhere else, they bought and bred without care or selection.

It is only within the last fifty or sixty years (1775-1836) that any systematic efforts have been made to improve the breeds of cattle in any part of the kingdom; and we must acknowledge, that the Devonshire men, with all their advantages, and with such good ground to work upon, were not the first to stir, and, for some time, were not the most zealous when they were roused to exertion. They are indebted to the nature of their soil and climate for the beautiful specimens which they possess of the native breed of our island, and they have retained this breed almost in spite of themselves.

A spirit of emulation was at length kindled, and even the North Devons have been materially improved, and brought to such a degree of perfection, that, take them for all in all, they would suffer from intermixture with any other breed.



Middle Horn- Devon Cow



Artist's Rendering- Devon Cow With Parts Labeled

Before, however, we attempt to describe the peculiarities of this, or any other breed, it may be proper to give a short sketch of the proper form and shape of cattle. Whatever be the breed, there are certain conformations which are indispensable to the thriving ox or cow. When we have a clear idea of these, we shall be able more easily to form an accurate judgment of the breeds of the different counties as they pass before us. If there is one part of the frame, the form of which, more than of any other, renders the animal valuable, it is the chest. There must be room enough for the heart to beat, and the lungs to play, or sufficient blood for the purposes of nutriment and of strength will not be

circulated; nor will it thoroughly undergo that vital change, which is essential to the proper discharge of every function. We look, therefore, first of all to the wide and deep girth about the heart and lungs. We must have both: the proportion in which the one or the other may preponderate, will depend on the service we require from the animal; we can excuse a slight degree of flatness of the sides, for he will be lighter in the forehead, and

more active; but the grazier must have width as well as depth. And not only about the heart and lungs, but over the whole of the ribs, must we have both length and roundness; the hooped, as well as the deep barrel is essential; there must be room for the capacious paunch, room for the materials from which the blood is to be provided. The beast should also be ribbed home; there should be little space between the ribs and the hips. This seems to be indispensable in the ox, as it regards a good healthy constitution, and a propensity to fatten; but a largeness and drooping of the belly is excusable in the cow, or rather, notwithstanding it diminishes the beauty of the animal, it leaves room for the udder; and if it is also accompanied by swelling milk veins, it generally indicates her value in the dairy.

This roundness and depth of the barrel, however, is most advantageous in proportion as it is found behind the point of the elbow, more than between the shoulders and legs; or low down between the legs, rather than upwards towards the withers: for it diminishes the heaviness before, and the comparative bulk of the coarser parts of the animal, which is always a very great consideration.

The loins should be wide: of this there can be no doubt, for they are the prime parts; they should seem to extend far along the back: and although the belly should not hang down, the flanks should be round and deep. Of the hips it is superfluous to say that, without being ragged, they should be large; round rather than wide, and presenting, when handled, plenty of muscle and fat. The thighs should be full and long, close together when viewed from behind, and the farther down they continue to be so the better. The legs short, varying like other parts according to the destination of the animal; but decidedly short, for there is an almost inseparable connection between length of leg and lightness of carcass, and shortness of leg and propensity to fatten. The bones of the legs, and they only being taken as a sample of the bony structure of the frame, generally, should be small, but not too small—small enough for the well known accompaniment, a propensity to fatten—small enough to please the consumer, but not so small as to indicate delicacy of constitution, and liability of disease.

Last of all the hide—the most important thing of all—thin, but not so thin as to indicate that the animal can endure no hardship; moveable, mellow, but not too loose, and particularly well covered with firm and soft hair.

End of Part 1 of Several Parts.

Highlights of the AMDCA Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Milking Devon Cattle Association was held on May 11th in Tunbridge, Vermont. President John Hall opened the meeting and reported on the following major Association activities this past year:

- Nationwide Conference Call held last August- Topic was Regional Groups -17 individuals participated
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Show in September of 2018 in Virginia—First Devon Dairy Show since the Big E in 1939- 31 Devons present with 11 different exhibitors-organized by Richard Larson
- Video of the Mid-Atlantic Show available on Facebook
- Video of 2017 Card Grading Event at Williamsburg, Virginia also available through our website
- Lost long time member Howard Van Ord this year
- In March Directors Ray Clark and Dexter Randall went to Colonial Williamsburg at Williamsburg's invitation to put on Classification and Showing Workshops, examine pedigrees and to classify Williamsburg's AMDs



President John L. Hall III

- As part of our grant with The Livestock Conservancy, the Conservancy forwarded to John a list of 40 potential bulls from which the Association can draw semen for our semen bank. John and Bonnie went over the pedigrees and selected about twenty that they would like to go look at in the near future.

Registrar Bonnie Hall provided a report on AMDCA membership, registrations, and semen sold. The 2018 membership consisted of 116 members including three lifetime members, eight junior members and 11 associate members. In 2018 there were 293 AMD registrations with 211 being females and 82 being males. 177 of the registrations were for animals under one year old and 116 were for animals over one year old. There were 171 cattle transfers and four lost certificates were issued. There was a total of 50 semen straws sold from our bank: 30 from Herk, five from Floyd and 15 from Axel. President Hall reported that our semen bank is down to about 127 straws and that's why we are working with the Livestock Conservancy to draw more bulls.



2019 Annual Meeting Tunbridge, Vermont

Significant discussion centered around the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Regional AMD Show. Both President Hall and Director Andrew Van Ord reported that it was a highly successful event and encouraged breeders to attend the 2019 event. They complimented Richard Larson for all the organizational effort he put into the show. Dr. Drew Conroy did a great job in judging the show and providing comments on the cattle the following day. There was a good showing of breeders with one family coming from as far as upstate New York. The fairground accommodations for the cattle were good and the leadership of the fair was very receptive to adding a heritage breed. The president of the fair was pleased with the outcome and would like to see the show return. The Devons represented 31 out of about 100 cattle, so our showing was excellent. Dr. Conroy's credentials are impressive and the fair decided to hire him to judge the entire dairy show for the fair, not just the Devons. The AMDCA will support the judge for the upcoming show September 26-29. AMDCA anticipates having a youth event on the Friday of the fair and is open to suggestions for that event. The 2018 Fall Gathering was held in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Show in a barn on the fairgrounds.



From Left: Director Bruce Farr, Director Ray Clark and Registrar Bonnie Hall

During 2018 the AMDCA Directors pursued the concept of Regional Groups at the behest of the Association at large. This regional structure was devised to allow for greater participation of members in the Association and for networking with AMD breeders near to each other. These groups are designed with a direct link to the Board of Directors to ensure that members concerns are heard and addressed. The plan also allows for the covering of

transportation costs for a Regional Representative to attend the Annual Meeting. The South and Central Regions have expressed some interest, but no one has volunteered to lead the groups. The Association hopes someone will step forward in every region to develop these groups.

Developing a pool of qualified AMD judges—The Board has discussed this during the last couple of conference calls. The topic came up as a result of the Mid-Atlantic Show as we want to have more than one or two people qualified to go and judge some of these shows. Most of those who might be qualified to judge currently are older, so there's a need to focus on the next generation. There are several sons and daughters of Devon owners that we would like to do something with to bring them along and maybe eventually develop them as judges. We can start having some get togethers where they can look at cattle and start to classify a little. Get their thoughts and teach them how to do this while people like Ray, Drew, Bruce and John are still around to mentor a little bit. This is something the AMDCA will be working on. The AMDCA would like to put an event together somewhere other than Tunbridge to get the youth together and start doing that. We would like to hear any suggestions or ideas.

Conference Call Topics—We have had two conference calls, the first one was on registrations, problems with registrations and transfers. Only one or two people participated on that call other than Directors. The second call was on Regional Groups and we had 17 people on the call which was better. We are always looking for topics that people would be interested in. You can talk to any one of the Directors about your ideas.

The Herd Book—The Association produces the herd book every two years and that would be the end of 2018. At the beginning of May the Registrar met with the information technology specialist who extrapolates our data and that procedure is done. The data is ready to go to Webmaster Lawrence Gilley, who produces the herd book from the data.

Registration Procedure Proposal—On occasion the Registrar receives registration requests that are physically impossible or questionable due to the dates and cattle involved. The Registration Committee has in some of these instances requested DNA samples to prove parentage. The Board would like to develop procedure language to address this issue more formally. There was general agreement that a procedure should be developed by the Board and sent out to the membership in the newsletter with a specified date by which members should respond. The proposed procedure can then be finalized and implemented by the Board.

Some discussion was held regarding 840 tags versus ear tattoos. 840 tags are expensive and can be removed. Tattoos can sometimes be hard to read, but they cannot be removed. Some members do use 840 tags in addition to the tattoo and report both identifiers to the Registrar.

Some discussion was held regarding Association T-Shirts, sweatshirts, etc. A motion was passed to develop some Devon promotional paraphernalia for the members and others to purchase. A suggestion was made to develop an official AMDCA logo.



Group Photo--2019 Annual AMDCA Meeting Tunbridge, Vermont

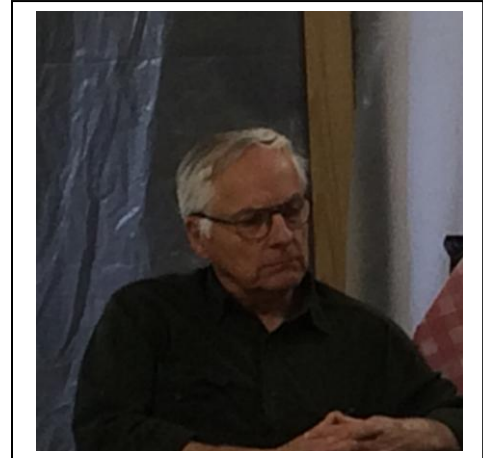
The Association agreed to purchase some fireproof safes for Association records. The Association also agreed to explore electronic data storage options to backup our electronic records.

John L. Hall III and Thomas Slater were re-elected as Directors of the Association for three-year terms.

One Director's Perspective

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a transcript of a few remarks made by AMDCA Director Bruce Farr at the meeting.

I have a thought I'd like to share...it would be appreciated. Just drive up thinking on a quiet spring day. As a school principal I find myself always asking more of my staff, my school and just keep pushing for the next level up. We don't take time to reflect on what we've actually accomplished. In the drive up, quite frankly, I guess it's been about 25 years, at one time, for me as an outsider, to find Devon cattle it was essentially impossible, if you didn't have a name or know someone right down the street. At that time I lived in Delaware. I really had to diligently search out somebody, find out what the Association was and then find out how to get involved. When I look at where we are today, we have places to go, but the website is out there constantly now. If you want Devon cattle it's a few clicks away for the vast majority of us. I thought the card grading video was a nice example. Many Associations don't even have that. Where if you want to learn how to evaluate your cattle that instructional video is out there, it's free and very accessible. The Virginia Show, and the regional group concept, no offense away from Tunbridge, we reached out as an Association in the last half a dozen years. The Regional Show, outsiders, whether you know cattle or not, gave you an opportunity to see how to evaluate. The conference calls, four times a year or more, you get on the phone and get to meet each other and find out what's going on. It's a nice outreach. Andrew's Facebook, I'm not a social media person, but I can help you if my job requires me too. It's really fascinating to see the awesome pictures you are putting up there. ...It's virtually every single day Devon cattle pops up. It's a nice way to reach out. And Tom's newsletter coming out, essentially my membership dues pay for that, once more comes across my desk and it's available to anybody. I just want to take time to recognize what the Association is doing for the membership. That's been nice growth over the last decade or so.



Director Bruce Farr

Livestock Conservancy Grant

Article prepared by the Editor

D. Phillip Sponenberg, DVM, PhD, Professor and Technical Advisor to the Livestock Conservancy and Jeannette Beranger, Senior Program Manager at the Livestock Conservancy were present at the AMDCA Annual Meeting to discuss the grant the two groups have in common. As part of the grant the Livestock Conservancy conducted a herd book analysis to determine what is happening genetically within the breed. Dr. Sponenberg stated that there is certainly concern over saving bloodlines from less promising animals, but if a variety of bloodlines is not saved, it collapses in on itself later from inbreeding. This is currently happening in a lot of dog breeds, purebred horses, and to some extent in Holstein cattle. Productive breeds with huge populations don't have the genetic variation they need to move forward. The herd book analysis is being conducted to examine that with Devons.



From Left: AMDCA Member Derek Miner, Jeanette Beranger and D. Phillip Sponenberg

As part of that, with the grant the Livestock Conservancy is interested in looking at bulls for semen collection. The semen collection needs to accomplish two things. The first is to provide semen that will be available to members from top quality bulls with enough genetic variation for those herds to move forward. The second purpose is to provide semen from some bulls that may be considered second tier. These would not be culls, but bulls with divergent bloodlines. There is such a thing as rare for a reason. If a bull is a cull, that's one thing, but if the whole breed goes in one direction that's a mistake. Then you have nowhere to go in the future. When the issue is approached from the conservation perspective, it is looked at more from the side that genetic diversity is needed to go forward. In balancing these needs, as an Association, given the small number of straws currently available, the other issue is as important. The Association needs good strong bulls from a variety of backgrounds so that the breeders who are going to use artificial insemination have that semen available. This bull selection process is not just an exercise in selecting the least related matches, the Conservancy is trying to do a comprehensive analysis. According to Dr. Sponenberg, this is where breeder education becomes important. He stated that some breeds think they can do this all by science and not by someone's eyes on the ground. He maintains that it was some genius farmers with eyes on the ground that gave us these breeds. Sometimes people go for the low coefficient of inbreeding, but if you do that over ten or twenty generations pretty soon everything is related to everything and you have actually worked yourself into a corner. You don't want all the cattle in the breed to be related to all the other cattle in the breed. Dr. Sponenberg thinks we are far from that.

With the DNA evaluation the questions asked are "why do we do that?" and "what will it do?" There are breeders that are interested in the A1/A2 milk issue. Working with the Randall breed group DNA has been quite useful especially with the issue of recovering rare breed animals. With Randall cattle any mix with a Randall will show up in the DNA. Dr. Sponenberg is not sure how this will work with the Devons until the analysis is done.

Jeanette Beranger spoke about the Devon milk study portion of the grant. The Conservancy has identified about 65 cattle that they are going to get milk samples from. This is a larger number than they had originally thought. There will be a two tiered look at the milk. They want to look at the amino acids and then the milk solids. With the amino acids it's a one-time test and with the rest the samples will be taken once a month for hopefully four to six months. Another part of the grant is to identify markets for Devon products in the Northeast that breeders could benefit from. The conservancy is networking with a number of organizations to see if there are niches or places that have been overlooked by producers in the area, as well as developing some basic strategies such as branding.

Update on the Mid-Atlantic 2019 Regional AMD Show

Article submitted by Richard Larson.

The second annual **Mid-Atlantic Regional Show** will be held in conjunction with the Virginia State Fair at Doswell, VA. Early indications are that we will have even more breeders and AMD participating this year than the 31 head that were exhibited in 2018.

Dates: Mid-August – Entry deadline. www.statefairva.org Check fair site for specific date.

September 26, 2019 – cattle arrive, must be penned by 8:00 p.m.

Friday 27th – State Fair opens

Saturday 28th – Competitive show in the afternoon

Sunday 29th – Breed standard scoring beginning at 8:00 a.m. Release 3:00 p.m.

Classes: Same as 2018 – 3 heifer; 4 yearling; 2 cow; 2 bull; and 5 bred & owned group classes.

Fees & Premiums: Entry fee is \$10 per head and \$10 per group class. Premiums range from \$55 for 1st in calves & yearling classes; \$70 for cow and group classes; to \$350 for the breeder's herd class. In addition

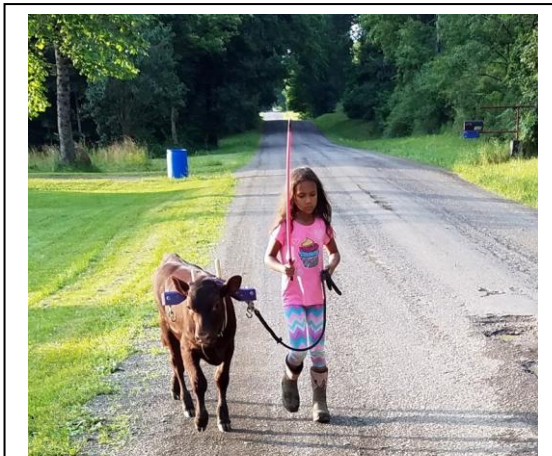
premiums are provided for the Pretty Cow Contest and the Herdsman Award. Richard is negotiating with the Fair to add premiums for several special AMD awards.

Requirements: All animals must be registered and accompanied by health certification papers. After you have completed your entries, please email copies of your completed state fair **entry form and AMD registrations** for each entry to Richard Larson.

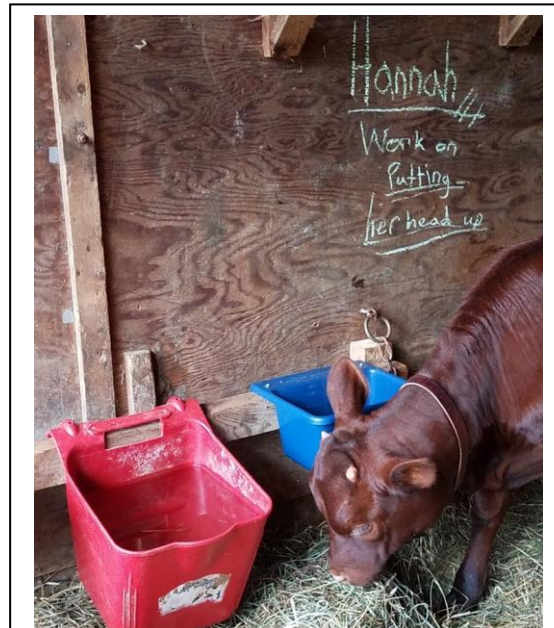
Information: Please email Richard Larson at oldgjerpenfarm@yahoo.com if you are thinking about either exhibiting or attending and/or have decided to participate. As this is the last AMDCA newsletter prior to the Show, having your contact info will enable Richard to keep you apprised of any/all updates/changes as we get closer to the show.

Do not hesitate to contact Richard Larson with any questions you may have.

WHO'S GETTING READY FOR THE SHOW? WE KNOW LILY IS!



Lily Van Ord and calf in training



Lily's tried and true plywood blackboard method



I always knew Devons could read



Lily takes her calf in for a tire rotation

Photos Courtesy of Andrew Van Ord

PROPOSED ADDITION TO REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

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By-Laws Section 1. Registration Committee: The Registration Committee shall maintain the herd registration record, administer the registration process and periodically update and publish the herd book. In the event that questions arise concerning the pedigree of any registered animal or any registration application, the committee shall review the circumstances and recommend a resolution to the Board. The committee shall consist of a Registrar appointed by the Board and at least two other members appointed by the President.

New Proposed Registration Procedure to be added to other current procedures: In the event the Registrar receives a registration application where the information provided in the application makes the pedigree a physical impossibility or highly questionable due to the dates and cattle involved, the Registrar shall deny the application and so notify the applicant. If the applicant subsequently submits a new application involving the same animal and the Registrar, upon review, deems the information contained therein to still be highly questionable, a referral shall be made to the Registration Committee for further review. As part of the review procedure, the committee may request, at the owner's expense, DNA or additional information. If that information is not received within six months, it is assumed the application is withdrawn. The Registration Committee's decision may be appealed to the full Board. The Board may request any information it deems necessary to make an informed decision, including a DNA Analysis at the owner's expense. If that information is not received by the Board within six months, it is assumed the application is withdrawn. The Board's decision is final.

>Please send any comments you may have on this procedure proposal to any Board Member prior to **September 30, 2019**. The contact information for the Board Members is listed at the end of the newsletter.

IMPORTANT
AMDCA NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE CALL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9th 8:00PM EST

**TOPIC: USE OF DNA DURING REGISTRATION PROCESS WHEN NECESSARY -
PROPOSED PROCEDURE**

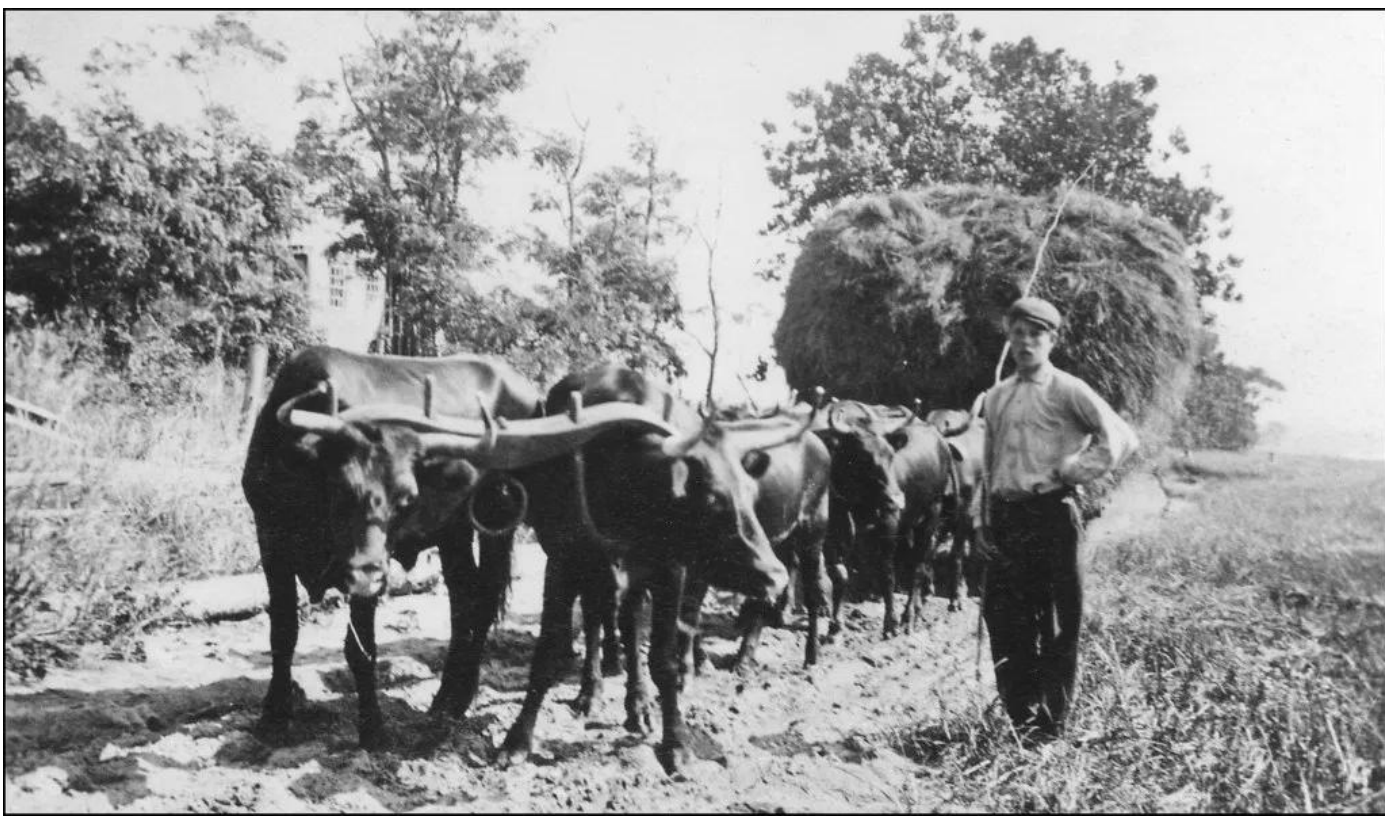
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Call In Using This Number: 1-712-775-8973
Enter Conference Using This Code: 392385

Ray's Corner- On Fly Control, Salt and Minerals

Quotes and Wisdom from Director Ray Clark

Ray would like to remind you that in his corner he shares his lifetime of experience with you, responding to questions and concerns often asked or expressed by other breeders. He makes no recommendations. He encourages members to use their own judgment in deciding whether farming management practices described herein are safe and appropriate for their particular circumstances. It is that time of year where fly control is important to the health and production of your cattle. Examine what is available that suits your needs and circumstances. Consult your veterinarian if you are unsure about the safety of a product. It is also time for pasturing animals and while grass is healthy for your animals it may not be sufficient to meet all their mineral requirements. Mineral blocks also do not contain sufficient minerals for Devons. It is good practice to have your soil tested and to supplement your pastures with appropriate minerals and salt. To thrive, Devons need an adequate supply of copper, selenium and vitamin E. Often your local feed mills know the composition of the soil in their market area and can provide you with the appropriate mix.



This picture appeared in a May 28, 2016 article titled “A Short History of the Ely Meadow in Lyme, CT” produced by the Lyme Local History Archives. The caption reads: *A young drover with four teams of oxen along the Connecticut River shoreline, taking salt hay from Ely Meadow home to the family farm, ca. 1900. The young man in the photo is John Hall Sr., age 15, the grandfather of AMDCA President John L. Hall III.*



Brochures Available- The Association has recently had a new batch of American Milking Devon Cattle brochures produced and is offering them free of charge to AMDCA members. If you would like some, please contact Association Secretary Andrew Van Ord. His contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

New Registration Form- Due to the changes in Registration Policy, a new Registration Form has been created and approved by the Board of Directors. A copy of the new form is attached for your convenience. **Old forms will not be accepted and registrations on old forms will be returned. Forms are also available in regular and fillable format on the AMDCA Website: <http://www.milkingdevons.org/forms.html>**

Membership Form- 2019 Membership Dues Overdue- For your convenience a membership form is attached to this newsletter.

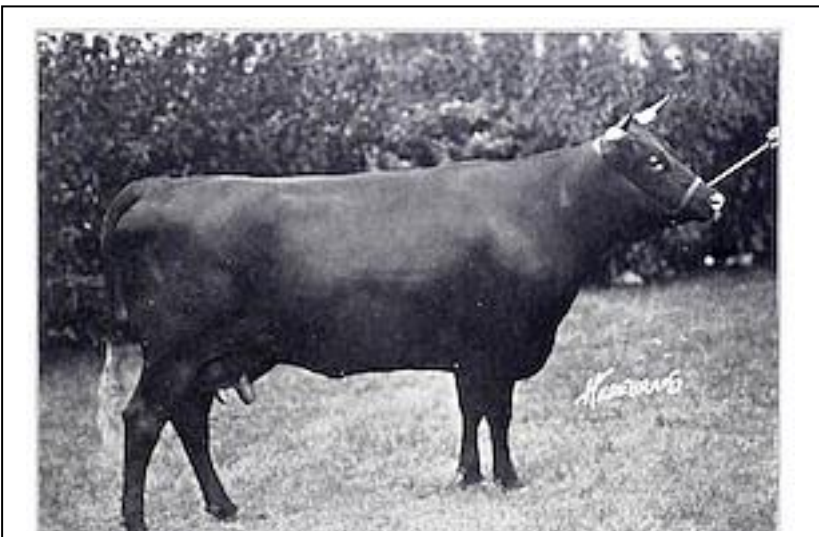
IMPORTANT!! THESE TWO FORMS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND ALSO AVAILABLE IN FILLABLE FORMAT ON THE AMDCA WEBSITE

A reminder from the Registrar: When paying your Membership Dues, please use the Membership Form, found on the AMDCA website, and fill it in completely. The Form lets her know if you want to be included on the website and how much information you want released. Going forward, if no Form is submitted with your payment, you will not be included on the website. Thanks for your attention to the details.

AMDCA Website- AMDCA hosts a website under the direction of Webmaster Lawrence Gilley. The website contains Breeder Information, Breed History, a Calendar of Events, a For Sale Section, Association Information, Member Services, Semen Sales, Frequently Asked Questions and Relevant Links. During 2018, the website received an average of 779 visits a month for a total of 9,342 visits for the year. This website traffic is down from 2017 when the visits averaged 1,102 per month for a total of 13, 227 visits for the year. The average number of pages viewed was 2,224 in 2018 down from 3,041 per month in 2017. The average number of unique page views was 1,495 per month, again down from 2,060 per month in 2017. A very positive statistic is that 82 percent of the visitors each month in 2018 were people who had not previously visited the website. This compares to 61 percent of the visitors in 2017. The for sale page and the breeders list are frequently updated and the most frequently viewed pages were: for sale, breeders, breed, faq, forms, association and history. The Card Grading video produced at Williamsburg, Virginia is also now available through the website. The Association strongly encourages members to utilize the website as it is a valuable tool to assist breeders in achieving their goals and to inform others about the valuable American Milking Devon breed.

THINGS YOU JUST SHOULD NOT MISS

- 2019 Mid-Atlantic Regional Milking Devon Show and Fall Gathering – September 26-29, 2019
 - Virginia State Fairgrounds



LAST ONE No. 15943 Age 3 years
Batchelder Farms Mont Vernon, N.H.

Photo Courtesy of Lawrence Gilley from
the Devon Record Number 8

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FEEDBACK- Your comments, ideas and "constructive" criticism are always welcome. I would like to know what topics interest you that could become feature articles. The best way to reach me is through e-mail patriotsretreatfarm@yahoo.com . If you don't have e-mail call me at (518) 868-9328 or mail me at Thomas H. Slater, 303 Cripplebush Rd., Central Bridge, NY 12035. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this newsletter.

AMERICAN MILKING DEVON CATTLE ASSOCIATION

The Registrar, 610 East Pond Meadow Road, Westbrook, CT 06498

REGISTRY APPLICATION

Registration Fees:

< 1 yr. \$5.00; 1 yr. but < 2 yrs. \$10.00; 2 yrs. but <3 yrs. \$25.00; 3 yrs. but <5 yrs. \$50.00

Transfer: \$5.00 Name of New Owner _____

Address _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone number _____ Email _____ Date of Transfer _____

NAME _____ **TATTOO** _____

SEX _____ **TWIN** _____ **SEX OF OTHER TWIN** _____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____

SIRE _____ **NUMBER** _____

PATERNAL GRANDSIRE _____ NUMBER _____

PATERNAL GRANDDAM _____ NUMBER _____

DAM _____ **NUMBER** _____

MATERNAL GRANDSIRE _____ NUMBER _____

MATERNAL GRANDDAM _____ NUMBER _____

ARTIFICIAL SERVICE _____ NATURAL SERVICE _____

IF Artificial Service, attach breeding receipt

IF Natural Service, give dates between which bull had access to dam: FROM _____ to _____

OWNER OF SIRE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

OWNER OF DAM: _____

(At time of breeding) ADDRESS: _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

In making this application, I hereby subject myself to all the provisions of the Constitution, bylaws, and rules of registry of the American Milking Devon Cattle Association as they now exist or may from time to time be amended, knowledge of which I now have or will immediately acquire. **I GUARANTEE THAT ALL MATTERS STATED HEREIN ARE TRUE.**

OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____ **SIGNATURE** _____

American Milking Devon Cattle Association

610 East Pond Meadow Road, Westbrook, CT 06498

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Please check one.

- \$20 - Voting Member – individuals who own registered Milking Devon cattle
- \$20 - Associate Member – individuals interested in furthering the purposes of the Association
- \$20 – Junior Member (one time dues payment, non-voting, under 18 years old)

Make checks payable to the American Milking Devon Cattle Association.

Send completed form and check to:

Bonnie Hall, Registrar, 610 East Pond Meadow Road, Westbrook, CT 06498

Voting members: Please circle if you **do not** wish to be listed in the on-line breeder's list

[NO] Do not include me in the on-line breeder's list.

Please circle "no" below to indicate information you wish **to omit** from the on-line breeder's list.

[No] NAME: _____

[No] FARM/ORG: _____

[No] ADDRESS: _____

[No] PHONE: _____

[No] E-MAIL: _____

[No] WEBSITE: _____

Note: A current membership is required for inclusion in the breeder's list, for voting at the annual meeting and for registering cattle and for transferring the registration of cattle. Please ensure that your membership is up to date.