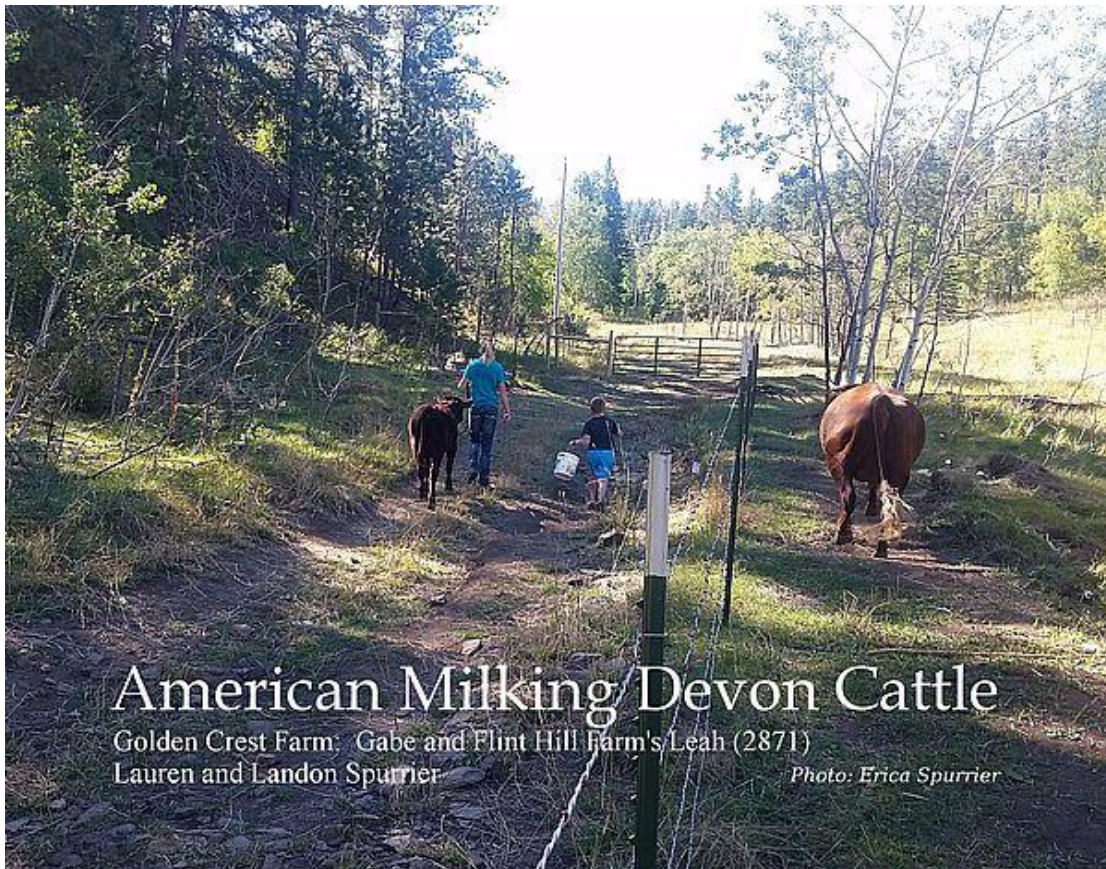


## American Milking Devon Cattle Association

*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***



**I LOVE A PARADE!**  
**Especially When It Includes Devons and Children!**  
**Photo Courtesy of Erica Spurrier and Lawrence Gilley**

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## **FEATURE ARTICLE: Describing the Devon Historically-Why We Have a Breed Standard**

Article prepared by Thomas Slater, pictures are from the book Cattle; Their Breeds, Management, and Diseases by William Youatt

This sounds real easy, they are ruby red with white horns and a switch of white or roan hair at the end of their tail. Oh, and the horns have a dark or black tip. That's what you might see when you look out in the barnyard today, but when you read the historical documents trying to trace the Milking Devon, it can be quite confusing. There's the North Devon, the South Devon, and the Red Devon, with no specific reference to the name we now use, "Milking Devon," in the historical record. Instead, there are general descriptions of the ancestors of our current versions.

Early on, the British classified cattle according to the comparative size of their horns. There are the long horns, the middle horns, the short horns, the crumpled horns and the no horns. Whenever visitors to the farm see my American Milking Devons (AMD), they are always impressed and somewhat intimidated by the horns. In my journeys the few cattle I have seen that rival the AMD in horn size are the Texas Longhorn, the Watusi, and occasionally a Scottish Highland. So I naturally thought AMDs would be classified as long horn cattle. Not so, they are middle horns.

William Youatt provides some insight into the various classes. He writes: "In the district of Craven, a fertile corner of the West Riding of Yorkshire bordering on Lancashire, and separated from Westmoreland chiefly, by the western moorlands, there has been, from the earliest records of British agriculture, a peculiar and valuable breed of cattle. They were distinguished from the home-breds of other counties, by a disproportionate and frequently unbecoming length of horn. In the old breed this horn frequently projected nearly horizontally on either side, but as the cattle were improved the horn assumed other directions; it hung down so that the animal could scarcely graze, or it curved so as to threaten to meet before the muzzle, and so also to prevent the beast from grazing; or immediately under the jaw,



**Long Horn from William Youatt 1836**

and so to lock the lower jaw; or the points presented themselves against the bones of the nose and face, threatening to perforate them....In proportion as the breed became improved the horns lengthened, and they are characteristically distinguished by the name of 'The Long Horns'....The longhorns seem to have first appeared in Craven, and gradually to have spread along the western coast..."<sup>1</sup> Some long horn cattle were the Cheshire, the Derbyshire, the Nottinghamshire, the Staffordshire, the Oxfordshire and the Wiltshire.



**Short Horn Bull from William Youatt 1836**

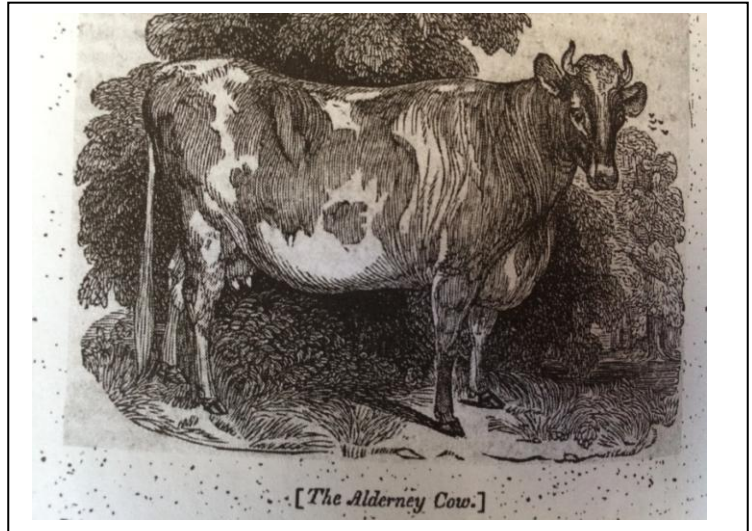
The earliest accounts of the breeds of cattle indicate that the short horns were celebrated in the counties of Durham and York, not only for their short horns but for their great quantities of milk. The shorter horns were easier for farmers to work around. The unimproved early short-horns didn't receive rave reviews either, except for their milk production. According to



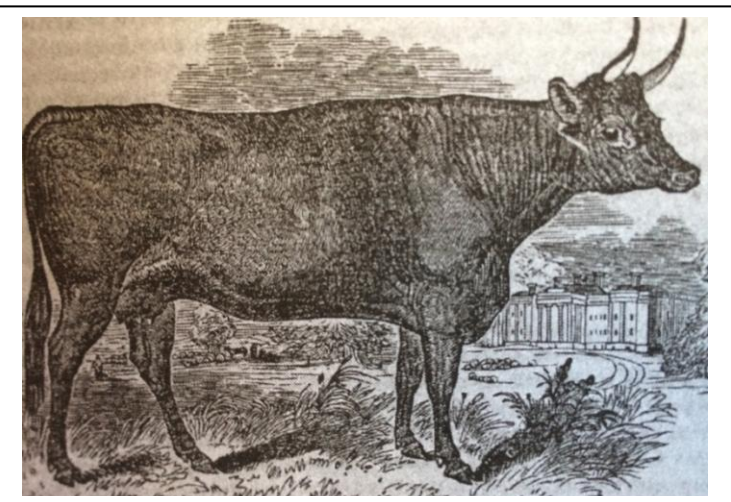
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Youatt, “They were generally of large size, thin skinned, sleek-haired, bad handlers, rather delicate in constitution, coarse in the offal, and strikingly defective in the substance of girth in the fore-quarters. As milkers, they were most excellent, but when put to fatten, as the foregoing description will indicate; were found slow feeders; producing an inferior quality of meat, not marbled or mixed as to fat and lean, and in some cases, the latter was found of a particular dark hue.”<sup>2</sup>

Now the Alderny, also called Normandy cattle, seems to have sown up the category of crumpled horn all to itself. They tended to be found in small numbers in gentlemen’s parks and pleasure grounds. If there was a beauty island for cows, the Alderny would certainly have gotten kicked off according to contemporary descriptions. A “Mr. Parkinson, who seems to have a determined prejudice against them, says that ‘their size is small, and they are of as bad form as can possibly be described; the bellies of many of them are four-fifths of their weight; the neck is very thin and hollow; the shoulder stands up, and is the highest part; they are hollow and narrow behind the shoulders; the chine is nearly without flesh; the hucks are narrow and sharp at the ends—the rump is short, and they are narrow and light in the brisket.’ This is about as bad a form as can possibly be described, and the picture is very little exaggerated, when the animal is analyzed point by point; yet all these defects are so put together, as to make a not unpleasing whole.”<sup>3</sup>



**Crumpled Horn from Youatt 1836**



**Middle Horn - Devon Cow from Youatt 1836**

The no horned, or polled cattle were first derived in Galloway. Youatt states that “...the existence of horns, or the length of the horn, have in themselves no connection at all with grazing, or with milking; a beast does not fatten the quicker because there are no horns to consume a portion of the nutriment, nor is he longer in getting into condition because his brows happen to be adorned by them. They are at least ornamental; they cost the breeder nothing; they are useful for various purposes; and they bring so much clear gain to the manufacturer. The hornless cattle may, however, be occasionally packed somewhat closer than the others, and being destitute of the natural weapon of offence, they are less quarrelsome and more docile.”<sup>4</sup> The Red Devon is largely polled.

Finally we get to the middle horns. They were not derived from a mixture of the long horns and the short horns, but were rather a distinct breed inhabiting the North of Devon, the East of Sussex, Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and the Scottish and Welsh mountains. The “middle horns” are considered to be the original breed of British cattle, although not all agree. Youatt states that “The slightest observation will convince us that the cattle in Devonshire, Sussex, Wales, and Scotland, are essentially the same. They are middle horned;

## FEATURE ARTICLE CONTINUED

tolerable, but not extraordinary milkers, and remarkable for the quality rather than the quantity of their milk; active at work; and with an unequalled aptitude to fatten... We may almost trace the colour, namely, the red of the Devon, the Sussex, and the Hereford;... it has a kind of superstitious reverence attached to it in the legends of the country;... the milk of the red cow is considered to be a remedy for every disease, and a preservative from every evil."<sup>5</sup>

The historical classification and description of cattle is interesting and point out the various characteristics of cattle in which breeders were and for the most part are still interested. However, as you can see from this article, these descriptions are very subjective and are in a sense useless to breeders trying to improve their herds. Instead of describing what a breed of cattle actually looks like, it is more helpful to describe what they should look like. That is the purpose of a breed standard. A standard is more objective and is consistent in what is being measured. Breeders can utilize a breed standard to plan their breeding strategies to improve their herds. Future articles will look at the American Milking Devon Breed Standard.

<sup>1</sup>William Youatt, *Cattle, Their Breeds, Management, and Diseases*, Philadelphia: Gregg & Elliot, 1836, p. 188.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 226-227.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., p. 267.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., p. 283

<sup>5</sup>Ibid., p. 10

### 2018 Mid-Atlantic Regional Show

(Article and Pictures courtesy of Richard Larson)

The Virginia State Fair has agreed to host the **2018 Mid-Atlantic AMD Regional Show, September 27-30, 2018**, at Meadows Event Park, Doswell, VA 23047. We are grateful for the AMDCA Board's full support for this event. We are most fortunate to have the show judged by **Dr. Drew Conroy**, Professor, Applied Animal Science & Integrated Agriculture, University of New Hampshire. Dr. Conroy, a past AMDCA president, has a distinguished career judging cattle for more than 25 years.



**Steve Hart, Felicity Hart and Rachel Cooper**

The general understanding we have reached with the Fair is that:

- The show will be held in conjunction with the Fair's 2018 Dairy Show.
- Entries, fees and premiums will all be compliant with and processed through the Fair's system found at [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org)
- Entry fees for Open are \$10 per head. Enrolled 4-H and FFA members may also enter/ compete in Junior, with no additional fees. Last year blue ribbon Open premiums ranged from \$55 for calves and yearlings, \$70 for cows and \$350 for a Breeders Herd. 2018 premiums will be announced later this summer. Virginia enrolled 4-H and FFA members will receive an

additional flat stipend per animal entered. Last year it was \$40 per head.

- All exhibitors will be required to adhere to the Fair's protocol and health requirements found at [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org)
- Classes unique and specific for the Regional Show include four calf, four yearling, two cow, two bull, five group, and five championships, as well as a Premier Junior Exhibitor and a Premier Breeder awards. There is **no age limit for females** as the Senior Cow class is for females born prior to September 2014.



- AMD exhibitors are also encouraged to participate in classes unique to the Fair such as: Dairy Cattle Herdsman Award; Youth-Showing & Fitting; and Pretty Cow Contest.

At this point you may be thinking, this is interesting BUT I have never shown livestock before and wouldn't know what to do. Every breeder was at that starting point at one time. Think not about "showing" but rather



**Felicity Hart**

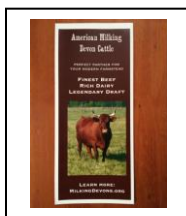
about "exposure." My experience over the years is that one of the most effective ways of educating the public and, at the same time, promote our beloved Milking Devon is by exhibiting our animals. Combining a visual, touch, smell and sound with a simple narrative makes a compelling message that will be long remembered and maybe, even acted on (think buy one of your calves). The Fair's facilities are modern and spacious. As the pictures depict, there is generous space to tie your animals and casually interact with the public. For those of you who have never seen a cattle show, all that is required is that you be able to lead your animal with a halter and that she is used to being tied. Talk with a local 4-H or FFA member. If a ten year old can show, so can you.

The AMD Regional Show is carrying on the strong Fair tradition of encouraging and supporting youth. This is evident in the fees, premiums and special awards focused on the youth. I especially encourage breeders with families to make an all-out effort to participate. And for us who are no longer young, this emphasis on youth sets the overall tone of the event – a FUN Experience!

Remember, this is a Regional Show – first ever in the mid-Atlantic region. The opportunity to have future AMD regional shows will depend, in no small part, on the success of our 2018 Gathering in Virginia. With no age limit on cows, every breeder in the region has at least one female to show! I hope to see members from MD, NC, WV, PA and beyond joining us for a great experience! **We need your support** to make the 2018 Regional Milking Devon Show a great success!

Feel free to call me 540-829-5683 or email at [OLDGJERPENFARM@yahoo.com](mailto:OLDGJERPENFARM@yahoo.com) if you have questions or seek additional information. Please let me know when you make your decision to participate. That way I can keep you apprised.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *If you have never shown cattle before, or if you want to brush up on your skills, Hoards' Dairyman has some great resources available on their website that are reasonably priced. Just go to <https://www.hoards.com>*



**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 Conference Call**

#### **Topic: Registration Made Easy**

Based on suggestions from some Association members, the Board of Directors is hosting a conference call for all members with the topics geared toward ensuring a smooth registration and transfer process. The topics will be accurate record keeping, timely registrations, and transfers. The Directors will be available for the discussion and questions. This will be a time for general discussion of policy and procedure regarding registration, not specific cases. If a member is experiencing a particular problem regarding a registration those should be directed to the Registrar.

**DATE: Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 7pm- 8:30 pm**

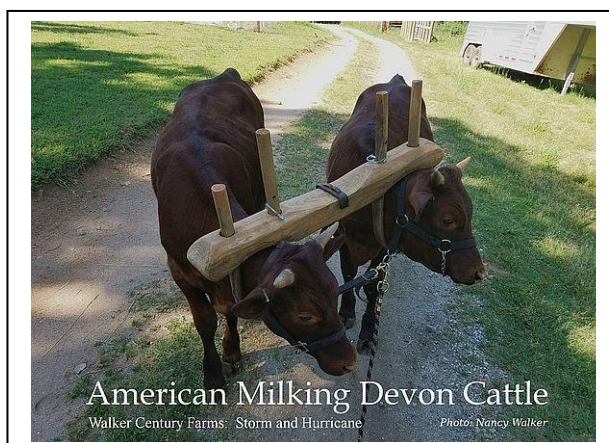
**Call In Using This Number: 1-712-775-8973**

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#### **Ray's Corner- On Preparing Cattle for the Pasture**

Quotes and Wisdom from Director Ray Clark

Soon the cows will be out on pasture grazing and it will be more difficult to administer preventive health measures. It's best to administer a few health measures before pasturing the cows for the spring and summer. Lice live off cow's blood and can seriously debilitate and even kill a cow. Signs of lice are rubbing and loose hair. Lice powder can be purchased in a dispense-friendly can at nearly any farm store. It is also important to worm your cattle before pasturing. Worms can destroy the digestive tract. A cow with worms will get in poor condition and no amount of feed will make a difference as the cow won't be able to properly digest it and won't get the proper nutrition. For worming, you should contact your veterinarian to get his or her recommendations. The nutritional value of natural feed changes with weather conditions. To ensure good cattle health, you can have your hay and land tested to see what type of mineral supplements your cattle will need. Trace elements such as copper and selenium are important to cattle. The red salt blocks with minerals is usually not sufficient, nor is feeding kelp alone. Your area feed dealers often know what types of elements/minerals are necessary for your area. For hay and land testing, the animal nutritionists at the Miner Institute in New York are top notch. Spring is normally calving season and Ray suggests treating the navel of a newborn with a heavy application of iodine. An anti-biotic application is not sufficient, the iodine is better. Ray would like to remind the readers that he doesn't recommend; he shares his experiences with the readers.



#### **Walker Century Farms**

#### **Storm and Hurricane**

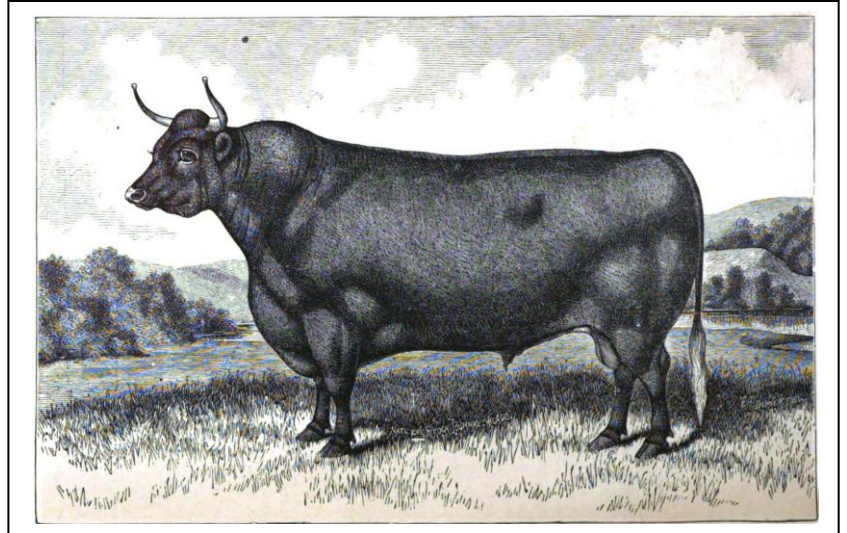
**Photo courtesy of Nancy Walker and Lawrence Gilley**

## **THE HISTORICAL DEVON**

This article and engraving comes from *THE AMERICAN FARMER: A Complete Agricultural Library* Volume 2, © 1883. Pages 14-23. Edited by Charles L Flint (*Article and Picture courtesy of Lawrence Gilley*)  
 Editor's Note: Due to the length of this article it will be presented in several parts over the next several newsletters.

### **PART 2: DESCRIPTION**

The color of the Devon is of a deep red, great pains having been taken by breeders of the improved families of this breed with respect to this point, in the selection for breeding purposes, those having any tendency to materially deviate from this color being rejected. This characteristic has been fairly established, and their color, as well as other strong points, is stamped with absolute certainty on their offspring. To such an extent is this true, that when the Devon bull is crossed with the native and grade cows of whatever color, the progeny will, with very rare exceptions, be red like the sire, while there is no race of cattle in which any admixture of other blood may be so easily traced.



The head is finely formed, and well set, being lean, rather short, broad between the eyes, and a face somewhat dishing, tapering to a fine flesh color or slightly yellow muzzle. The horns are of medium length, or perhaps might be called rather long, cream-colored, black at the tips, upright, and curving outward. The eye is bright, full, mild in expression, rather large, and is surrounded by a yellow-tinted ring. The skin is thin and yellow, hair of medium length, soft and silky, neck rather long, with veins full and smooth, little or no dewlap, shoulders somewhat slanting, chest wide and full, back straight and broad, ribs round and well expanded. The flanks are full and deep, and the hips rather wide, and level with the back. The legs are small, flat, and sinewy; tail full at the setting, and tapering towards the end, usually terminating with a bunch of white hair. The size of the Devon is somewhat small, when compared with our native stock. Oxen, however, when full grown, will range in live weight from thirteen hundred to sixteen hundred pounds; bulls from a thousand to thirteen hundred, and cows from eight hundred to a thousand pounds.

Our illustrations of this breed are faithful and life-like representations, being made from photographs of the living animals (as indeed all our plates of animals are), and not only this, but of the best type of each species and breed to be found in the country.

### **ASSOCIATION BUSINESS**

**ANNUAL MEETING** – The Annual Meeting of the American Milking Devon Cattle Association will be held on **Saturday May 12th, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Tunbridge Town Hall, in Tunbridge, Vermont. In addition to the regular annual business, there will be elections for Directors. All members are strongly encouraged to attend as many policy issues are discussed and decided at the Annual Meeting. Membership determines policy at the Annual Meeting that is subsequently implemented by the Board of Directors.



**DIRECTOR ELECTIONS** – This year there are three Director positions up for election. The terms of Bruce Farr, Jeremy Michaud, and Dexter Randall, are expiring. All three incumbents have expressed a desire to serve again. Brief biographies of the three candidates are presented below in alphabetical order. Prior to the Annual Meeting, those members who have paid their 2018 membership dues by April 1st will receive a ballot in the mail. The ballot must be returned as directed sufficiently prior to the Annual Meeting or it may be brought to the Annual Meeting and turned in at the beginning of the meeting. The Association Membership/Dues Policy will follow the biographies as a reminder.

**Bruce Farr- (*Incumbent*)** I have taught Agricultural Science for over thirty years and have served both as an FFA Advisor and 4H Leader. I have owned Devon cattle since 1976 and am currently maintaining a herd of twenty-five head. Farrview South Farm provides stock for oxen, breeding, and grassfed beef and is located in Northwood, NH. As a fourth generation farmer, I am committed to increasing the awareness of the Devon breed and their value both historically and in the current marketplace.

**Jeremy Michaud- (*Incumbent*)** Jeremy Michaud resides in East Hardwick, VT with his wife Leslie and their three young boys Lincoln, Gabriel and Morgan. Jeremy is part owner and general manager of his family's dairy farm operation. The farm consists of over 1,000 Holsteins and crops 600 acres. As a manager he is responsible for the care and health of the herd as well as consulting with the operation's many vendors and overseeing the farm's seven full-time employees. The farm also produces Vermont's finest maple syrup, Christmas wreaths and compost, all marketed at the farm. Jeremy and Leslie own and manage twelve rental units and recently started Lock & Go self-storage, a business with over thirty-five units at the present time. Jeremy is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the National Holstein Association.

Jeremy's interest in breeding cattle expanded beyond Holsteins with the initial purchase of two American Milking Devon heifers in 2006. Over the past three years the herd has grown to thirty Milking Devons and is presently known as Devons Gate Farm. Jeremy believes that in order for the Devon breed to remain sustainable the Association should play an even more active role in breed promotion. Programs encouraging youth to become more involved as well as supporting greater participation at farm shows and local fairs is important. More Devons need to be milked to promote the value of the Devon as a dairy breed and not primarily for beef or draft. The collection of accurate information, whether it be from bulls or cows will add substance to the historic value of the breed. Jeremy feels that his experience as a member of the dairy industry and knowledge of how other breed associations both operate and promote their cattle will prove valuable as a member of this Association's Board of Directors.

**Dexter Randall – (*Incumbent*)** I'm a native Vermont dairy farmer and grew up on a hillside farm in Lyndon, VT. My Dad was a logger and had used many teams of oxen in the early and mid-nineteen hundreds. His best team being a team of American Milking Devons, he logged throughout Northern Vermont. Time passed and I grew to have my own farm and family and decided I would like a team of Devons. To my disappointment, I could not find any. I have eventually found some, thanks to those that respect the Devon heritage and the value they had to our history, both in New England and nationally. It's great to see the breed being brought back from the edge of extinction and I enjoy being part of that conservation. Being a triple-purpose breed it is good to work to improve and highlight their value of grass-based milk and meat as many people are demanding the slower, more healthy grass-fed products. If elected to a second term on the Board, I will do my best to help improve the breed and enhance the importance of keeping the purity of the American Milking Devon. I now own seven Devons and growing.



**GRACE PERIOD ENDS-NEW CATTLE REGISTRATION POLICIES NOW IN EFFECT:** At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the Membership directed the Board of Directors to develop and implement two new policies regarding registration. The first directive was to develop a policy that created an upper age limit for the registration of cattle, and the second directive was to create a sliding fee scale for registration that increased with the age of the animal being registered. These policies were deemed necessary by the Membership, as many problems and issues arise and increase the longer registration of an animal is delayed. The Membership felt that these two policies would encourage more timely registration of animals, contribute to a more accurate Registry, and reduce some of the problems which the Association has no control over that are currently occurring between buyers and sellers. The Membership also directed the Board to provide a grace period before these new policies took effect, so those who currently own unregistered cattle may have ample time to get them registered. Based on the directives of the Membership, the Board adopted the following policies:

- **Effective midnight December 31, 2017** no animals exceeding five (5) years of age will be registered by the American Milking Devon Cattle Association.
- **Effective midnight December 31, 2017** a new cattle registration fee schedule will be implemented as follows:
  - Cattle less than one year old -\$5
  - Cattle one year old but less than two years old -\$10
  - Cattle two years old but less than three years old-\$25
  - Cattle three years old but less than five years old- \$50
    - The Registrar is to receive \$25 of the \$50 fee for three years and older registrations due to the volume of work involved
  - Cattle five years old or older cannot be registered
- Mistakes in registrations that are corrected by the Registrar will be published in an Appendix of a future edition of The Herd Book.

**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.**

**Membership Form- 2018 Membership Dues Now Due-** For your convenience a membership form is attached to this newsletter.

**Membership Policy** - Membership is open to any individual or organization interested in furthering the purposes of the Association. An organization shall designate an individual to represent it at business meetings of the Association.

There shall be three categories of membership:

1. Voting Members, consisting of all members owning registered Milking Devon cattle.
2. Associate Members, who wish to further the purposes of the Association.

The annual dues for these two categories as established by the Board (currently \$20) shall be due and payable on or before December 31 of each calendar year. Lapsed members shall be reinstated on payment of current year dues.

3. Junior Members, a category open to those under 18 years of age for a single dues payment (currently \$20), can access all membership services at the established fees.

Only Voting Members are entitled to vote at membership meetings. Except for voting rights, no distinction shall be made between the three membership categories as to the availability or cost of services provided. At the Annual Meeting of 2016, the membership passed a MOTION that members not in good standing by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year will not receive an election ballot.

Forms are available in regular and fillable format on the AMDCA Website :

<http://www.milkingdevons.org/forms.html>

**Member Participation**- Some members have expressed a desire to participate in Association business more actively, but feel limited by their geographic location and the expense of traveling to Tunbridge, Vermont. At the request of the membership to address this issue, the Directors have developed a proposal for Regional Standing Committees. The draft proposal is included toward the end of this newsletter. Please contact any Director or all of them with any ideas or comments you may have. The Director contact information is included toward the end of this newsletter. This proposal will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

**AMDCA Website Report for 2017**- The Association Website is: [www.milkingdevons.org](http://www.milkingdevons.org)

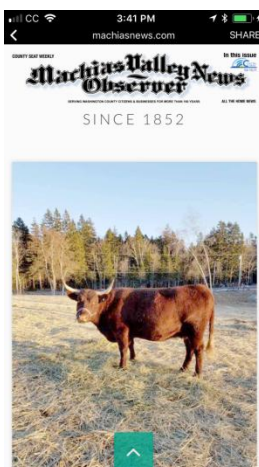
The Board of Directors thanks Webmaster Lawrence Gilley for his great job with the website working on behalf of the Association. During 2017, the website received an average of 1,102 (1,443)\* visits a month or a total of 13,227 (17,316) visits. The average number of visitors was 763 (1,072) per month. The average number of pages viewed was 3,041 (3,640) a month. The average number of unique page views was 2,060 (2,514) per month. 61% (67%) of the visitors each month were people who had not previously visited the website.

As in previous years, the most frequently viewed pages were: for sale, breeders, breed, Frequently Asked Questions, bulls and semen. Information was frequently updated on the for sale page and the breeders list. New information added to the website was: The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting; Newsletters: January, March, June, September and December; and “Devons” in The American Farmer (1883). The website consistently shows up in search engine results at or near the top. The Board encourages you to use the website as it is kept current with Association-related business. Lawrence’s contact information and the web address can be found on the contact page of this newsletter.

\* Figures for 2016 are given in parentheses for comparison.

### **EVENTS YOU JUST SHOULDN'T MISS**

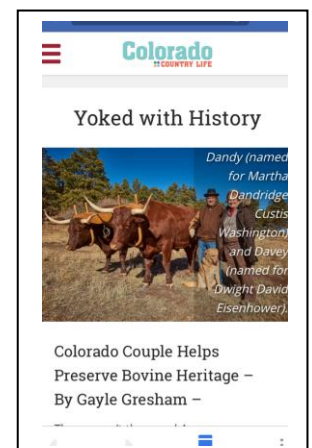
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### **DEVONS MAKE THE NEWS**

The *Machias Valley News Observer* published an article regarding the transfer of two American Milking Devons from Maine to Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. The article is titled Heritage Addison Cows Headed to Old Sturbridge Village. If you visit Sturbridge Village you will likely see Goldie and Buttercup and their offspring, having come from Cape Split Farm in Addison, Maine.

Rollie and Paula Johnson and their spread, Three Eagles Ranch, were featured in *Colorado Country Life*. The article is full of history, the practical use of Devons, and some great photos.



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# American Milking Devon Standing Committee Proposal

## Statement of Need:

With the success of the AMDCA in promoting the breed, the Association now has active members not only in the Northeast but throughout the United States and Canada. At the last Annual Meeting, the membership instructed the Directors to develop a system where all members could be actively represented in the Association and at the Annual Meeting.

## Proposal:

The Association creates four Standing Committees, in accordance with the By-Laws, to increase communication between members of the Association and to seek input from the four regional areas that comprise the United States and Canada as designated by the Association.

The committees would be: Northeast, Southern, Central and West as determined by the demographics of the membership roster. These regions are broken down by state as follows:

<u>Northeast Region</u>	<u>Central Region</u>	<u>Southern Region</u>	<u>Western Region</u>
Maine	Pennsylvania	Maryland	Washington
Vermont	Ohio	Delaware	Oregon
New Hampshire	Indiana	West Virginia	California
New York	Michigan	Virginia	Arizona
Massachusetts	Wisconsin	Kentucky	Nevada
Connecticut	Illinois	Arkansas	Idaho
Rhode Island	Missouri	Tennessee	Montana
New Jersey	Iowa	North Carolina	Wyoming
Canada	Minnesota	South Carolina	Colorado
	North Dakota	Georgia	New Mexico
	South Dakota	Alabama	Texas
	Nebraska	Mississippi	Alaska
	Kansas	Louisiana	Hawaii
	Oklahoma	Florida	Utah

## Committee Structure:

Membership- These committees would consist of the total membership within those regions and one Director Liaison appointed by the Association's Board of Directors. The Director Liaison would be an ex-officio member (non-voting) of the committee unless the Director Liaison is a resident of one of the region's states, in which case, he or she has a vote within the committee just as any regular member.

## Vision for Committees

- Each Standing Committee will be responsible to organize themselves.
- Annually, on a set date selected by each committee, a Committee Chairperson and a Representative to the AMDCA Annual Meeting held in May in Tunbridge, Vermont, shall be elected by a majority vote of each committee. Each regional committee has the option of sending a member to the Annual Meeting.
- Each committee should seek to engage as many members as possible within the region on a regular basis to discuss issues of relevance to the American Milking Devon breed. Method(s) of meeting (i.e. conference calling, in-person, video conference, etc.) should be determined by each committee.
- Each committee could host regional workshops, educational forums, social gatherings, and meeting speakers to benefit its regional members and the AMD breed.

- Submit quarterly updates for the region for the newsletter, complete with pictures.
- Prior to the Annual AMDCA Meeting (held in May of each year) each committee should meet to determine issues which they would like to have addressed by the Association at the Annual Meeting and prepare a written report. The report should be approved by a majority of the members in the region. The Representative elected to attend the Annual Meeting in Tunbridge, Vermont, should present the committee's written report to the Association at its Annual Meeting.
- Should issues or concerns arise that a committee determines needs prompt attention from the Association, it shall request the Director Liaison to inform the Board of Directors as soon as possible.
- If practicable, each region should host an Association-wide meeting once every four years, complete with an agenda of speakers and farm or agri-business tours. Association members would attend at their own expense.
- The committee will have no authority to speak on behalf of the Association.
- The committee will have no authority to commit the Association to binding decisions or agreements, including financial decisions or agreements.

### **Association Support of the Standing Committees**

- The President of the Association will appoint a Director Liaison for each regional standing committee.
- The Director Liaison responsibilities include the following:
  - Help establish the committee initially
  - Attend committee meetings as much as practical
  - Provide a direct line of communication from the committee to the Board of Directors
  - Interpret Association policy upon the request of the committee
- The Association will provide a maximum reimbursement of \$500 toward receipted travel and hotel expenses for the selected committee Representative to attend the AMDCA Annual Meeting in Tunbridge, Vermont. Meals are not included in this reimbursement.
- The Association will assist regions in their preparations for the Association-wide Meetings to be held once in four years in their regions. Assistance could be in the form of electronic and mail communication to all members, agenda preparation, speaker fees, etc.

### **Benefit of this Proposal:**

By creating a Standing Committee format the Association is actively seeking input from all members regardless of location. It also provides opportunities for members to proactively participate in Association business. Increased communication between members on topics vital to American Milking Devon conservation can only serve to benefit the breed.

If a Region sees no need to organize, the format is still in place, but places no obligation financial or otherwise on the Association.

**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.*