

February 27, 2024

Dear Red Devon USA Members, Breeders and Enthusiasts around the globe:

On behalf of the Red Devon Board of Directors, thank you for your input on the 2024 World Devon Congress. ***Never doubt that your voice can make a difference!***

We have refreshed our **400 Year World Devon Congress Celebration Tour** to make it easier, and more affordable, for you to participate during our trek from Florida to Massachusetts. **As requested, we modified the agenda to shorten the trip and lower the cost.** The primary package now has us starting at Lakota Ranch in Virginia and ending in Plymouth, MA for the 400 Year Celebration of Devon cattle in this country. The southern leg, or initial portion of the original trip, will still happen for anyone interested in attending and visits to individual farms along the way can now be booked separately for those that are only able to make a small portion of the tour.

Details, registration info and pricing are enclosed and available at [RedDevonUSA.com](http://RedDevonUSA.com). ***As a courtesy to our host farms, all registrations must be complete by March 25!***

**Questions?** Join us on a zoom call on **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. EST.** The zoom link will be available at [RedDevonUSA.com](http://RedDevonUSA.com) under World Devon Congress. You may also reach out to me directly at [enghs@icloud.com](mailto:enghs@icloud.com).

You can choose how to tailor your journey to see firsthand the adaptability of Devon cattle from the deep south through the Mid-Atlantic to New England. The tour will culminate with a celebration at the [Plimoth Patuxet Museums](#) in Plymouth, MA. Here you will experience living history museums that replicate the original 17th century settlement of the Plymouth Colony. Memorable events are being planned, including a walk with cattle through the plantation to commemorate the 1624 arrival of Devons.

Along the way, each host farm is offering a program that will entertain all and **we envision this tour to be the perfect opportunity to showcase and celebrate Red Devon cattle!** We've put together a descriptive itinerary of each farm visit along with a News Release. You know your communities best and **we encourage you to use the information we've provided to help us share this event** with your neighbors, fellow cattle breeders, 4-H Clubs, FFA Associations, local news outlets, County Extension Offices, and others you know who would be interested in the tour or local farm visits. **Help us help you to raise the profile of Devon cattle!**

Thanks to the generosity of tour sponsors, Rick and Elara Bowman, from **Backyard Green Films**, will be with us on the tour and we are excited about the documentary they will produce about Devon cattle. **You are also invited to send us promotional information about your farm.** Each registrant will receive a packet of materials and we don't want anyone to be left out. We are happy to share your farm news with all those who attend, including video presentations.

Registrations are confirmed thus far by international Devon breeders from Australia and the UK. We are honored they will make the journey to be with us! This will be an amazing tour at every level! I can say from experience, that **the connections you make will result in friendships that will last a lifetime.**

*Please join us! See you on the tour!*

GO TO: [WWW.REDDEVONUSA.COM](http://WWW.REDDEVONUSA.COM) for all related info

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Enclosures:

Registration Form and Pricing - Regional Farm Visits & Plymouth, MA  
News Release with Descriptive Itinerary

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RE: World Devon Congress Farm Tours and 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## For Immediate Release

Devon Cattle Breeders in U.S. to Commemorate 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Host *World Devon Congress Tour* from Florida to Massachusetts  
April 19-May 2, 2024

“I am so excited to share this historical celebration with Breeders from around the world and with our fellow American Milking Devon cattlemen and cattlemen from right here in the US.” Jeremy Engh President, [Red Devon USA](https://www.reddevonusa.com)

“On behalf of the American Milking Devon Cattle Association, I invite you to take part in the 2024 World Devon Congress... please do not miss this once in a generation opportunity to showcase your cattle or witness some of the best Devons in the world!” John L. Hall III President, [American Milking Devon Cattle Association](https://www.amdevon.com)

This Spring, Devon Breeders in the United States and around the world will commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Devon cattle in North America. This historical tour will include farm visits in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York. The event will culminate at the [Plimoth Patuxet Museums](https://www.plimothpatuxetmuseums.com) in Plymouth, Massachusetts where Devon cattle first arrived by ship in 1624 for the Pilgrims living on Massachusetts Bay.

As heritage cattle, they “provided milk, meat, leather, tallow, draft power, and pleasure for centuries,” according to the [Livestock Conservancy](https://www.livestockconservancy.org). Devon cattle would eventually become the foundation stock for the US beef and dairy industries. Efforts to preserve the breed have been successful and Devons now thrive on family farms across the US and around the world.

The World Devon Congress occurs every 4 years in a different host country for an extended tour of Devon herds. This year the tour is hosted by US breeders and will culminate at the Plimoth Patuxet Museum to reenact the arrival of the first animals. [Backyard Green Films](https://www.backyardgreenfilms.com) will travel with the tour to produce a documentary on Devon cattle.

The Plimoth Patuxet Museums were founded in 1947 as a Memorial to the Pilgrims. “We thought it fitting that we celebrate 400 years of Devon cattle in the place they first landed on this continent,” said Jeremy Engh, President of the Red Devon USA breed association. Along with the reenactment, there will be speakers from around the world, an evening banquet and an opportunity to visit all of the sites operated by Plimoth Patuxet Museums.

A tour itinerary follows with a description of each farm and planned events. Regional farm visits and tour options are open to anyone interested in Devon cattle. Registration is required by March 25, 2024. Information is available through [www.reddevonusa.com](https://www.reddevonusa.com).

## Schedule for Regional Farm Sites\*

\*Subject to Change: Check [RedDevonUSA.com](http://RedDevonUSA.com) for Updates

**Saturday, April 20 ~ 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

### **Blue Bear Farm & Cattle Co.**

568 Lewis Road

Cairo, GA 39828

Hosts: Mike and Dawna Tanner

Website: <https://bluebearfarm.eatfromfarms.com/>

Enjoy a light breakfast and meet the Tanner's growing herd of Red Devons thriving in the Red Hills Region of southwest Georgia. Learn why they chose to raise Devons and see how the holistic practices they follow are working to regenerate biodiversity in their soil and stimulate regrowth of native plants in their pastures. They are passionate about providing the best possible life for their cattle, improving their land and soil, and raising healthful and delicious beef solely on pasture grass and forages.

**Saturday, April 20 ~ 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

### **Edgewood Plantation**

108 Edgewood Road

Monticello, FL 32344

Host: Susan Simmons

<https://agreenerworld.org/southeast/edgewood-operations-las-vegas-nv/>

Join us for a barbecue buffet and enjoy the afternoon at this beautiful Southern plantation and farm. This historic homestead is owned by Susan Simmons who has managed a herd of Red Devons for many years. At Edgewood Plantation you will see how well Devons adapt in a hot, humid southern climate.

**Sunday, April 21 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **Deep Grass Graziers**

600 Meadow Lark Road

Fitzgerald, Ga 31750

Host: Dan Glenn

Website: <http://www.deepgrassgraziers.com/>

Dan has an infectious enthusiasm for soil health, forages, and cattle genetics. He breeds cattle to fit his environment, experimenting with polycultures and plant guilds, and honing his grazing management to regenerate his depleted coastal plains soils to be resilient, vibrant, and profitable. He is a popular guest on many podcasts and is the author of the Southern Grassfed E-Book which you can find at no cost on his website. You will learn all about southern forages and why feeding your soil is critical to good grazing management. Lunch will be at the farm.

**Monday, April 22 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m**

**Walker Century Farms**

110 Walker Road

Anderson, SC 29621

Hosts: Bill and Nancy Walker

Website: <http://www.walkercenturyfarms.com/>

This farm has been in the Walker family since before 1880. Bill and Nancy Walker have used Old English Genetics in their Red Devon breeding program and have a multifaceted operation. They work with experts at Clemson University and plan to have speakers discussing forages in South Carolina and wildlife management. See their Devons in the morning and enjoy lunch in the pavilion outside the Walker Century Farmers Market. This is a fun, country event venue located on their farm property. After lunch there is free time to explore the farm.

**Tuesday, April 23 ~ 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Lenoir's Creek Devons**

43 Lenoir Lane

Canton, NC 28716

Hosts: Charlie and Martha Trantham

Website: <http://lenoirscreekdevon.com/>

Here you will see Devons thriving in the NC mountains, rocky and harsh terrain. About 45 minutes west of Asheville, this farm is the oldest continuously operated farm in Haywood County, NC and has been in operation since 1807. Charlie and Martha Trantham take pride in having maintained the ancestral lineage from the Devons that first arrived on the farm in 1849. Have lunch on the farm and learn about its history.

**Thursday, April 25 ~ 9:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Lakota Ranch**

9272 Big Horn Road

Remington, VA 22734

Hosts: The Engh Family

Website: <https://www.lakotareddevons.com/>

Lakota Ranch is the home of the Engh family who have been prominent Devon breeders in the US for over 75 years. Their operation consists of 1,200 acres of both owned and rented land where 350 cows graze year round, utilizing adaptive grazing management on stockpiled forages. Jeremy Engh, President of Red Devon USA, along with his family, will be your hosts and are planning herd tours at 2 of their 7 farms. Also in the works is a meat cutting demonstration by AJ O'Neil, with O'NEIL's Quality Devons & O'NEIL's Quality Foods You'll enjoy lunch at the ranch and also have the option to stay for dinner.

**Friday, April 26 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Thistle Hill Farm**

12345 Crest Hill Road

Hume, VA 22639

Host: Carolyn Matthews

Website: <http://www.thistlehill.net/>

Thistle Hill Farm is nestled along the banks of the Rappahannock River in Fauquier County, Virginia, with the Blue Ridge Mountains as a backdrop. Their cow herd is built around the great English cow Tilbrook Cashtiller. She won three consecutive national grand championships and a host of ribbons and silver. At Thistle Hill they present the best of traditional English genetics from America and New Zealand. They sell registered Devon seedstock as well as healthy and delicious grass fed beef. Enjoy lunch on the farm.

**Saturday, April 27 ~ 9:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**4 Seasons Farm**

305 Pacanowski Lane

Tyrone, PA 16686

Hosts: Bob and Diana VanKirk

Website: <https://www.4seasonscattle.com/>

4 Seasons Farm LLC has a long family history in the beef business. Bob grew up on a beef farm and has enjoyed developing his own herd of now over 120 Registered Devons plus commercial cattle, with total numbers approaching 250 head. Together with his wife, Diana and family, he produces Registered Devons through their breeding plan utilizing artificial insemination, embryo transplants, and natural service. They utilize superior genetics from several different countries striving for the best conformation plus performance. 4 Seasons Farm animals brought home numerous awards from the 2022 National show. Cattle will be shown at their beautiful farm that they call "Cow Heaven" with rolling hills, trees, and Clover Creek. The day will include a Mature Bull Evaluation and Judging by Attendees; a Pasture Walk with JB Harold, USDA-NRCS Grazing Specialist; and a presentation by Brian Campbell, PA Grazing State Specialist. Enjoy lunch at the ranch.

**Sunday, April 28 ~ 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

**Lamppost Farm**

14900 Market St.

Columbiana, OH 44408

Hosts: Steve and Melanie Montgomery

Website: <https://www.lamppostfarm.com/>

Lamppost Farm is an educational farm with a mission: To reach and teach through agriculture. Steve Montgomery, along with his wife and four children, began the farm in 2007 after his career in campus ministry where he led a wilderness education program. When you visit his farm, be sure to ask how his acquisition of Devon cattle first began! It's a powerful story about community and real relationships. If you can come at 10:30, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a worship service. The day will also include a Jerky Bar along with a presentation on the process of making jerky by AJ O'Neil, with O'NEIL's Quality Devons & O'NEIL's Quality Foods. Lunch will be at the farm and there will be time for a tour, fun activities and exploration.

**Monday, April 29 ~ 12 noon until 4:30 p.m.**

**Every Season Farm**

3025 Reese Rd.

Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Hosts: Dale and Grace Freier

Website: <https://everyseason.farm/>

Every Season Farm is located in the heart of NY's Finger Lakes Region. They strive to raise excellent quality grass-fed beef, pork, and lamb while preserving heritage breeds of livestock. Their passion is the American Milking Devon. The afternoon will include a farm tour to discuss the full triple purpose aspects of the American Milking Devon with a data driven discussion into their current abilities for the dairy, as well as an oxen demonstration and a look at our rotational grazing systems for both beef and dairy. An early dinner will follow at Fleur De Lis Brew Works at 3630 NY-414, Seneca Falls. NY 13148.

**Tuesday, April 30 ~ 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Full Moon Farm**

31 Steves Lane

Gardiner, NY 12525

Host: Paul Colucci

Website: <https://www.fullmoonfarmny.com/>

Full Moon Farm was established in 2000 following a holistic approach to farming practices. What began on a 5 acre parcel in their backyard farm quickly evolved into a cooperative farming project with their neighbors, which has restored over 1,000 acres of prime farmland in the Hudson Valley. Among their innovative practices is the use of seaweed as a supplement for their herd. According to Paul Colucci, it's an amazing source of micronutrients, trace minerals, and antioxidants. Along with the grass fed beef they produce from Devon and Angus cattle, they offer pastured pork, poultry and lamb. Enjoy your afternoon and stay for an early dinner at a local restaurant. Visitors will be treated to beautiful cattle, scenery, and Devon beef and pork prepared by a local chef as the main dish.

**Wednesday - Friday, May 1 - 3 ~ Plimoth Patuxet Museums**

See [RedDevonUSA.com](http://RedDevonUSA.com) for more information on this portion of the tour.

**2024 World Devon Congress Celebration Tour  
Registration for Regional Farm Visits & Plymouth, MA  
Deadline - March 25, 2024**

<b>Name(s):</b> (Please list the name of each attendee)	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone:	Email:

***Please note number of attendees. If under 18, there is no charge for the Regional Farm Sites only.***

Date	Regional Farm Sites and Plymouth MA	Attendee(s)	Under 18	Cost Per Person	Total
Sat, 4/20	Blue Bear Farm & Cattle Co.			\$35	
Sat, 4/20	Edgewood Plantation			\$35	
Sun, 4/21	Deep Grass Graziers			\$35	
Mon, 4/22	Walker Century Farms			\$35	
Tues, 4/23	Lenoir's Creek			\$35	
Thurs 4/25	Lakota Ranch			\$35	
Fri, 4/26	Thistle Hill Farm			\$35	
Sat, 4/27	4 Seasons Farm			\$35	
Sun, 4/28	Lamppost Farm			\$35	
Mon, 4/29	Every Season Farm			\$35	
Tues, 4/30	Full Moon Farm			\$35	
May 1 - 3	Plymouth, MA			\$200	
	<i>Optional Underwriter Contribution *</i>				
	<b>Total Enclosed</b>				

**Please make checks payable to: Red Devon USA ~ Mail to: PO Box 260, Kearney, MO 64060  
You may also register online at [RedDevonUSA.com](http://RedDevonUSA.com)**

*\*Thank you! You will be acknowledged in our celebration materials.*