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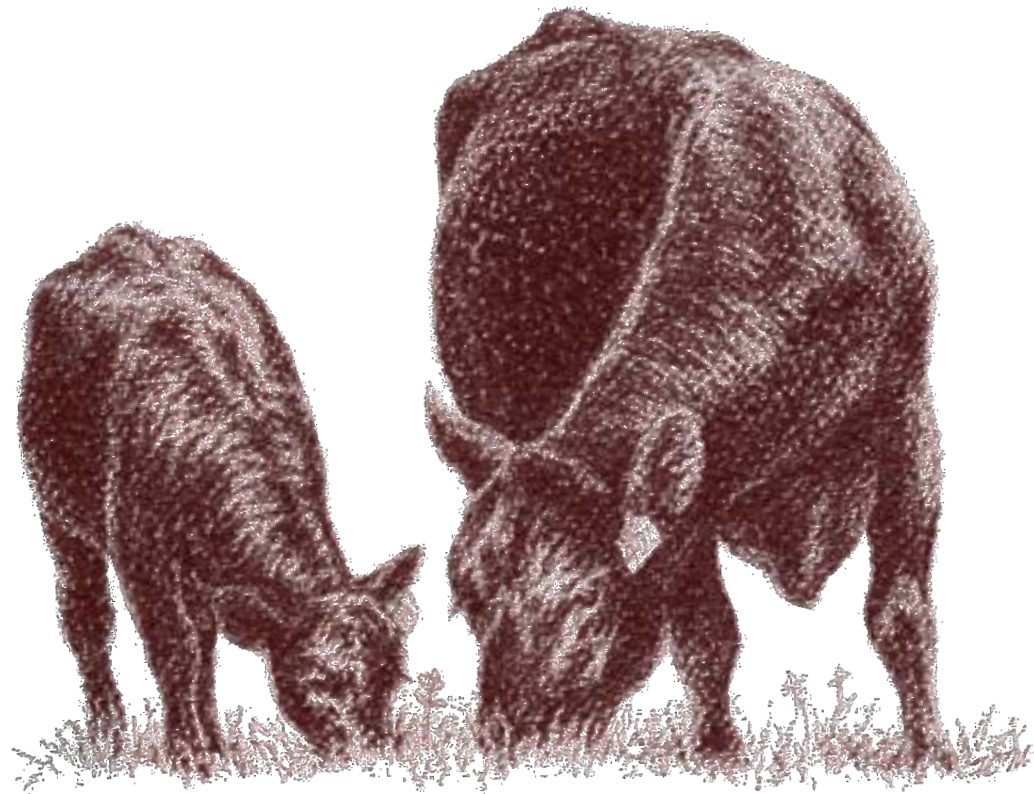
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# Letter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Devon Cattle are making history and, in the news, again. Of course, I am talking about the World Devon Congress tour and 400 Year commemoration of Devon cattle coming to the Plymouth colony and birthing the us cattle industry.

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. For many years, I have sought the company of and enjoyed the wisdom of my good friend, John Hall, AMDA President. We have worked together on numerous Devon projects going back Decades. Before this, I sold cattle to Johns Uncle, Ray Clark and before that,

his aunt, Diurna Kibbe (Daughter of Devon legend, Myron Green). Simply put, the Hall family is Devon Royalty, and I am honored to celebrate this Historic occasion with them and with all of you.

So, please join us for the 2024 World Devon Congress tour (info in magazine). Many premier US Devon breeders are preparing for our arrival and will showcase their cattle and farming operations, share wisdom and insight to farming in their environment, and generously wine and dine us all as we celebrate together the world's most practical breed of cattle! If you can't make it for the whole tour, there are opportunities to participate on a smaller scale or for portions of the journey.

The BIG CELEBRATION will be May 2, 2024, at Plimoth Patuxent Museum in Plymouth, Mass. This is not to be missed as we walk Devon cattle through the living history museum reenacting the first animals landing in Plimoth, 400 years ago. We will also hear reports from the Presidents of the Different Devon breed societies from around the Globe, and more. Please reach out with any questions or to volunteer to help spread the word.



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 FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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- Red Devon USA President, Jeremy Engh

# American Milking Devon Cattle Association

By John L. Hall III President



On behalf of the American Milking Devon Cattle Association, I invite you to take part in the 2024 World Devon Congress which commences in Orlando, Florida on April 19th and concludes on May 2nd at Plimoth Patuxet Plantation in Massachusetts. Whether you partake in all or part of this Congress Tour, please do not miss this once in a generation opportunity to showcase your cattle or witness some of the best Devons in the world!

The American Milking Devon Cattle Association represents the breeders and owners of American Milking Devon Cattle. This Breed has existed for hundreds of years and is a triple purpose Breed. Milk, Meat, Draft. Our members utilize these versatile Cattle for all three purposes. Devons produce excellent beef on grass alone. Studies have shown that American Milking Devon milk components (CLA and

Omega contents) are superior to most other Breeds. Many of our bull calves are trained as oxen and used for traction power and demonstrations at Fairs and other events.

American Milking Devons were imported to Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in 1623 to sustain the Pilgrims. These animals were selected from the English Breeds of the day for their hardiness, and ability to thrive in less than ideal conditions. The animals spread throughout the early American Colonies and were prolific through the 18th, 19th and early 20th Century in the United States. Thousands of Devon oxen were utilized in the countries' westward expansion in the second half of the 19th Century.

After World War II, with the advent of production agriculture, American Milking Devons were cast aside by most American farmers in favor of other Breeds that would support mass production agriculture. In the mid-1970s, the Breed had dwindled to approximately 200 animals. Some concerned individuals banded together to preserve this Heritage Breed. A Registry was instituted to identify the remaining Breed stock and a Conservancy was formed to assist in the preservation

of this wonderful Breed. Today, our Association consists of approximately 2000 Cattle, spread across the United States and Canada.

The American Milking Devon will be well represented at two stops on the Congress Tour. One stop is in Seneca Falls, New York at the Freier Family, Every Season Farm. Here, you will be treated to an excellent representation of our Breed. The final stop at Plimoth Patuxet Plantation in Massachusetts will celebrate 400 years of Devon Cattle in the New World! American Milking Devons will be well represented in a setting that replicates Plimoth of the Pilgrims' day!

I am very excited about this time together and so look forward to meeting you on the bus or at any stops that you can attend on this amazing 2024 World Devon Congress Tour where we can talk Devons till the cows come home!



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## How do you add value?

By AJ O'Neil

To be successful in today's economy, you must remain relevant to your consumers. Businesses are using marketing to their advantage through many social media outlets. I was recently on a meeting with a marketing consultant where they suggested, if you want to have exponential growth, up to 25% of your expense budget should be spent in your marketing campaign. So, what should you market? What makes you and your farm unique from your competitors? How are you adding value, and how are you marketing it?

A good starting point could be marketing your live animals. Are you using registrations and lineage? I've seen many Facebook posts recently trying to sell purebred Devon cattle, especially bulls. One of the first questions to come up on the comments section is, "What is his lineage?" If you don't have that information, it makes it more difficult to sell to other purebred seedstock producers. Are you adding value through genomic testing such as Tenderness/Leptin testing, A2 genotyping, or Homozygote polled testing? Here is a hypothetical: If two seedstock producers were selling

comparable bulls, and the Option 1 bull had identified all three of the referenced traits, and the Option 2 bull had no testing, which bull has more value to you? As a numbers guy, I like to see the data. I would purchase the Option 1 bull with testing at a premium over the Option 2 bull because I know he will be adding that value to every calf that is born over the next few years. Are you adding value through EPD's or record keeping? Are you keeping track of birth weights, weaning weights, yearling weights, the number of days until slaughter? If you are thinking, "I don't believe this will help me sell my animals for more money." Then consider how it would help you add value to your decision-making processes on the farm.

Do you use third party verification to add value? There are several companies that offer this service, and give you signage or stickers to confirm you are selling what you claim. Could you be getting additional value from them? Are consumers finding you through their service, or are you adding value to their business? Have you considered working with local food hubs, CSAs, or Cooperatives? These organizations can

assist with marketing when you may not have the time, training, experience, or revenue.

Another way you could add value is by grazing multiple species. Experts sometimes refer to this as profitability per acre. You can spread your land expenses across three different business enterprises instead of just one. If you are grazing multiple species, does this add to your farm story? Does the consumer navigate towards the idea that one farm can support all of their protein needs using your preferred method of management? Are you using unique heritage breeds in your multiple species grazing that becomes a story for your farm, or a story that is passed on from your consumer? Does this multi species grazing add value to your soil biology?

Lastly, my favorite topic, adding value through your meat products. If you are selling retail products, how are you adding value to them? Are you using a colorful label with your farm name, address, phone number, and website? My family's business, O'Neil's Quality Foods, puts our private label on almost everything we sell. Some items are homemade breads, cheeses, spices,

marinades, beef sticks, frozen meats, etc. It is comparable to handing out a business card with every purchase. When we started having our spices private labeled, I wanted our customers spice cabinet to be full of our private label spices and using them on their meats they purchased from us. That way whenever they host events at their house, friends and family can know where the delicious products came from. Since we are talking about cooking, are you offering recipes ideas for your grass-fed beef? This is a great way to develop a relationship with your customer base.

I've even had customers give me feedback on what they liked and didn't like about the recipe they tried. Feedback always helps you get better acquainted with your customers' preferences, and could potentially lead to additional sales. If they don't like a certain cut or recipe, you could give them alternative cooking methods that may help you sell that cut again, instead of them avoiding it.

Do you cross merchandise your beef? Some grocery stores will put beef next to a side item, condiment, or steak sauce. If you sell a special marinade, try putting it next to the cut that goes with it best, your customers may want to try a different flavor or dish. Perhaps you get bone broth made from your beef, do you sell it right next to your soup bones, and beef roast? How about produce? Do you sell home grown potatoes, corn, and zucchini right next to some of your meat selections?

Do you offer specialty cuts that your competitors do not? Some examples include crosscut shanks, ground sirloin, flat iron steaks, tomahawk ribeyes, shish kabob meat, ground meat with 10% liver, chuck ribs, Korean ribs, tri tip roast, steamship round, and many others. Of course, the main hurdle could be having a butcher that is willing to do those cuts for you. After you develop a relationship with your butcher, maybe it isn't too much of an ask to get that special cut. It's possible after a conversation or two they decide that it adds value to their butcher shop to provide that cut for their customers. Also remember if you do decide to add specialty cuts to your product list, you will be probably taking away from your total hamburger. If you have a high demand or get premium for hamburger,

make sure you are getting a comparable price from these cuts.

Finally let's talk about value added products. Some favorites we make and sell at our store are summer sausage, ring bologna, lunch meats, beef sticks, jerky, pickled bologna, hotdogs, flavored patties, canned beef, corned beef brisket, and our newest favorite: beef bacon. All these products can be offered with an infinite number of spices and flavors. It all depends largely on your geographic location, preferred flavors in your region, as well as willingness for your processor to make these products.

At the upcoming Devon World Congress tour, we will discuss some value-added products in more depth, as well as having products for sampling. At Lamppost Farms, we will be having beef bacon to complement another protein. I will show where on the beef carcass it comes from, as well as possible curing methods that can be used. At Lakota Ranch, I will be helping with a few menu items and a meat cutting demonstration on a few value-added products.

Each of our farms is unique. Tell your story in your way. Fulfill your own mission statement, keep improving the land, and help build and contribute to your communities. I hope to see you all as we celebrate 400 years of Devon cattle in this great country.



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How do you add value?



## Devon Cattle Breeders in U.S. to Commemorate 400th Anniversary

Host World Devon Congress Tour from Florida to Massachusetts, April 19-May 2, 2024

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"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.

This Spring, Devon Breeders in the United States and around the world will commemorate the 400th 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 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. 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 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](http://www.reddevonusa.com).

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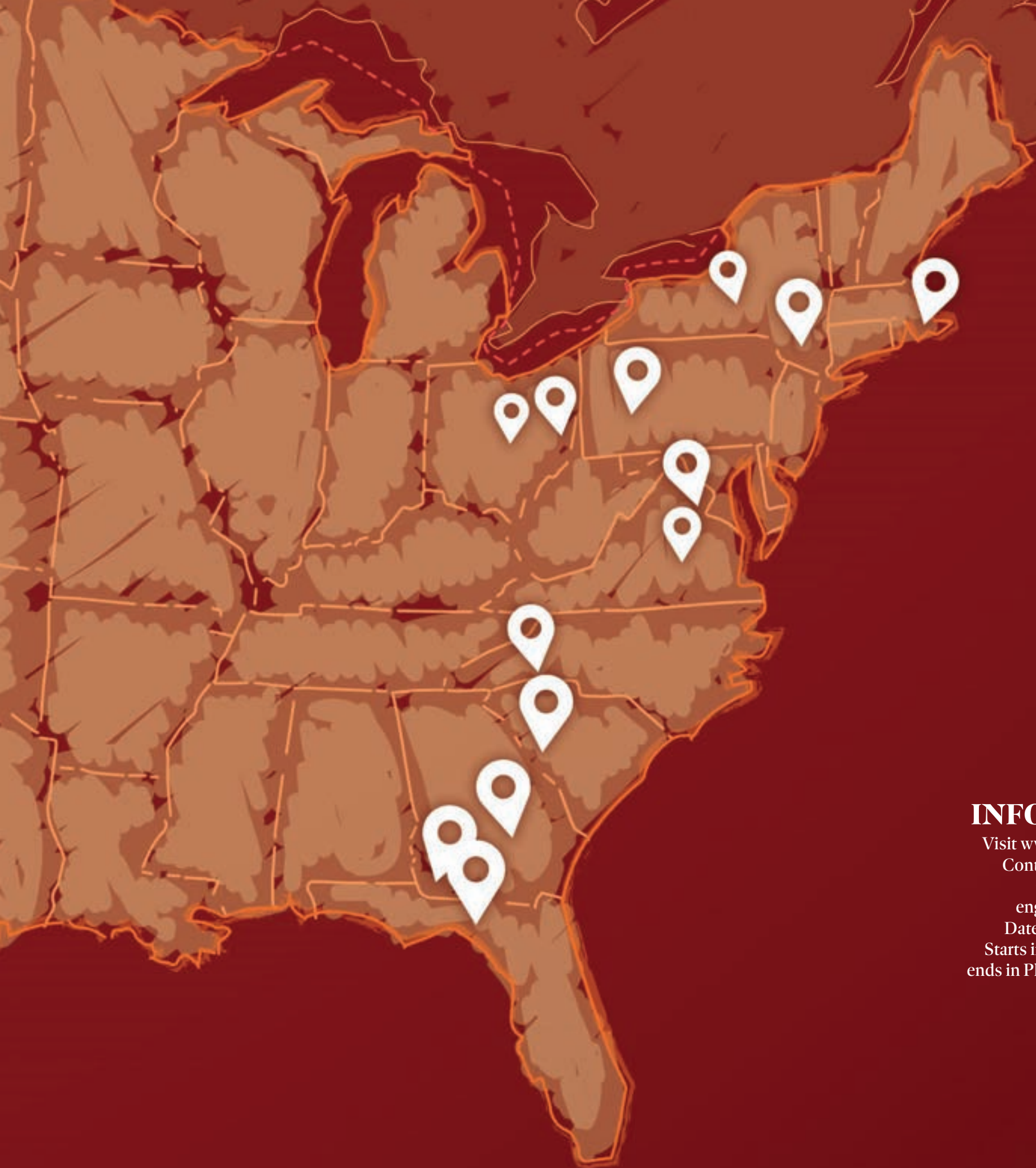
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# Edgewood Plantation *Monticello, Florida*

Our family history started fifty-five years ago, when my parents purchased Edgewood Plantation. My mother, Ruth, brought cattle to the fields as she loved to watch them graze, especially at the end of the day. For forty years, it was a commercial herd of black angus and beef master.

Fifteen years ago, the Devon breed was introduced by a friend and neighbor, Jeff Moore. It did not take long to see the benefits of cross breeding with the Devons. Then registered cows and bulls were purchased from Charles and Martha Trantham, long time breeders from North Carolina. With all of their knowledge and kind help, our herd improved.

At an annual Devon conference, I met Jeremy Engh of Lakota Ranch.

A friendship was formed, and Jeremy became the herd advisor; culling, improving, and changing the herd into what you see today. With his expertise and guidance, you can see that the Devon breed has adapted to the southern climate of North Florida.

The Devon breed is remarkable, as all of you already know. Well conformed, solid, good mothers, milkers, producing milk so rich and creamy that calves and people thrive on it. It is no wonder that the first people to arrive in what is now America, brought Devon cattle with them.

Now, our joy is to see this beautiful herd grazing on the land, producing healthy calves, and premium meat

We would like to thank Jeremy, Sam, and all others who contribute their time and energy to this farm.

And thank you to all attending the World Devon Congress and for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be on the tour, and visiting our herd at Edgewood.

Our Family is blessed to be a part of the Devon community from our location in Florida. We welcome you with gracious southern hospitality.

Best regards,  
Susan



# Deep Grass Graziers *Fitzgerald, Georgia*

Dan Glenn came home to the family farm around 2009 and transitioned his family's conventional cow-calf operation into a multi-enterprise business focused on genetics, environmental adaptability, and soil health.

Through reading, relationships, and on the job training, Dan added stockmanship, adaptive grazing, and soil stewardship principles to his toolbox, to continue to hone the cattle program to work with nature and make the slow and steady progress needed to build a herd of adapted cattle.

Deep Grass Graziers sells replacement females, seedstock bulls, and a few grass finished beefs yearly. Most of the steers are backgrounded and sold to a nationally branded grass-finished beef program, and the cull heifers that are checked open become on-farm finishers.

To add more heat tolerance, the farm has recently started cross breeding their British breed stock with both Senepol and Beefmaster, in separate programs. Bull and heifer development is done on forage alone, with annual production and irrigation supplementing the perennials. Forage diversity, rest and recovery, and year round grazing is key to make the system work. See for more information.



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# Walker Century Farm *Anderson, South Carolina*

Walker Century Farms management philosophy is based on sustainable and regenerative practices. The farm in Anderson, South Carolina has been owned and operated by the Walker family for over 100 years. Twenty years ago Bill, Nancy and their son Clifton began practicing sustainable grassfed beef production utilizing rotational grazing and the Red Devon breed. As our herd increased we utilized genetics imported from the UK. Our local grassfed beef became available to our community through an on-farm market, which we now lease to other grassfed producers. In recent years we have downsized our Devon herd and focused more on regenerative and restorative agriculture. Our primary focus is on an area that had been unproductive and was in need of regeneration and restoration.



In consultation with faculty and students from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina we have begun stabilization of a streambank utilizing a variety of native plants. Other faculty have developed plans to improve wildlife habitat on our farm.

Our rationale comes from history. Five hundred to 10,000 years ago the piedmont prairie extended from Virginia to Georgia, a savannah, consisting of native grasses interspersed with areas of large trees. The Native Americans used fire and bison to manage these savannah-like areas. The bison provided natural nutrients in their urine and feces which was stomped into the soil along with plant material providing aeration and additional organic matter in the soil. This process enhances the growth of a wide array of micro and macro organisms in the soil. We are restoring an area of our farm which had grown into a jungle of dense trees and undergrowth. Silvopasture is the deliberate integration of trees and grazing livestock operations on the same land. These systems are intensively managed for both forest products and forage providing both short- and long-term income sources. In 2019 we began restoring an overgrown dense area of woods (Figure 1) to achieve the goal of making a productive pasture in the woods (Figure 2).



One of our goals is to share the natural beauty of our farm with our community. An area next to a stream has been



improved using strategies to encourage and protect wildlife. A small cabin beside the stream offers a site where visitors can linger in the natural woodlands and savannah (Figure 3).

We constructed a Pavilion (Figure 4) on our farm to host weddings and various parties to provide supplemental income for our farming operation. This offers an opportunity for those of all walks of life to enjoy time on a working farm and to experience a natural peaceful setting.

# Lenoir's Creek Devon *Canton, North Carolina*

The story of Lenoir's Creek Devon officially begins in 1849. Prior to that, Devon were brought to North America by the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth, on the south coast of Devon, eventually settling in the New World and established Plymouth Colony in the 1600's.

In 1623, the ship Charity brought Devon cattle from England to Edward Winslow, the agent for the Plymouth Colony. Between 1800 and 1851, Americans received 15 shipments of Devon cattle from England. In 1800, Winthrop and Davenport imported some animals to Massachusetts. In 1805, General Eaton imported Devon to New York. In 1817 Robert Patterson, a Baltimore merchant, was given 6 heifers and a bull by the Earl of Leicester - a noted English stockman. This shipment to Maryland provided breeding stock for Devon herds along the Atlantic coast. Even Daniel Webster imported Devon in 1842.

Captain Thomas Isaac Lenoir and his slaves drove the first Devon cattle to settle the North Carolina mountains from Maryland in the summer of 1849. It is said that it took them the entire summer to make the journey. There is no record of the size of the original herd; however, there is documentation that Devon have been here on this farm since 1849.



Captain Thomas Lenoir owned 9 square miles at that time. It has been described as reaching from ridge top to ridge top.

In the spring of 1865, Confederate and Union troops alike were poorly supplied. Some of Captain Lenoir's cattle were slaughtered to feed the troops. However, much of the Devon herd had been grazing in the high pastures in the foothills and were overlooked by the foragers.

John McDowell Michal married Mary Lenoir. The Devon cattle, along with the farm, have been handed down from generation to generation. Mary L. Michal, M.D. of Johnson City, TN and her brother, Joseph L. Michal, Sr. of Greer, SC are now the owners of the farm. We (the Tranthams - Charlie and Martha) began working on the farm in 1988 as managers. In 1995, we began leasing the farm and have been raising Devon from the descendants of the first Devon brought here in 1849.

We have been raising Devon for 35 years. We had 160 head of those pretty red Devon. The time has come that we are downsizing. We sold several head in the spring, and have decided that we will be selling a few more head this fall or in the spring. I will tell you this, picking what to keep and what must go is probably one of the hardest things we have ever done.



## The Biltmore Estate Asheville, North Carolina

Cornelius Vanderbilt (1794-1877) was the richest man in the world for 3 decades between 1850 and his death in 1877. While sources don't always agree it is thought that he was worth the equivalent of \$2.6 billion in today's currency and he is considered to be among the three wealthiest Americans of all time. Descended from a Dutch indentured servant and the son of a poor farming family, he was born in Staten Island in 1794. Through hard work, ruthlessness, frugality and sometimes legally questionable tactics, he is the quintessential rags to richest robber baron of the 19th century.

To supplement his income, Cornelius's father ran a small business ferrying passengers to and from Staten Island. At age 11, Cornelius began working for his father and ultimately built his own business into one of the largest Steamship passenger Lines in the world. Always aware of changing conditions and opportunities, he turned to the railroad industry to expand his business. He bought up a number of railroad companies, creating the New York Central Railroad. Though the father of 11 living children, when he died in 1877 he left the bulk of his fortune to his son William Henry Vanderbilt who was his eldest son and business associate.



The grandsons of Cornelius Vanderbilt inherited his wealth, but not his frugality. Cornelius Vanderbilt II built The Breakers, a summer home in Newport, Rhode Island. The mansion covered nearly an acre and boasted 70 rooms. But Cornelius II was bested by his brother George Washington Vanderbilt. Biltmore Estate mansion in Asheville, North Carolina covers 4 acres and contains 250 rooms. Both mansions were built during the Gilded Age in the 1890s. Biltmore is considered the largest private home in the United States.

While the mansion is magnificent, and what most people envision if they are familiar with the Biltmore Estate, George Washington Vanderbilt was also concerned about preserving the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. He consulted renowned American landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted to help him develop a preservation plan for the forestry and agricultural use of the 125,000 acres that made up the estate during Vanderbilt's lifetime.

To renovate old, worn out soil, Olmsted advised Vanderbilt to "farm your river bottom chiefly to keep and fatten live stock with view to manure; and make the rest a forest, improving the existing forest and planting the old fields." (Sexton)

Vanderbilt created a farming operation to provide dairy products, meat, poultry and fruits and vegetables for use by the estate and for sale of surplus production. Among his operations was one of the world's largest herds of registered Jersey cattle. Today, the 2,500 acre farm includes a herd of registered Angus cattle, hogs, chickens, a vineyard and fruit and vegetable products. In addition, they have preserved many of the older agricultural buildings and established farm exhibits to teach the public about agriculture.

To learn more and see photos, visit the Biltmore estate website at <https://www.Biltmore.com> Search under "agriculture" to see information about Biltmore's farming history and current Operations.



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## Lakota Ranch Remington, Virginia

At Lakota Ranch, we practice holistic and regenerative land management to help preserve our soils, air, wildlife, and watersheds, and in 2000 we were awarded the Chesapeake Bay Friendly Farm Award. In 2023 we were named Conservationist of the Year for our county and Forage producer of the year for Virginia. We pride ourselves on leading the industry in environmentally conscience farming practices. We've had the pleasure of working with historical agro-tourism landmarks such as Stratford Hall, Mount Vernon, and Colonial Williamsburg.

Lakota Genetics have been the premier Devon Genetics in the country since the 80's. Between 1985 and

2000, 2,400 Devon were registered in the country, with 1,750 of those being Lakota Ranch. Last year, we had the National Grand Champion Sire, Lakotas Red Dude A113 and the National Grand Champion female, Lakotas G1 (28 yrs old)

The first Devon's purchased were in the 50's, Otto Engh bought these three from top breeder Wayne Morse of Poolesville, MD. They were the foundation for starting our Devon herd. Gerard Engh served as President of the DCA many times and would buy out several top herds in the 30 years that followed. He implemented Ultra Sounding for meat quality into our management system and judged Devon around the globe.

The Ranch is now managed by Jeremy Engh who consults, educates, and manages cattle and breeding programs around the country. Jeremys' wife, children, and grand-children help manage the diversified operation which includes a Farm store, Kennel, hunting preserve, gardens, and more. We look forward to visitors and Love our Devon cattle!!!



# Thistle Hill Farm *Hume, Virginia*

Thistle Hill Farm is located in Hume, Virginia at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The original property has been in our family since 1946 and now encompasses about 360 acres. In 2002, Wooz Matthews and her husband David Schoumacher fell in love with the Red Devon breed and its history and started building their foundation genetics around old American and New Zealand lines.

In 2010, David and Wooz were attending the World Devon Congress in England, and made the decision to source pure traditional lines of Red Devon genetics working with renowned Devon herds in England such as the Goldings, Tilbrook Grange, Essington, Cutcombe, and Ashott Barton to bring in Semen and Embryos.

David and Wooz dreamed of having a premier Red Devon farm that would be a repository for historic lines of Red Devon genetics from England.

Today, approximately two thirds of our herd is imported gene lines from England. The remainder is a herd composite of Lakota, Lenoir's Creek, and Rotokawa crossed onto our English lines. Care of the herd has fallen to the next two generations, with Wooz and David's grandson Church taking over the primary management role. Currently in Cornell vet school with an interest in large animal veterinary medicine as well as conservation. Church's vision has included preserving the traditional Devon bloodlines while selecting for functional and adaptable genetics that can thrive in any operation.



# 4 Seasons Farm LLC *Tyrone, Pennsylvania*

Bob grew up on a beef farm and has enjoyed developing his own herd of over 140 Registered Devons plus commercial cattle, with total numbers approaching 250 head. 4 Seasons Farm LLC has implemented a comprehensive breeding program designed to develop and continually improve our herd of registered Devon Cattle. We strive to produce some of the best Registered Devons available through our breeding plan which utilizes artificial insemination, embryo transplants, and natural service. Our animals brought home numerous awards from the 2022 National Show.

In our experience, the options of quality Devon lines from overseas make great outcrosses with American cattle.

We utilize superior genetics from several different countries striving for the best conformation plus performance. Some overseas straws used on our farm include Bel Mur Clay, Tapuwae 635, Ashott Barton Millenium Falcon, Te Maewa Oban, and Rotokawa. Additional straws are in queue to use down the road from Tapuwae lines as well as Gowan Ross Gentleman & Vix Jurassic. Our main 2 herd bulls currently working are Utley's Sir Perfection and 4 Seasons Meat Wagon. Perfection is a bull combining legendary bulls through his pedigree which include Cutcombe Jaunty, Tapuwae 635, Crooked Tree N10, Rotokawa 688, Rotokawa 667, Lakota's P60, Noyl Boy M78, and Lakota's Guardsman F142. Meat Wagon is a son of Te Maewa Oban 867/11 and his dam is a 13 year old cow that descends from Lakotas's H48, Trailblazer of Grovemont, Kinloch Albion A20, and Lakota's Champ. We are excited to see their offspring and to have at the farm tour.

At the World Devon Congress tour, our cattle will be shown at a beautiful 500 acre farm of which half is pasture. We affectionately call this place "Cow Heaven" with rolling hills, trees, and Clover Creek.

We welcome everyone to take in the beauty of central Pennsylvania enhanced with Red Devons! Currently cattle are grazed on 4 different farms with a total of roughly 400 acres of grass between our home farm and rentals. We market Registered seedstock, semen straws, embryos, and 100% Grassfed Red Devon Beef.

We welcome and look forward to greeting you. Come and see our cattle at work in the beautiful hills of central Pennsylvania.





## Lamppost Farm *Columbiana, Ohio*

Lamppost Farm is excited to be a stop on the World Devon Congress tour in Spring of 2024. Our farm is located in Columbiana, Ohio which is directly between Pittsburgh, PA and Cleveland, OH. Started by your hosts, Steve & Melanie Montgomery, we are 501(c)3 Christian ministry organization that exists with a mission to Reach and Teach through Agriculture. This mission is achieved by leading people to enter the many relationships on a farm with the intention of knowing more fully the world around them, the people who live in it, and the God who created it.

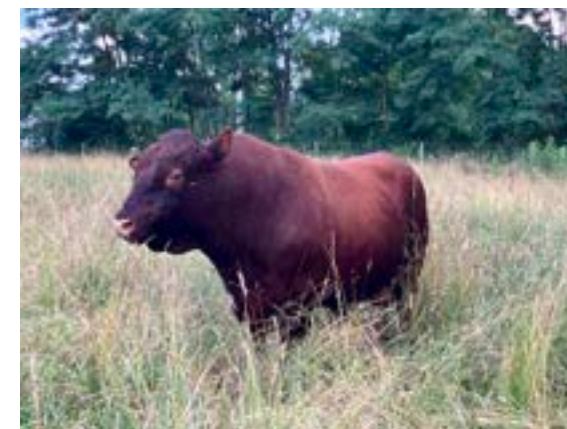
During the World Devon Congress, Lamppost Farm will display our herd of 50+ registered Red Devons, a pastured poultry operation, and a quick tour of our farm store. In addition for the event, we will be hosting a small group of Milking Devon cattle from Auburn Meadows Farm in West Middlesex, PA that are owned by Jackie Cleary. And, RDUSA Board Member, Breeder, and Full-time Butcher, AJ O'Neil will do a beef cutting demonstration followed by a meal prepared at Lamppost Farm for all attendees. As of now some of

the possibilities are a beef jerky bar featuring AJ's famous beef jerky recipes, a beef bacon burger, and Philly style beef sandwiches.

The Devon cattle herd from Lamppost Farm features the 2022 3rd place female in Lamppost Farm Lizzy who combines known American genetics of Burwood Mounty and Buckeye P60 with a Milking Devon bull named Trailblazer of Grovemont. In addition, participants will see males and females with a strong influence of the Sir Lufton bull (a Cutcombe Jaunty son) since he was our herd sire for 3 years (since deceased). Recently, we purchased a bull (HTF D1) from Joyce Moore at Spring Hope Farm that was raised by John Lindley at Heritage

Trail Farm in Prosperity, Pennsylvania. We have begun to call him Bruce. His genetics have brought Rotokawa 667 and Guardsman G260 into our herd. Unfortunately, his calves will hit the ground the month or two after the Congress is here.

The Ohio Spring will provide a fresh welcome to our World Devon Congress tour guests and we are thankful to be included in this tour. Travel safely and see you soon.



## Every Season Farm *Seneca Falls, New York*

Every Season Farm is a small, diversified family run farm in the Finger Lakes region of Upstate New York. Our name helps remind us that living and farming with the rhythms and changes in each season is a means to enjoy each moment of time to the fullest.

Our farm base is 165 acres of land where we utilize 70 acres of high tensile permanent fencing for rotational grazing and the balance in hayfields with a few acres of woods. We maintain a small orchard of heritage variety fruit and



produce Maple Syrup from our maple trees each spring primarily for family use. We raise several heritage breeds of animals including American Milking Devon cattle and Leicester Longwool sheep and a small flock of Cayuga ducks. While we raise sheep for both fiber and meat and finish a group of hogs each year for sourcing local pork, our American Milking Devon's (AMD's) are the key to our long-term goal of regenerative farming.

On our farm, the American Milking Devon breed functions in much the same way it would have on small farms of the distant past by providing the triple purposes of draft power, dairy and beef. We have found the American Milking Devon retains significant genetic resiliency and we strive to maintain AMD genetics in their original multipurpose state. To this end we have

trained multiple pairs of oxen and have found the AMD to be very well suited for this task. They are intellectually bright, quick, and willing to work. We maintain a strong interest in teaching agriculture and agricultural history to the public and demonstrating draft cattle has been a fantastic way to engage the interest of people of all ages.



As a beef animal AMDs can thrive in a variety of settings but excel above other breeds on grass and will do well on even

poor forage. They tolerate a wide range of management and climate conditions. The meat is well marbled when harvested at an appropriate stage and flavorful to our local customers. These facts are generally well accepted amongst Devon breeders worldwide.

AMDs were once milked on small farms across the United States and well accepted among the dairy breeds in the past. Today, with modern market pressures, the American Milking Devon is no longer milked commercially. Our family investigated what milk production potential remained in the genetics of



the American Milking Devons in our herd. Over the last 4 years we have collected milk production data including individual pounds of milk produced daily and milk component testing. This has produced many interesting results over the time of the study. We have also experimented with dairy product

production using American Milking Devon milk including cheese, yogurt, cream and especially butter. While the data indicates that the American Milking Devon does not compete with the modern dairy breeds on

a volume scale, there are areas where the American Milking Devon has the potential to excel again, especially in lower input grass-based systems.

On our tour we will discuss the full triple purpose aspects of the American Milking Devon with a data driven discussion into their current abilities in the dairy, as well as an oxen demonstration and a look at our rotational grazing systems for both beef and dairy production. Our family looks forward to welcoming you at Every Season Farm in April!

## Full Moon Farm *Gardiner, New York*

Established in 2000 on a modest 5-acre parcel in Gardiner, NY, Full Moon Farm, Home of the 2009 and 2012 American Devon Cattle Assoc Female Grand Champions, Founded by Paul Colucci and Laura Watson, the farm's journey commenced with two Red Devon Heifers from the Lakota Ranch, flourishing into a thriving enterprise with over 150 grass-fed and grass-finished Red Devon, Black Angus, and Red Angus cattle.

Emphasizing a commitment to sustainable and ethical farming, Full Moon Farm operates as a diversified livestock farm. Their breeding practices prioritize a grass-exclusive diet, contributing to the farm's holistic approach. Seasonally, the farm produces pastured lamb, hogs, and free-range eggs, cultivating a diverse ecosystem across 500 acres of pastures and hayfields. This endeavor is made possible through partnerships with private landowners and conservation nonprofits in the Hudson Valley.

The farm's success story is woven with a dedication to maintaining superior Red Devon genetics. Collaborating with neighboring farms like No Barn Farm and Sophie's Farm for over a decade, Full Moon Farm ensures the vitality of their livestock. Notably, the farm takes a forward-thinking approach by cultivating hybrid vigor in their grass-fed beefers. This involves incorporating all-grass genetics from the Pharo Cattle Company and the 5L Red Angus, showcasing a commitment to sustainable and innovative farming practices.

Full Moon Farm isn't just about cultivating livestock; it's about nurturing a vibrant community and contributing to environmental stewardship. The farm partners with neighboring producers and conservation organizations, such as the Mohonk Preserve and the Open Space Institute. These alliances align with Full Moon Farm's mission of utilizing and safeguarding public lands through sustainable and regenerative agriculture.

A visit to Full Moon Farm is an invitation to witness the friendly faces of Red Devon cows, calves, and bulls in action. Explore their 24/7 self-serve farm store, stocked with a variety of goodies, including beef, lamb, pork, and eggs. The farm's products are available locally and contribute to the community's flavor, found in nearby restaurants and farm stands.

In the heart of Gardiner, Full Moon Farm isn't just a farm; it's a friendly tale of responsible farming, community collaboration, and a promise to cherish our agricultural roots. Join the Full Moon Farm family and experience the warmth and flavor of sustainable, community-driven agriculture.

We welcome all the World Devon Congress Attendee's to the Hudson Valley, N.Y.

# Plimoth Patuxet Museums

Plymouth, Massachusetts

In 1620, English religious Separatists, commonly known as Pilgrims, landed on the shores of Cape Cod Bay in modern day Massachusetts. Of course, the land was already occupied by native peoples known as Wampanoags. The native community was largely depopulated, the result of an epidemic caused by European infections to which the Wampanoags had no immunity.

The Pilgrims established their settlement in what is now the center of Plymouth. There are houses still standing there that were built by settlers several decades after the initial settlement. But in 1947 a living history museum named Plimoth Plantation was established several miles outside of Plymouth in a reconstructed early settlement. Staff at Plimoth Patuxet use a combination of first person interpretation (educators who assume the dress and speech of historic Pilgrims) and third person interpretation (where the first person character emerges from their historic role to answer visitor questions).

In addition to the 17th Century English Village re-creation, the museum also has a native Wampanoag Historic Patuxet Homesite re-creation that tells the story of the native settlement and way of life. 17th century agriculture is interpreted at Plimoth Patuxet Museums and animals and crops that would have been appropriate to the period can be found there.

Plimoth Patuxet Museums will be the site of our celebration of the 400th anniversary of Devon cattle in North America. We hope that you are able to attend the event on May 1st and 2nd. This will be a great opportunity to meet Devon breeders and promote the breed.



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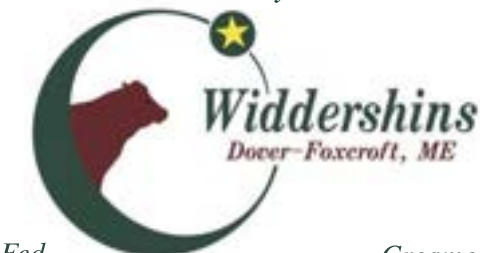
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Reg# USDM22126 DNA# DCA 18

bwt -6 wwt +22 ywt +36

Avg days to finish 695

\$35 a straw



## LAKOTA'S H48

Reg# USDM21991 DNA# DCA 272

Homozygous polled A2 / A2

bwt -6 wwt +14 ywt +20

Avg days to finish 724

\$50 a straw

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