

# Dexter Cattle



## Dexters are an excellent choice for the small farm operation

We always purchased Angus Beef from my cousin in Ohio. The trip to pick it up resulted in an 8 hour drive that wasn't always convenient. Breezy needed a pasture mate which resulted in our decision to acquire a Dexter heifer. Of similar size, gentleness, and with production geared towards both milk and beef, we felt this was an excellent choice. Easy on the pastures, easy on the wallet, and no long drive to the butcher.

Dexters originate from southern Ireland. They are hardy, thrive on rough terrain and are well suited to West Virginia topography and forage. They were originally brought to the United States within the first quarter of the twentieth century and the herd established in neighboring Kentucky. They were at one time a rare breed but have rebounded as a result of renewed interests in homestead farming. The American Livestock Conservancy lists the breed as "recovering."

Of course, things here at Twin Maples Farm are always changing. Soon after we purchased Kali, Breezy's heifer buddy, we purchased a herd of eight. Guess we're in the business now! Our cattle are registered with the American Dexter Cattle Association, some are double registered with the Purebred Dexter Cattle Association of North America. All are the "long legged" variety.

If you are interested in grain finished beef, breeding stock, oxen or just want to come out and look at these sturdy cattle, feel free to pull in the drive and we'll answer your questions and be happy to show them off to you.

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