

WHITE DEXTER NEWSLETTER – JAN. 2107

Three months have passed by so fast. Here it is time to put out another newsletter to our White Dexter team members. We have not had any meetings, so there are no minutes in this letter.....just NEWS.

For this letter I wanted to introduce you to each other. We have been gathering in new owners and adding numbers to some that got started earlier. We'll start in alphabetical order of the states we now have White Dexter owners in. **Mary Smith in Beebe Arkansas** got her White Dexter bull from Mark Morris in July to put with her dexter cows. **Janet Farkas in Loveland Colorado** has filled her order of a six heifer herd she had planned. Her girls came from Phillip Dill and Mark Morris. When we delivered her last two we also delivered a White bull from Phillip Dill and two bred dexter cows from Dennis Salyers to **Lou Vairo in Peyton Colorado**. They are our furthest West breeders.

Calvin and Sabine Hubbard of Fairmount Georgia took delivery of a White Dexter bull from Phillip Dill in Sept. to put with their small herd of dexter cows. We have one breeder in Iowa, **Tim Guenther**, that is still working at getting his dexter cow herd put together. He purchased one of the foundation bulls (Spartacus) so we look forward to him completing his herd soon. Kansas still has **Phillip Dill of Burns KS and Joanie Storck of Haysville KS**. Joanie started the breed but Phillip was the person that put them on facebook and the mania began! **Jan Budenz of Paola KS** just purchased her pet steer from Jane Jackson and Dayan Garst, but she has to WAIT until he is weaned to take him home...painful. **Kentucky has Paul Sexton** who has some dexter cows bred by Spartacus to calf this spring. We delivered to two new owners in Louisiana in September. **Arnold and Celia Lupin of Folsom LA** bought two White heifers from Dennis Salyers and **Kendall Chaisson of Welsh LA** bought five black breeding stock heifers from Dennis and a White bull from Phillip to get his program started. In Missouri we have **Jane Jackson and Dayan Garst from St. Joe MO**, who teamed up to build a six cow herd of dexter cows and they are breeding to their White Dexter bull, Rambo, they purchased from Mark Morris. **Mark Morris of Republic MO** kept one of his White bull calves from his 2016 calf crop to continue his program efforts.

We are looking forward to **Paul and Diane Billingsley of Tularosa New Mexico** sending us pictures of their first calves this spring. They got their starter herd of two White heifers, a black breeding stock heifer and a White bull in the fall of 2015. These were the first "dreamers" that joined Phillip and Joanie in the team effort of spreading White Dexters nationwide. The second "dreamer" that joined us with a fervor was **Dennis Salyers of Ironton OH**. He purchased Joanie's first fully upgraded bull, Rainbodacious and put him over his awesome herd of dexter cows. Also in Ohio we have **Brandon and Coleen Triplett** purchasing two of Dennis' red breeding stock heifers and two dexter heifers due to calf in March from Dennis white bull. Oklahoma is also home to one of our first owners. **Smurf and Patsy Slattery** bought a cute little bull to put with their dexter cows and have already sold their first white calf. **Miquel and Isabel Tovar of Duncan** have jumped on the team with a White bull from Dennis Salyers and some black breeding stock heifers, plus some other dexter heifers and cows. The newest owners in Oklahoma are **Joe and Christy Pearson and Ronny and Linda Hawkins of Purcell**, receiving their delivery of some bred cows and a leased a bull from Phillip Dill, the 4th week of January.

Our furthest east breeder is **Will Gregorie of Charleston SC**. He bought a non-related heifer from Joanie and a White bull from Phillip to mix in with his red dexter herd. **Darrell Salyers in Tennessee** bought a short White bull from Joanie to put with his dexter cows. We made a late August delivery to **Mike and Christy Cook in Wimberley Texas**. They now have a small herd of black breeding stock heifers from Phillip and a White bull from Mark Morris. I checked back with them in mid-November when I was down there making other deliveries and they had a happy herd and a happy family with their pets. **Hugh and Judy McElroy of Tioga Texas** received two more of their order of six White, short, heifers. It was such fun watching those little white girls walking through the pasture with their Angus cows in tow. **Brian and Johnna Bakeman** of Dickinson Texas got their starter herd in September, with two black breeding stock heifers, bred to White bulls.

Joanie, Phil and Dennis have put lots of miles on trucks delivering these animals to some wonderful stewards of our breed and it is exciting to receive the pics from these new owners.

Next thing that has been on our agenda; we are trying to figure out a place or venue where we can put our new breed on exhibit. We have flirted with the possibility of the Kansas State Fair. Could we draw enough interest from the other Dexter registries to have an open DEXTER show there? Open to ALL dexters from all four Dexter registries. Alternatively we have a mini cattle breeder in McCook Neb that is trying to put together a mini cattle show in Sept. I have offered to take three animals to support her efforts. If that show is successful, it will become an annual show and sale. So far the response to her offer has been limited. We also requested to be accepted into the Ohio Dexter Breeders show. Not successful this year, but it is still a possibility in the future. We need to be careful to not advertise too much before we actually have cattle to sell to the inquiries. I actually sold some animals this month to people that have been on “the list” since June of 2015. Of course some are holding out for specific animals, so they know they are going to have to wait. Those that are diving in and using breeding stock heifers with their white bulls are helping us two fold. It is a legitimate placement of the solid colored heifers and they are helping produce animals for those waiting.

I have trouble expressing my appreciation to those of you that are sharing this dream with me. But please know that you are all on my list of what I Thank God for, daily.

Joanie

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