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Re: Fishin' with the bovines

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geebee wrote:

Herefords Dave ?

though that could be a Guernsey in the background....

No. Herefords are usually redish brown with a white face. We almost went with Herefords because they are usually mild tempered, plus my wife's step dad used to raise a couple hereford steer each year.

The color of the calf is about right for a Guernsey so that was a good guess.

Those two are both full blooded Dexter which is a breed that originated in Ireland. Black is the dominant color, but they also come in red and dun. Dexter/Kerry are the smallest of the UK breeds. By the 70s, they were nearly gone from this continent because everyone wanted bigger, but they are making a comeback. Their small size and dual (or tri-) purpose makes them perfect for the small family farm and frankly they are getting to be quite a fad. Dun apparently is the rarest, but most popular color. I sold the last dun heifer calf to a farm in Tennessee for over twice what I would have gotten if she had come out black like her parents. We are now 2 for 2 on dun heifer calves. Not bad considering I didn't even know the bull and cow carried those genes when we bought them.

Right now we have just the three dexters along with a steer that is half dexter and half British White Park. Now there is a cool breed. However, this steer takes after his mother who was a red dexter. We will be adding at least one more Dexter this fall, probably 2. One will be a steer, the other a heifer.

As far as the confusion in England about heifer and steer? Y'all must have been watching too many cartoons back in the 90s.

One of the characters was a steer named Heifer.

