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Date: April 2018  
To: Everyone interested in Devon cattle  
From: Daniel and Linda Marquardt

Greetings,

Yep, it's now the fourth week of April and it's the first week of this month we aren't "enjoying" snow and nighttime temperatures in the mid-twenties. And we no longer need to just pretend it's Spring because the daytime temperatures are back to normal, the grass is greening up, and it's time to fill you in on what we've been up to this winter and spring---besides feeding cows, scraping boots, sitting by the fire, with a book, and some very valuable travel to see family in Italy. **(Spring brings the 4th Annual Devon Exchange event, see below)**



April at Hillside Pastures

### Hillside Pastures New Website

One of the winter projects has been a complete overhaul of our website. Well, it is not really complete, but we realize it never will be---and more importantly, we are running low on patience. So we decided it is time to launch---ready or not. Check it out: [www.HillsidePastures.com](http://www.HillsidePastures.com)

## Savannah Expansion

For the third consecutive winter we have beaten back brushy hillsides (about 5 acres each season) with chainsaw, skid steer, tractor mounted logging winch, and a lot of determination to liberate long abandoned pastures and native trees.



2016, 2017 & 2018 Savannah Project

## Hillside Pastures 2018 Devon Sale

Most of the Devon that Hillside Pastures will be selling this year are offered via a silent and then live auction in collaboration with the other founding members of the Upper Midwest Devon Exchange ([See event details below!](#)). But we expect to have a few available most of the year, so please stop by at any time if you are not able to join us on May 12<sup>th</sup>.



A few 2017 Devon heifers from Hillside Pastures

## Hillside Bull Lease Program

For the past several years we have been selecting a few yearling bulls to hold until they are at least 2 years of age to get a better look at how they develop and to use on some of our heifers. We have also been leasing some of these yearlings to farmers wanting to improve the genetics of their small herds by using a purebred Devon bull from Hillside Pastures.



**Hillside King Leopold at 168 days**

The bull leasing options and terms will soon be posted to our website, but that's one of those chores that has just not happened. So if you are interested, just call or email Daniel.

### **Upper Midwest Devon Exchange**

Another winter project has been to expand on an idea that we have been knocking around for years, the Upper Midwest Devon Exchange.

First some history. Some of you might recall that in May of 2015 Hillside Pastures hosted a Red Devon educational workshop and sale, a historic occasion that was supported by Devon breeders from all over the United States. The sale was a financial success for the consignors, but more importantly, all but one of the 55 lots of Devon sold that day remained in the Upper Midwest, suggesting that the demand for Devon is strong in our region of the country. (By the way, the cow/calf pair that left the Upper Midwest went to California.)



**May 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> Upper Midwest Devon event**

The event was so successful, in fact, that several breeders in SW Wisconsin and NE Iowa joined Hillside

Pastures to create the Upper Midwest Devon Exchange. The main idea of the exchange is to provide a venue for investors in Red Devon cattle to show and sell their Devon, while facilitating the needs of producers in the Upper Midwest to find terrific grass cattle that are adapted to the environment and the forages of our region. So we are doing it again and you are invited! It's May 12<sup>th</sup>, less than three weeks from now, and it is again hosted by Hillside Pastures.

Join us for the 4th Annual  
**Upper Midwest Devon Exchange**  
Saturday, May 12th, 2018



**Held at Hillside Pastures**  
**6511 Hillside School Road, Spring Green, WI**  
**Sign-in & Preview 8am \* Start 9am**

### *An Exchange of Ideas and Red Devon Cattle*

An alliance of four Upper Mid-western producers of Red Devon beef cattle will conduct an interactive educational ring-side workshop on the principles of selecting and breeding cattle that are best suited for the production of grass fed and finished beef.

*Select Red Devon will be on site for both demonstration and sale purposes*

#### Host Farms

Abiding Acres Farm  
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Sheldon Headings  
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Rolling Meadows Devon  
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**Please visit website for more information**

**[www.UpperMidwestDevon.com](http://www.UpperMidwestDevon.com)**

Grass-fed Red Devon burgers provided for lunch courtesy of Hillside Pastures.  
Please RSVP by contacting one of the host farms.

The UMDE has recently launched its own website where you can find much more information about the Devon for sale, the founding members of the UMD Exchange, and the upcoming event. You can request a copy mailed or download a copy of the sale catalog from the website. Go to: [www.UpperMidwestDevonExchange.com](http://www.UpperMidwestDevonExchange.com)

**Hope to see you on May 12th!**

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