

Cast In Order Of Appearance:

Announcer
Reporter
Milking Devon

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ANNOUNCER: Cows from England to America? Today we're talking to the Milking Devon.

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REPORTER: You came from Devonshire, England?

MILKING DEVON: Yes, yes I did.

REPORTER: To the Plymouth Colony in 1623?

MILKING DEVON: Yes, yes, that's what they tell me.

REPORTER: You were the first importation of cows from Britain into what is now America, is that correct?

MILKING DEVON: As far as I know, yes that is correct. They wanted a draft animal. Something that could pull.

REPORTER: Yet, in England, you were renowned for your speed, intelligence, strength, willingness to work and, this is very important, your ability to prosper on coarse forage in a wide range of climates.

MILKING DEVON: Well, being a cow from Britain, I was used to coarse food. The Plymouth Colony was a bit short on fancy feed, if you know what I mean. And, anything other than damp and foggy was an improvement.

REPORTER: Your horns.

MILKING DEVON: My horns.

REPORTER: They look - well - they look pointed. I do apologize.

MILKING DEVON: For what? They are very pointed. Nothing to apologize for, I must say.

REPORTER: Do you think -

MILKING DEVON: Do I think what?

REPORTER: Do you think -

MILKING DEVON: Think that my horns might have been part of the reason I fell out of favor with the Americans? Listen, I was a triple-purpose stock. None could surpass me for draft work back then. My milk was good for cream and cheese making, and my carcass developed into fine beef on poor forage, as you've already pointed out.

REPORTER: Then what do you think happened?

MILKING DEVON: Happened? As in, why did I not become the best cow in America today?

REPORTER: Yes, I guess that's one way of putting it.

MILKING DEVON: Listen. No one wants a beast that can do too many things. It complicates their little minds too much.

REPORTER: Ah yes, I see what you mean.

MILKING DEVON: We Milking Devons are a medium sized triple-purpose breed that is adapted to survive on a low-quality, high forage diet under severe climatic conditions. We are healthy, long lived, and thrive on good care and management.

REPORTER: Yes, I see. You are too generally useful to make an impact in these specialized times.

MILKING DEVON: You said it, I didn't.

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