

Silver Maple Dexters™ Semen Access and Seedstock Use Policy

Silver Maple Dexters (SMD) maintains a closed, intentional breeding program focused on dual-purpose function, structural soundness, and long-term genetic stewardship within the Dexter breed.

Silver Maple Dexters has long released semen selectively as part of its commitment to responsible seedstock stewardship; this policy formalizes that practice within a clear and consistent framework. Semen produced from SMD sires is released selectively, for use only in seedstock breeding programs that align with these principles.

1. Limited Access

SMD semen is not offered as an unrestricted retail product.

All semen requests are subject to prior review and approval by SMD. Submission of a request does not guarantee access.

Semen access is selective. Interested programs may request further information.

2. Seedstock Use Only

SMD semen is approved exclusively for seedstock production.

3. Herd Review

As part of the approval process, SMD may require:

- A description of the applicant's herd and breeding objectives
- Current herd or representative cow photographs
- How resulting male and female offspring are intended to be used and marketed

These materials are requested solely for stewardship purposes.

4. Use and Attribution

Access to SMD semen does not constitute endorsement of any individual animal, herd, or breeding outcome.

Use of SMD sire names must be factual and may not imply partnership, approval, or affiliation beyond the sale of semen itself.

5. Transfer and Control

SMD semen is approved for use only within the herd disclosed during the approval process and may not be resold, gifted, or otherwise distributed without prior written consent.

6. Stewardship Rationale

SMD bulls are developed within a disciplined, generational, maternal-line breeding framework. SMD bulls are selected to transmit improvement, but the expression and durability of those traits depend on the quality, structure, and function of the cows to which they are bred.

Releasing semen without regard to female quality or breeding intent is incompatible with breed seedstock responsibility.

7. Discretion and Updates

SMD reserves sole discretion regarding semen access and use approvals. This policy applies to all semen released after its effective date and may be updated as the breeding program evolves.

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