

# MOOSLETTER

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## Summer Recap!

### Youth Director Message

For many of us, summer kicked off with the OVDDBA cattle show in Lebanon, OH. We enjoyed a memorable weekend with each other while showing our cattle. After the cows paraded their costumes, the judges judged, the prizes and awards were received, and the OVDDBA birthday cake was consumed, we were left with one question: Did Kathy Chaney win the nerf gun war?? 🤔

For some, it was on to the ADCA National Expo in Salt Lake City. For others, it was showing Dexters at the county fairs. Some traveled this summer while others stayed close to the homestead. Some were eaten up by mosquitoes while watching the sunset at Antelope Island in Utah while others watched fireflies flicker in the night sky while camping out in the backyard. Regardless of how the summer was spent, we will probably all agree that it passed entirely too quickly! The important part is that it included making lasting memories together.

While we still have some great days of summer ahead of us, take time out from milking the cow and stacking the hay to enjoy what it's all about: the smell of fresh cut hay, warm sunshine on our faces, healthy cows in the pasture, and cookouts with juicy Dexter steaks!

I'd love to hear about your summer! Email me at [OVDDBAyouth@gmail.com](mailto:OVDDBAyouth@gmail.com) with your comments, questions, or suggestions! You never know, your submissions might make the next MOOSletter!

What do you call an overcooked steak?



Answer: A misteak

### Upcoming Event

**ADCA Regional Meeting**  
**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**11:00 AM**

Nana's Memories Farm  
14657 Fosnight Road  
Orrville, OH. 44667

**RSVP 330-465-7888**

**Q. Why do cows huddle together in hot weather?** 🥵

**A. The simple answer is that "bunching" is a natural response to stress.**

Bunching is thought to be caused by a combination of factors: Heat stress, lack of fresh air, flies, and light avoidance.

A cow's natural herding instinct compels them to want to group together for relief, but unfortunately, the behavior can result in huddling together in a less comfortable area of the barn and often elevates the level of stress.

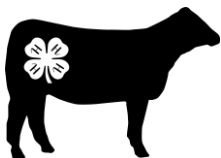
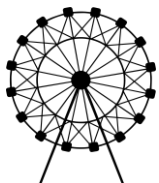
**Keep the air flowing.** If heat stress is playing a role in the bunching behavior, bring fresh air into the barn. Access to plenty of clean, fresh water is a must.

**Reduce the flies.** Maintain general cleanliness in the barn to reduce fly breeding areas. Fly traps, sprays or feed additives may help bring relief.

Light avoidance is a secondary response to other stressors. It is thought that cows associate light with heat, and will seek darker areas of the barn even though it may be hotter due to a lack of air flow. Adding artificial lighting to darker areas has worked in some situations.

By implementing heat reduction strategies, providing plenty of fresh air and water, controlling fly populations, and reducing variation in light intensity, you can help reduce your cattle's stress during the summer months.

# THIS SUMMER I...



Name five things you did this summer:

I went...

I saw...

I wish I had...

My favorite thing I did was...

How many Flame faces can you find?

Check the stew, check the shoe  
You might find one or two  
Red, yellow, green or blue  
Fourteen faces will show through

