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Meet Pat and Mike, my 2-year-old bulls. Obviously, they’re beltied. What may not be as apparent is that they’re Mini American Belties, a breed that was recently accepted into the Miniature Cattle Breeds Registry. The animals are the result of breeding smaller belted Galloways with mini Dexter. Mike is 42 in. tall and weighs 600 lbs. with a narrow belt, while Pat is mid-size (over 42 in. tall) and weighs 800 lbs. with a full belt. The one-month-old bull calf, which has a narrow belt and is 75 percent Dexter and 25 percent belted Galloway, weighed 25 lbs. at birth this spring. We expect him to be about the same size as Mike when full grown.

Even though the belt from the Galloway is dominant, Mike has not passed on a full belt when mated to Dexter cows nor has he passed on a full belt when mated with his half sister.

Pat has passed on a full but narrow belt once out of three matings. I feel better results could be achieved using many more animals.

American Belties are an early maturing animal with outstanding beef characteristics and excellent profit potential. (Charles George, Grand View Farm, 7411 288th St. E., Graham, Wash. 98338-9325; ph 253 847-7204)

Dutch Belted dairy cows are known as the best cow for grazing, proving to be exceptional milkers and often out-producing other breeds. As such, they’re fast emerging as one of the most sought-after breeds for cross-breeding by grass dairymen and stockmen. Among the practical features of this breed, which date back more than 300 years to the mountains of Switzerland and Austria, are incredible fertility, economical size, strong grazing ability, sound feet, early maturity, persistent milk production and high fat yield.

For example, Duchess Zelma “O”, the queen mother of today’s Dutch belted breed, averaged 20,600 lbs. of milk per year at 3.4 percent protein. Our company’s purebred sires also throw a high percentage of belted offspring out of other breeds. Hybrid vigor alone is documented to increase performance up to 15 percent.

We offer semen from a number of Dutch Belted sires. Thousands of these bulls have been used in work in herds throughout North America, Holland, and the U.K. Semen is shipped by one of the top custom AI studs - Inter-globe Genetics of Pontiac, Ill. (Kenneth & Winnifred Hoffman, Bestyet Dutch Belted, 4279 E. 12th Rd., Earlville, Ill. 60518-5078; ph 815 246-9523)

As land values and equipment prices soared over the last 30 years, farmers were forced to lease land to justify the cost of bigger equipment. At the same time, they were also forced to lease equipment because of the amount of capital required for a larger scale operation.

Here’s where a landlord can come to the farmer’s rescue and profit greatly in the bargain. He can buy the equipment and lease it to his farmer-tenants. A major diversified net worth can provide the financial tool to purchase equipment along with a minimal down payment. Rental of the equipment will make the payments over the life of the purchase contract. The purchaser can benefit, tax-wise, with a write-off for depreciation and interest expense. In six to eight years, the paid-for equipment, which has been completely depreciated, is still worth half the purchase price. It can then be sold or continue to bring in rent.

This is a win-win situation for both the landlord and the farmer, both of whom need to act as partners to have a successful farming operation.

It’s one of the few ways one can get ahead under current tax laws and farm programs. Take it from us, this system works. We’ve applied the idea over many years in building our estate and gaining financial independence. (Oliver and Lillie Jeffords, 2153 Beverly Beach Dr. NW, Olympia, Wash. 98502)

I have a suggestion for the Mississippi Case-IH service technician with the IH 1586 tractor that mysteriously loses hydraulic function despite replacing both pumps. (“Mechanics Tell It Like It Is”, Vol. 22, No. 2). Two years ago my son, Earl, bought a used IH 3788 that appeared to have been well cared for but had had work on the hydraulic system. A new main pump had been installed to ensure there would be no further problems, the dealer told him.

When he got the tractor home, the hydraulic system performed perfectly in the yard. But when he hitched it to a 30-ft. grain drill and took it to the field, problems developed. If, for any reason, the clutch pedal was depressed to enable it to complete a lift or lower cycle, the remote cylinders stopped at that moment and he had to shift into neutral and re-engage the clutch to complete the cycle.

Earl took the tractor to our Case-IH dealer where the problem stumpéd mechanics. Finally, he happened across a mechanic who told him he had used a metal tube for an oil intake from the bottom of the oil reservoir and it was sealed at the other end by an O-ring in a groove. The O-ring shrank or became de-

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