

COW LEGENDS IN A GREAT MOTHER BREED

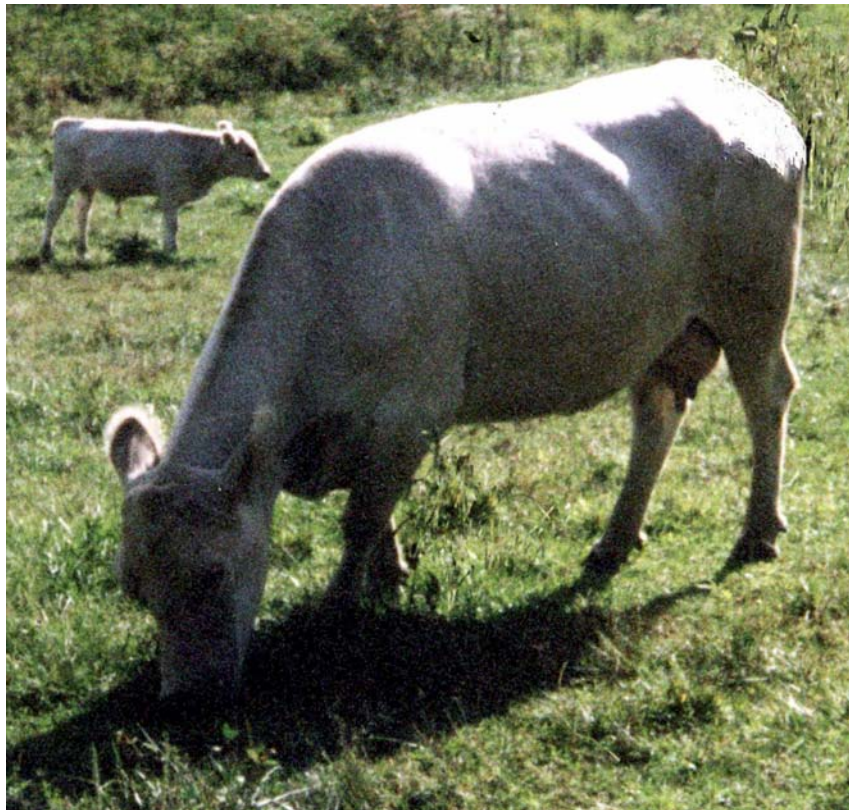
BEJE's TH Tinker Bell
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Tinker Bell came to French Farm in March, 1990, purchased at Ohio Beef Expo. Our first purebred Murray Grey, this 18-month-old heifer was consigned by Elwain Dreyer.

After the sale, Elwain told us there was a possibility she might be bred. Sure enough. December 11, 1990, Tinker Bell produced a 68 pound bull calf.

In her 13 years, Tinker Bell has produced 11 calves, all through natural service by various bulls, and all calved unassisted. She has had nine bulls and two heifers, many times the first calf of the season.

Tinker Bell herself was sired by Tara Hill's Sundance, out of Tara Hill's Tinker Bell II. Her breeders were Kenny and Jodi Johnson, and her birth date was August 3, 1988. We don't know how Elwain Dreyer came to own her, or why he consigned her to the sale, but we are mighty glad that we bought her.



There are no ribbons or placards hanging over her head, simply because she was never shown by us, nor were her calves. She has been, and continues to be, "just" a faithful producer, year after year.

Tinker Bell is the cow legend in our herd. No ET donor, or recipient, or AI breeding are part of her story. Just unassisted, natural production, nurturing her baby each year - all eleven of them!