## **Dickinson Presented Memorial Award**

FT. WORTH, Texas — The International Texas Longhorn Association presented the "Happy Shahan Memorial Award, Breeder Of The Year 1999" to Darol Dickinson of Barnesville, Ohio.

The award established in memory of James T. "Happy" Shahan was presented as the top honor of ITLA during the annual convention. Because of the distinct honor of the award, it was not awarded in 1998 and

only is presented when certain distinguishing merits are achieved.

The unique award is a rustic framed Longhorn speckled hide with two lost wax bronze castings and an engraved metal plate. Dickinson receives the bronze award and a special engraved name plate is added to the large Happy Shahan Longhorn statue in the ITLA home office.

Dickinson was presented the

award at the termination of a two-year period as ITLA president. The ITLA is the main registry of Texas Longhorn cattle. The ITLA headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas and members are in every state and numerous foreign countries.

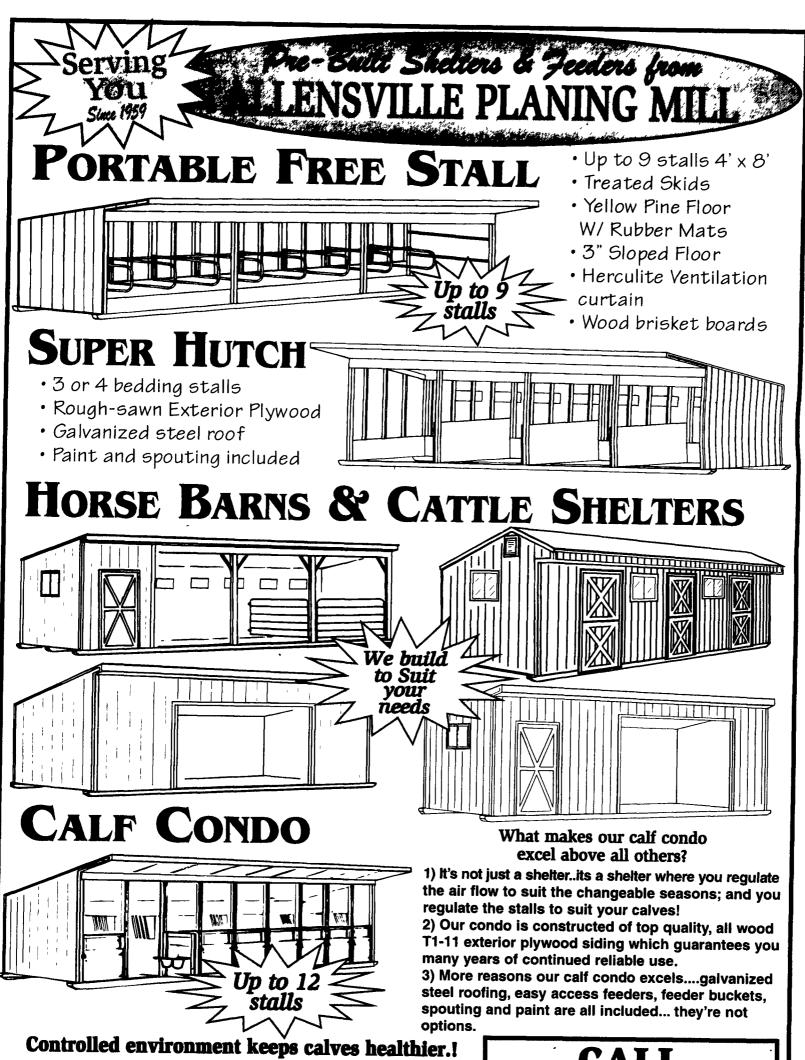
Dickinson has been a leader in genetically developing a beef type Texas Longhorn. Although sometimes criticized for major breed improvements from the traditional historic Longhorn, the Dickinson genetics are recognized worldwide.

Dickinson is general manager of the Dickinson Cattle Co. Inc. of Barnesville, Ohio. Prior to the Ohio location, DCCI headquartered out of Calhan, Colo. DCCI runs up to 1,400 head of Texas Longhorns and is a major exporter of frozen semen and live cattle outside of the USA. Numerous World and International Champion Longhorns have been bred and developed by Dickinson.



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