

## 2011-2012 WI Central Bull Test Program

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### The WI Beef Improvement Association

**Location:** University of Wisconsin Pioneer Farm, Platteville, WI

**Website:** <http://wisconsinbeef.com/home.html>

**Purpose:** Providing a means for consignors and buyers to get together to evaluate differences among bulls in performance traits when they are fed under practical conditions in a standard, uniform environment by an impartial party. Open to all registered bulls meeting all requirements.

### Rules

#### Requirements for Entry:

1. Consignor must be a member of the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) requiring a \$20 annual membership fee.
2. Bulls must be born between **January 1, 2011 & April 15, 2011**.
3. Bulls must originate from a herd which has been performance tested under their respective breed's official performance test program. **Weaning weights must be submitted to WBIA AND the registering association by 12/1/11. Additionally WBIA MUST have copies of registration papers by 12/15/11. If this deadline is not met, there will be a \$25/head fee and/or sale disqualification.**
4. Bulls must weigh a minimum of 2.5 lbs/day of age at the time of delivery to the test station (a 5% shrink will be allowed).
5. **Bulls must be weaned & vaccinated by October 10, 2011.**
6. **Bulls with evidence of eye injury or lameness or other soundness issues will not be accepted.**

#### Health Requirements:

1. At time of delivery, bulls must be accompanied by a WBIA vaccination form (to be sent upon receipt of nomination), verifying that bulls have been vaccinated for the following:
  - a. BVD (Bovine Virus Diarrhea)
  - b. IBR (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis-Red Nose)
  - c. PI3 (Parainfluenza 3)
  - d. Leptospirosis (Multiple vaccine preferred "including Hardjo")
  - e. Clostridium Perfringens Type C & D
  - f. Blackleg & Malignant Edema
  - g. Haemophilus Somnus Bacterin (2 injections must be given prior to deliver to test station)
  - h. BRSV (Modified live vaccine for 2<sup>nd</sup> shot)
  - i. Pasturella Haemolytica
  - j. **Bulls are required to have a negative BVD-PI test.**

2. An official State Johnes' herd status from the originating herd will be required by all consignors by January 9, 2012 and this status will be listed in the sale catalog. All herds that are untested or unreported will receive a maximum risk classification.
3. Birth dams of accepted bulls must have an official negative Johnes' blood test or fecal culture taken after May 1, 2011. **Results due on delivery.**
4. Bulls originating from out-of-state are **subject to WI Interstate health requirements for the state from which they originate and in most cases will require a negative anaplasmosis test.**
5. All official state health papers & WBIA vaccination forms must accompany bulls to the station **without exception.**
6. Bulls with evidence of warts & ringworm are strongly discouraged from being nominated.
7. On arrival at the station, each bull will receive Nasalgen, a metaphylactic antibiotic & will be dewormed.
8. All bulls must be dehorned & well healed by delivery.
9. Additional vaccinations will be done on an as needed basis.

#### Procedures for Entry:

1. Complete and return nomination form before September 23, 2011. A non-refundable nomination fee of \$50 per bull guarantees space for your bulls. (This fee will be credited to your test costs and will be refunded only if space is not available for your bulls).
2. At time of delivery, an additional payment of \$410 per bull must be paid to cover partial feed costs and yardage expenses, or the bulls will not be accepted.
3. If a consignor chooses not to serve on the WBIA Board of Directors when invited, a surcharge of \$50/bull will be assessed for all bulls over seven.
4. Bulls will be officially processed & accepted between 9 am and 4 pm November 7, 2011. Delivery at any other time can be done **ONLY** with prior approval of the station test manager. If unusual circumstances should arise on delivery day, please contact the station manager, 608/342-1850.

#### Liability:

1. Professional veterinary service will be obtained when necessary, but neither the WBIA Board nor its officers nor its designated veterinarians, nor members of beef breed associations, nor the University of WI can be held liable in case of loss by fire, theft, injury, sickness or death of animals.
2. **Insurance is the owner's responsibility for his/her animals while at the station.**

#### Test Costs:

Cost will be a maximum of \$125/bull for test management, yardage & facilities. Feed cost will be calculated on the average feed cost per pen. Bedding & other overhead costs will be

applied equally to each bull. Veterinary costs of each bull requiring treatment will be the consignor's responsibility. The balance of un-prepaid costs will be deducted from sale receipts. Consignors of bulls not eligible for the sale or whose test costs exceed receipts must pay all costs before the bulls can be released.

#### **Sale Costs:**

Sale costs will be divided among the bulls eligible for sale. The WBIA will deduct a sale fee of 3% for each bull offered for sale or \$15 for each cataloged bull not selling. If a bull is considered a no sale, the sale fee is 3% of the agreed upon floor price. Bulls sold on a percentage basis will be charged sale expense as though the bull sold at full interest.

#### **Sale Requirements:**

1. The growth index will determine the bulls that qualify for the sale. The growth index will be weighted **50%(ADG Ratio)+30%(365-Day Ratio)+20%(WDA Ratio).**
2. All bulls eligible for sale must be offered for sale, at least in part. Buy backs are considered a sale and will be charged a sale fee.
3. Bulls having a scrotal circumference of less than 33 cm or failing a breeding soundness exam will not qualify for the sale.
4. Any bull that, in the opinion of the WBIA Board, appears to be structurally or reproductively unsound, or has an undesirable disposition, will not be allowed to sell.
5. Only bulls eligible for the sale will be freeze branded with the WBIA Brand.
6. Sale order will be determined by the WBIA Board.
7. Sale prices of bulls sold on a percentage basis will be announced as "a \_\_\_% interest for \$\_\_\_.
8. All sale bulls must have their official registration papers.

#### **Priority Plan for Accepting Nominations:**

1. This plan will apply only when nominations exceed space at the test station. The WBIA Board will be the final authority for determining acceptance of bulls into the test.
2. WBIA will use EPD's as a screening tool to determine which bulls will be accepted for this year's test. WBIA reserves the right to limit the number of bulls accepted per consignor. Consignors are encouraged to send animals with above breed average EPD's in maternal milk, weaning and yearling weights.

#### **Other:**

1. WBIA Board will establish a UNIFORM floor price prior to the sale.
2. Entry Deadline is September 23, 2011. Entries must be received on the official nomination form by that date.
3. No consignors may remove a bull from the test without WBIA Board approval.
4. The WBIA Board reserves the right to require a consignor to remove a bull from the station because of

health, disposition, lack of identification, or if, in the opinion of the WBIA Board, the bull appears to be misrepresented.

5. Any bull not qualifying for the sale must be removed from the station by March 20, 2012. Consignors will pay an additional \$10/day/head penalty for any bulls not removed by that day.
6. All announcements at the sale will come only from the auctioneer's box.
7. Breeds &/or percentage bulls represented by less than 5 animals will be ratioed against the test average.
8. Sale bulls will be sold at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Pioneer Farm, Platteville, WI.
9. All bulls will be measured by ultra sound for carcass traits by a BIF Certified Technician.
10. All bulls will be guaranteed breeders if properly managed. In the event of a non-breeder, WBIA must be notified within 6 months of the sale date. WBIA will work with buyers, sellers and other WBIA members to resolve issues of non-breeder bulls. WBIA WILL NOT guarantee abused or neglected bulls.
11. WBIA board will determine the number of bulls eligible for sale.
12. Bulls will only be accepted from consignors who agree to abide by the rules and conditions of this test.

**Ration:** Approved by the WBIA Board.

WBIA is not responsible for any inadvertent errors and/or omissions. Breeders are responsible for getting all information & comments to WBIA timely.

Test Schedule	
Test Length = 100 Days	
Birthdates:	January 1 to April 15, 2011
Nominations Due:	September 23, 2011
Weaned & Vaccinated by:	October 10, 2011
Delivered to Station:	November 7, 2011
Start of Test:	Dec 5 & Dec 6, 2011
Weigh Dates:	
35 Days	January 10, 2012
65 Days	February 9, 2012
Test End	March 14 & 15, 2012
Sale Day	April 7, 2012