

BEEF CATTLE PERFORMANCE TESTING PROGRAM
Goodwell, Oklahoma 73939

PURPOSES:

1. To observe and compare ability of individual bulls (and sire groups when feasible) as well as pen feed conversion.
2. To encourage and assist in the use of performance records as a means to more efficient beef production.
3. To encourage herd improvement through the use of performance tested bulls.

COOPERATORS ELIGIBILITY:

1. Any breeder whose nominated bulls meet the eligibility requirements as set forth.
2. Breeders that have participated previously have pen space priority over those who have not participated in the test previously.
3. Oklahoma residents have priority over out-of-state residents.

BULLS ELIGIBILITY:

1. **Must be registered** in their respective recognized beef breed associations, and shall be acceptably marked as to breed specifications.
2. **Must have been born on or before September 1 of preceding year and March 31 of current year.**
3. Questionable over-age bulls (as per recorded calving date) as indicated by excessive tail growth, horn growth, etc., are subject to inspection and detailed age determination by use of various technical methods, expense of which shall be borne entirely by the breeder (or breeders) whose animals are involved.
4. All breeders are required to sign a statement of "no-contest" in regard to age determination, indicating that they relinquish their right to protest and will accept the decision of the age determination committee and/or individual as final.
5. **Registration certificates MUST be filed with the test manager upon delivery of bulls to test site (OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS RECEIVED FROM BREED ASSOCIATION OFFICE), and will be returned to cooperator or transferred to new owner upon full settlement of test and/or sale expenses. There will be no exception to this rule.** Breed Associations will respond quickly if instructed that bulls are assigned to the test.)
6. **A minimum delivery weight-per-day-of-age shall be 2.35 pounds on all senior calves and 2.50 pounds for all junior calves.** It is suggested that you check-weigh your calves by August 1. Four percent (4%) of arrival weight will be added to compensate for shrink encountered in hauling up to 100 miles and six percent (6%) allowed on those hauled over 100 miles.
7. It is strongly recommended that all nominated bulls be officially weighed **BETWEEN 160 AND 250 DAYS OF AGE. THESE WEIGHTS AND BIRTH DATE OF DAM** should accompany calves as they are delivered to test site. This will generally be profitable to you as our sale order and sale price have in the past shown preference for the qualifying bull over non-qualifiers.

HEALTH, SOUNDNESS AND VETERINARY SERVICES:

1. Cooperators must provide a general health certificate upon delivery of bulls to the testing station.
2. All bulls must be free of diseases, parasites, and shall show no major unsoundness.
3. Any animal suspected of being infected by any diseases is subject to examination, test, and diagnosis by a licensed veterinarian and is subject to removal if so advised by bull test manager.
4. Veterinary services and supplies will be charged directly (at near cost) to the owner of the animal concerned.

FEEDING:

1. Bulls will be fed twice daily ad-libitum.
2. Bulls will be fed a well-balanced growing ration.
3. Pen feed records will be recorded.

CARE OF ANIMALS: VERY IMPORTANT

1. All calves should be weaned three or more weeks before delivery date and should have been taught to eat from feed bunk.
2. Weaned calves should be fed a high-protein ration plus a good mineral vitamin supplement in order to allow for maximum growth without fattening.
3. Calves should be treated for internal and external parasites.

4. All calves should be vaccinated for the following (preferably before August 20): **Blackleg, Malignant Edema, Red Nose, Lepto**, and others (breeder's option).
5. Antibiotics may be administered prior to delivery to test site (breeder's option) and special attention given to insure good health of calves on delivery date.
6. Health record of each calf should be recorded on attached form and **delivered with the animal to test site.**

LIABILITY:

1. The station personnel will make every effort to safeguard the health and well-being of all test animals, obtaining professional veterinary services when thought necessary; however, will not be responsible for loss by injury, death, fire, theft, or any other way.
2. No animal **may be removed from the test except for health and/or soundness and then only upon approval of the bull test manager.** This rule will be strictly enforced.

PROTESTS:

1. A cooperator desiring to protest any action of the sale committee, test program committee, bull test manager or test program in general, must make such protest **IN WRITING** (giving full details) within 10 days after such event occurs. The written protest will be accompanied by a \$200 fee in the form of cash, cashier's check, or deposit to the program, and shall be filed with the Business Office of Panhandle State University. The protest will then be reviewed by participating cooperators in the current test, the deposit (\$200) being returned to the protesting cooperator if sustained and forfeited if such protest is denied. Cooperator's action will be final.

NUMBER AND ARRANGEMENT OF ANIMALS:

1. Nomination of sire groups of 4 to 10 head per pen is recommended.
2. Odd head (1-2) may be entered but will be grouped with other animals of similar age, etc., if demands are such that individual pen space is not available.
3. All junior age bulls will be penned as a separate group (from senior age bulls) in-so-far as possible and reported as such.
4. Test manager will assign pens.

TEST PERIOD AND REPORTS:

1. Test will cover a period of 112 days with animals being weighed at 28-day intervals.
2. Basic dates are as follows:
 - a. Delivery Date September 17th, 2022
 - b. Weigh-in October 8th, 2022
 - c. Period weigh dates:

28-day	November 5 th 2022
56-day	December 3 rd , 2022
84-day	December 31 st , 2022
112-day	January 28 th , 2023
 - d. **Sale Date:** **MONDAY, February 20th, 2023**
3. Periodic weight reports will be mailed to all cooperators immediately after each weighing.
4. Reports will also be mailed to non-cooperators as they may request.

SALE OF BULLS ON TEST:

70 HEAD OF BULLS ON TEST WILL BE SOLD AT THE **71st Annual Bull Sale scheduled for Monday, February 20th, 2023 at 1 p.m. CST.** The percentage of each age group on test will be used to determine the number of each age group that will sell. The bulls will be ranked within age groups for sale order using their test performance ratio, 50:50 A.D.G.:W.D.A. Junior and senior bulls will alternate in the sale order until all of one age group are sold.

COSTS:

1. Each cooperator shall deposit \$30/head nomination fee before August 31 (returned in event of cancellation by that date).
2. An additional \$100/head deposit is required as bulls are delivered.
3. Both fees (\$30 and \$100) will be credited to the cooperator's personal account and will apply toward feed, labor, veterinary costs, etc.
4. A \$5/head deposit is required as an "Age Determination Fee," this being credited to the breeder's account if not used as such.
5. A second deposit of \$100 for feed and labor shall be paid between **December 17th, 2022 and January 6th, 2023**

6. A pen fee of \$70/head will be charged. This fee is **NOT CREDITED** to the cooperator's account as above but is considered as pen rental.
7. A management and clerical fee of \$20/head on all bulls on test will be charged.
8. A facilities charge of \$15/head will be made on all **Sale** bulls.
9. Average per head total costs for 2022-2023 test and sale are as follows:

	<u>Test Only</u>	<u>Test & Sale</u>
Pen Fee	\$70.00	\$70.00
Management & Clerical	\$20.00	\$20.00
Feed, Vet, Labor etc.	\$1,173.78	\$1,173.78
Sale Facilities	0	\$15.00
Sales Expenses	0	\$266.90
TOTAL	\$1,263.78	\$1,545.68