

2026-2027 WI Central Bull Development Program

Sponsored by WI Beef Improvement Association at
UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm, Platteville, WI

Website: www.wisconsinbeef.com

Purpose: Providing a means for consignors and buyers to meet 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 registered bulls meeting all requirements, limited space available.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY:

1. Consignor must be a member of the WI Beef Improvement Association (WBIA), with a \$30 annual membership fee.
2. Bulls must be born **between December 15, 2025 & April 15, 2026**.
3. Bulls must come from a herd participating in their respective breeds performance program by submitting birth, weaning, and yearling weights and other data. All bulls must have **registration numbers and should have birth and weaning weights** recorded with their associations no later than **1/1/2027**. Bulls without that information will not have their data recorded and will be ineligible to sell.
4. All bulls must be **TATTOOED** prior to delivery.
5. Bulls must weigh a minimum of 2.5 lbs/day of age delivery and a 5% shrink will be allowed.
6. Bulls must be weaned & vaccinated by October 3, 2026.
7. Bulls must be DNA tested for parentage and free of known genetic defects that would prevent registration within the appropriate breed association **BEFORE** delivery. **NO DNA PULLED AT DELIVERY OR AFTER.**
8. Bulls with evidence of eye injury, lameness, chronic illness or injury or other breeding soundness issues will be refused entry at delivery.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. To improve the overall health of the animals delivered, we strongly recommend using these specific products or those from another company that give the same or better coverage:
 - a. Bovi shield Gold FP5+L5 (modified-live IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, Leptospirosis) 2 doses
 - b. Ultra Bac 7 with Somnus (Clostridium, Haemophilus Somnus) 2 doses
 - c. One Shot (Pasturella)
2. Bulls originating from out-of-state **MUST** be accompanied by health papers with appropriate tests (see WI DATCP) and a **USDA 840 tag** that is listed on the health paper. Bulls without tests, health papers or tags will be denied entry.
3. Bulls originating from WI must have an official **USDA 840 tag**, proper identification (tags, tattoos, brands). Any bulls without any form of identification will be denied entry.
4. **All official state health papers and WBIA vaccination forms MUST be turned in AT DELIVERY without exception.**

5. Bulls with evidence of warts or ringworm are strongly discouraged from being nominated.
6. All bulls **MUST** be dehorned and well healed at delivery.
7. Following delivery, bulls will be treated for parasites and given additional supplements, and treatments per VFD as determined by the station manager with consultation with the station veterinarian.

PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY:

1. Complete and return nomination form before **September 18, 2026**. A non-refundable nomination fee of \$50/bull is required. (Fee will be credited towards test costs and only refunded if space is not available for bulls). **Nomination forms are available at our website AND can be completed online at www.wisconsinbeef.com Forms can be mailed upon request.**
2. Priority Plan for Accepting Nominations:
 - a. The WBIA board will be the final authority for determining bulls accepted when nominations exceed allotted space.
 - b. WBIA reserves the right to limit the number of bulls accepted per consignor.
3. At delivery
 - a. An initial payment of **\$460/bull** must be paid to cover partial feed costs and yardage expenses.
 - b. Bulls will be screened by WBIA consultant and station management. Bulls exhibiting any physical defects, injury, or lack of gaining potential will be denied entry.
4. **Bulls may ONLY arrive between 8 am and 1 pm on Monday, November 2. No bulls will be accepted prior to or after that time.**

LIABILITY:

1. Professional veterinary service will be obtained when deemed necessary by station management. Neither the WBIA Board nor its officers, nor designated veterinarians, nor members of breed associations, nor UW-Platteville can be held liable in case of loss by fire, theft, injury, sickness, or death of animals. **INSURANCE IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS/HER ANIMALS WHILE AT STATION.**

COSTS:

1. **Test Costs:**
 - a. All consignors will be responsible for ALL costs associated with the feed, bedding, veterinary, ultrasound and yardage.
 - b. A \$200/hd yardage fee covers the equipment and labor costs associated with feeding and bedding the bulls.
 - c. The balance of unpaid costs will be deducted from sales receipts.
 - d. Consignors of bulls not eligible for the sale or whose test costs exceed receipts must pay all costs before the bull will be released.
2. **Sale Costs:**
 - a. Sale costs will be divided among the consignors of the bulls cataloged for the sale.

- b. Sale costs include DV Auction (taping, editing, sale day expenses, etc), breeding soundness, sale set up, sale staff, health papers, etc.
- c. Bulls failing breeding soundness that were initially cataloged will still be charged these costs.
- d. WBIA will deduct a sale fee of 3% of the agreed upon floor price. An additional \$20/hd will be collected for the bull guarantee/replacement fund.
- e. Bulls sold on a percentage basis will be charged sale expense as though the bull sold at full interest.

SALE REQUIREMENTS:

1. The WBIA board and consultant will screen potential sale bulls for soundness, fertility, disposition, and performance based on a minimal threshold. WBIA board and its agents will determine the final number of bulls sold and the sale order.
2. All bulls eligible for sale must be offered for sale at least in part. Buybacks are considered a sale and will be charged a sale fee.
3. Bulls having a scrotal circumference of <33 cm or failing a breeding soundness exam will not qualify to sell.
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 qualify to sell.
5. Sale bulls will have the WBIA freeze brand.
6. Sale prices of bulls sold on a percentage basis will be announced as "a ___% interest for \$ ___."
7. All sale bulls must be officially registered and transferred to the buyer BY THE CONSIGNOR.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. WBIA board will establish a UNIFORM floor price prior to the sale.
2. The deadline for nominations on nomination form is **September 18, 2026**.
3. Bulls may be removed WITH the WBIA board's approval. WBIA board reserves the right to require consignors to remove a bull from the station due to health, disposition, lack of proper id or if the bull is misrepresented. Consignors who are asked to remove their bull must pay all associated expenses.
4. Any bull that is not part of the sale must be removed from the station by March 14, 2027 and provide an additional payment of \$460. Bulls left beyond that date are subject to an additional \$10/hd/d penalty.
5. All announcements at the sale will come only from the auction block.
6. Breeds or percentage bulls with less than 5 contemporaries will be ratioed against the test average.
7. The sale will be held at the UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm, College Farm Rd, Platteville, WI.
8. All bulls will be measured by ultra-sound for carcass traits by a Certified Technician.
9. All bulls will be guaranteed breeders if properly managed. In the event of a non-breeder, WBIA

must be notified BY October 1, 2027. 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.

10. Bulls will only be accepted from consignors who agree to abide by the rules and conditions of this program.
11. The ration will be determined and approved by the WBIA board.
12. All bulls will be penned by weight on delivery day.
13. WBIA is not responsible for any inadvertent errors and/or omissions in any advertising or publications including the catalog. Consignors are responsible for getting all information and comments to WBIA in a timely fashion and then reviewing information when asked.

SCHEDULE:

Birthdates	Dec 15, 2025 to April 15, 2026
Submit Nominations	September 18, 2026
Weaned & vaccinated by	October 3, 2026
DELIVERY DATE	November 2, 2026
	8 am to 1 pm
ON TEST	November 23 & 24, 2026
35 Day Weight	~December 29, 2026
65 Day Weight	~January 28, 2027
LAST WEIGHTS	March 3 & 4, 2027
Selection Day	March 5, 2027
SALE DAY	April 3, 2027

NOMINATIONS:

1. Download & complete nomination form & send with check to address on nomination form.
2. Scan in nomination form & email to address on nomination form. Mail check separately.
3. Complete nomination form on the website and submit electronically and pay electronically.
4. **Nominations will not be accepted until payment is received.**
5. All nomination materials are available at www.wisconsinbeef.com
6. ***New consignors are limited to 2 bulls at delivery. Other consignors are limited to 6. Based on space, consignors may be asked to reduce their numbers prior to delivery.***