

2023-2024 WI Central Bull Development Program

Sponsored by the WI Beef Improvement Association

Location: UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm, Platteville, WI

Website: 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.

RULES:

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY:

1. Consignor must be a member of the WI Beef Improvement Association (WBIA), with a \$20 annual membership fee.
2. Bulls must be born **between January 1, 2023 & April 15, 2023**.
3. Bulls must originate from a herd which is participating in their respective breeds performance program by submitting birth, weaning, and yearling weights as well as other data. All bulls must have **registration numbers and should have birth and weaning weights** recorded with their associations no later than **1/1/2024**. Bulls without that information will not have their data recorded and will be ineligible to sell.
4. Bulls must weigh a minimum of 2.5 lbs/day of age delivery and a 5% shrink will be allowed.
5. Bulls must be weaned & vaccinated by October 9, 2023.
6. Bulls must be DNA tested for parentage and free of known genetic defects that would prevent registration within the appropriate breed association **BEFORE** delivery.
7. Bulls with evidence of eye injury or lameness 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. Bovishield Gold FP5+L5 (modified-live IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, Leptospirosis) 2 doses
 - b. Ultrabac 7 with Somnus (Clostridium, Haemophilus Somnus) 2 doses
 - c. One Shot (Pasturella)
 - d. Protivity (Mycoplasma) 2 doses
 - e. Bulls must have a negative BVD-PI AT DELIVERY.
2. Bulls originating from out-of-state are subject to WI Interstate Health requirements for the state they originate from. May require a Negative Anaplasmosis test.

3. Any out of state bulls **WITHOUT** permanent ID on the health papers will be denied entry. **All official state health papers and WBIA vaccination forms MUST be turned in AT DELIVERY without exception.**
4. Bulls with evidence of warts or ringworm are strongly discouraged from being nominated.
5. All bulls **MUST** be dehorned and well healed at delivery.
6. 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 1, 2023**. 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).
2. At delivery, an additional payment of **\$460/bull** must be paid to cover partial feed costs and yardage expenses.
3. At delivery, bulls will be screened by WBIA consultant and station management. Bulls identified with any physical defects, injury or lacking gaining potential will be denied entry.
4. Bulls may arrive between 8 am and 1 pm on Monday, November 6th. No bulls will be accepted after that time.
5. Priority Plan for Accepting Nominations:
 - a. The WBIA board will be the final authority for determining bulls accepted when nominations exceed space designated at station.
 - b. WBIA reserves the right to limit the number of bulls accepted per consignor.

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 the University WI 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 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 sale 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.
- 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. Buy backs 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. All bulls will carry the WBIA freeze brand when clipped in February.
- 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.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. WBIA board will establish a UNIFORM floor price prior to the sale.
- 2. Deadline for nominations on nomination form is September 1, 2023.
- 3. Consignors may remove a bull from the test WITH the approval of the WBIA board in the event of injury or illness. 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 appears to be 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 state by March 15, 2024. Consignors will pay an additional \$10/hd/d penalty for any bulls left beyond that date.
- 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 BIF 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, 2024. 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 test.
- 11. The ration will be determined and approved by the WBIA board.
- 12. All bulls will be penned by delivery day weight.
- 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	Jan 1 to April 15, 2023
Submit Nominations	September 1, 2023
Weaned and Vaccinated by	October 9, 2023
DELIVERY DATE	November 6, 2023
	8 am to 1 pm
ON TEST	November 27 & 28, 2023
35 Day Weight	~January 1, 2024
65 Day Weight	~January 31, 2024
OFF TEST	March 6 & 7, 2024
SALE DAY	April 6, 2024