Cornell All Forage Fed Bull Test

Rules for 2015

1. The purpose of this unique all-forage test is to develop and evaluate the performance and quality of young bulls on a typical commercial forage diet. The data collected will assist producers in selecting bulls raised in conditions similar to the environment under which they will be expected to perform. In addition it will assist the industry to develop feed and management recommendations on feeding growing bulls on an all forage diet.

2. Each bull is the property of the consignor until sold. While all reasonable care will be taken, neither the management nor Cornell University assume responsibility for injury or loss of bulls.

3. Test station capacity is 50 bulls. If capacity is reached consignments will be limited to 4 bulls per farm. Preference will be given to NYS bulls.

4. Only bulls born between January 1, 2015 and June 1, 2015 will be accepted.

5. De-horning is to be completed, dry and healed prior to bull delivery to the test station.

6. Cattle are to be weaned no later than November 23, 2015. Initial vaccination is to be completed at least 21 days prior to weaning. Vaccines requiring boosters must be completed by November 23.

7. Vaccinations are to include BRSV, IBR, PI-3, BVD, 7-way Clostridial, Histophilus somnus, and Mannheimia haemolytica (formerly Pasteurella haemolytica) and Pasteurella multocida (leucotoxin). Booster is to be given according to label. For more information contact Dr. Belinda Thompson, DVM, New York State College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, N.Y. at 607-253-3908, bt42@cornell.edu, or Mike Baker, contact information below.

8. Bulls will be required to be tested for PI BVD before arrival at the bull test station. A certificate showing a negative finding must accompany the bull(s) when they arrive at the bull test station. If not provided, bulls will not be accepted.

9. If bulls have not been receiving a trace mineral salt with selenium to provide a daily intake of 1 mg of selenium, they will receive injectable selenium on arrival. Bulls are to be de-wormed, treated for grubs, and free of ringworm and warts.

10. Non-resident consignors should contact their local or state veterinarian for testing requirements and inspection documentation to enter New York State.
11. A non-refundable nomination fee of $50/bull must accompany nomination form. This fee will be applied toward test costs. Nomination fee check should be made payable to: Cornell University and mailed with the form to Mike Baker, Cornell University, 114 Morrison Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

12. Balance of Test costs are due with bull delivery, January 6 or 7, 2016. Check made payable to: Cornell University.

13. Any additional individual veterinary-medicine costs will be billed to the consignor at cost.

14. All registered bulls are required to have appropriate tests as per breed for defects.

15. A bull must complete the test unless there is determined to be an animal health or temperament issue.

16. Beef Quality Assurance guidelines of neck only and when possible subcutaneous injections are to be followed. Beef Quality Assurance certification is required.

17. Breeding soundness exam and carcass ultrasound will be conducted at the conclusion of the test. Optional sampling for genetic testing will be provided at cost to interested consignors.

18. Decision of Cornell Forage Bull Test Committee shall prevail in the event no rule or plan exists or there is a disputed rule or plan. Co-chairs of the committee are Nancy Glazier, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Mike Baker, Cornell University.

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