

Green Springs Bull Test – Rules & Regulations

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“Only the Best Pass The Test”

About the Test Station

The test station was established in 1999 for the purpose of offering purebred breeders the opportunity to measure the performance of their genetic base and give them a new avenue to market those genetics.

The test station is located near Nevada, Mo. on a rolling terrain with pen space to allow for good exercise and dry conditions. The station currently has a capacity to test 900 head per test cycle.

The performance test offered is a standard 112 day performance test with bulls grouped by breed and size, as much as possible, offering an optimum growth environment. An individual feed efficiency test is also available. This data is analyzed and each bull is given an RFI or residual feed intake number that identifies his efficiency. These bulls are fed with the GrowSafe technology. With both tests bulls are measured and analyzed for ADG, Average Daily Gain

REA, Ribeye Area

Back-fat

Scrotal Circumference

Breeding Soundness

WDA, Weight per Day of Age

IMF, Inter-muscular Fat

Pelvic Size

Frame Score

Docility

Four Tests per year begin in, June, July, Oct, and Dec.

Eligibility for Entry

All bulls having a recognized breed registry, be registered purebred, fullblood, or percentage.

All bulls must have a legible tattoo or brand and an ear tag to match tattoo or brand.

All bulls must be delivered with a birthdate, weaned for three weeks, and a minimum of one round of shots.

All bulls must be structurally sound (by the judgement of Green Springs Bull Test) and show evidence of growth potential.

All bulls must have a minimum weight per day of age of 2.5 lbs. at the time of delivery. with an allowance for shrinkage considered.

All bulls must have a frame score of 4 or better.

Costs

The Performance & Feed Efficiency Test costs \$300.00 per head, plus feed costs, and yardage.

Consignors entering 10 or more head may deduct \$25.00 per head.

A daily yardage fee of \$.60 pr day pr head while on GrowSafe will be billed along with feed consumed

A daily yardage fee of \$.45 pr hd pr day will be billed while at the test station if not on Grow Safe.

For this entry fee consignors receive all performance data as it becomes available, breeding soundness exam, ultrasound data, and entry into the next sale if the animal passes the test.

Vet expenses will be billed as necessary. Upon delivery vaccines will be reboosted. Health paper showing BVD test results must arrive with bulls. If no BVD testing has been done a \$6.00 fee will be charged. If sickness occurs treatment will be billed as administered.

Feed will be billed at the first of each month and due by the 15th. Upon nomination of animals consignors will give a credit card number to be used if bill becomes delinquent.

Incidental fees may occur upon special requests such as DNA specimen collection, specimen collection color typing etc. and associated shipping costs. A chute charge will be billed for extra services.

Delivery

Bulls will not be accepted without, an ear tag matching the tattoo, and birthdates.

Bulls will not be accepted without payment in full of the entry fee.

Feed

Bulls are fed a high quality ration formulated by a qualified nutritionist and adequate for a targeted 3.0 lbs. per day gain. Depending on genetics and animal health bulls will typically fall on both sides of this target.

All bulls will be fed for a 14 day warm up period before the official test begins.

Health Requirements

Veterinarian or approved vet supplier should attest to vaccination for

Pasteurella, 5 way Leptospirosis, 7 way Clostridium, IBR,BVD,PI3, BRSV, Haemophilus Somnus

A minimum of one round of shots given 3 weeks prior to delivery. Prefer two rounds of shots.

All bulls must be polled or dehorned and healed.

Liability

The test station personnel will make every effort to safeguard the health of the animals and will obtain competent veterinarian service when necessary, but will not be responsible for loss by fire, theft, injury, sickness, death, or in any other way. Insurance can be obtained by owner of animal. Inspections are encouraged and welcomed by appointment.

The test station will not be held liable for any personal injury or accidents of any kind, while you are at the facilities.

Sequence of Events

Mail nomination form and entry money.

Wean calves and vaccinate 3 weeks prior to delivery.

Deliver and tour the facility.

Receive on test report showing on test weight.

.....Use this weight as weaning weight and turn it into your breed association if you have not already provided your breed association with a weaning weight.

Send your registration papers to the test station, along with birthweight, and adjusted weaning weights.

Receive midtest weight report approximately 60-70 days into the test.

Receive ultrasound weight...use this to turn into breed associations as yearling weight if applicable..

Receive ultrasound results just prior to off test date.

Receive final test results, if bulls passes the test, therefore qualifying for the sale, make an immediate decision about the sale. If bull does not pass the test make plans on picking him up.

Receive sale flyers if you are selling bulls to distribute in your area.

Receive sale catalogs for potential buyers.

Eligibility for Sale and Sale Expenses

Bulls should be in approximately the top two thirds on a combination of rate of gain and weight per day of age, ribeye area, and marbling in each breed group. .

Unruly or unsound bulls will not be sold.

Scrotal circumference must be at least 32 cm. when adjusted to one year of age.

Bulls must pass a breeding soundness exam.

Bulls must have registration certificates, original certificates ready for transfer sent to the test station.

Bulls must have acceptable ultra sound data. No bull with an adjusted ribeye area of less than 10 sq. inches will be sold.

The cost of selling the animal runs approximately 9-16% of the selling price or floor price.

The cost of clipping the animal for sale will be billed to the owner.

The cost of transporting the animal to the sale sight will be prorated out among the bulls in the sale.

Removal of Animals

Bulls can be removed from the test station only after the test concludes or as a result of chronic conditions impairing the usefulness of the bull. Owners will be notified when to remove a bull in such a case.

If bulls are to be in the sale, they shall remain at the station on a cool down ration until sale day.

Owners may opt not to put a bull in the sale, and may remove said bull(s) from the station after the test, but only when all bills are paid in full.

Owners with bulls that do not qualify for the sale may remove bulls from the station at the conclusion of the test, after all bills are paid in full.

Special Considerations

The test station reserves the right to have any bull mouthed to verify age.

The test station reserves the right to have any bull blood typed to verify parentage.

Consignors are prohibited from selling bulls, if not in the sale, at the sale sight or at the station until the sale has concluded. The prices/costs quoted are subject to change as markets dictate.

I fully understand the outlined information above and hereby submit my bull(s) to the Green Springs Bull Test Station_____

Owner's signature or consignor's signature (if different from owner's)

Dated_____

Directions to the test facility: Hwy. 71 runs along the East side of Nevada, Mo. At Hwy 71 & the Camp Clark exit go East, which is K hwy. K hwy will turn South, continue South about 1/2 mile to the water tower, K Hwy turns East ,at this point go 6 1/2 miles to 2450 Road, then go North on the gravel 1 1/4 mile.