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May 2, 2023

51st ANNUAL NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER Call for 2023 NABEC Consignor Nominations

Dear Consignor:

Enclosed is a packet containing necessary information for nominating and delivering your bull(s) to the 51st Annual North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center and Sale. Please pay particular attention to all necessary nomination and consignment requirements. If you plan to enter bull(s), please read the following closely:

Nomination Deadline: June 6, 2023

Mail nominations (page 5)

and a check made out to Alabama

BCIA for \$100/bull to:

Michelle Elmore
40 County Rd 756
Clanton, AL 35045

NABEC Pedigree & Performance June 23, 2023

Data Form Deadline

Earliest date for Brucellosis & Anaplasmosis test: May 31, 2023

Latest date for 1st dose of vaccines: June 6, 2023

Latest date for 2nd dose of vaccines: June 20, 2023

Delivery to the Evaluation Site: July 11, 2023

The enclosed packet contains NABEC Rules and Regulations for 2023 and a form entitled "Alabama BCIA Bull Test Health and Treatment Certificate" to be completed and supplied upon delivery of bull(s). Negative test results for Anaplasmosis, Brucellosis and BVDV-PI are also required upon delivery of bull(s). An acceptance letter with further instructions will later be mailed. PLEASE NOTE, consignors need to address any potential genetic defects of bulls. Potential carriers should be tested prior to delivery. Potential carriers of genetic defects will NOT sell in the sale. Consignors are encouraged to DNA test bulls for genomic enhanced EPDs. PLEASE NOTE, consignors must obtain and apply each bull with an official 840 electronic identification ear tag prior to delivery to the evaluation site on July 11, 2023. This will require your state premise identification number. PLEASE ALSO NOTE, a minimum final index of 80 will continue to be required to be eligible for a bull to be sold in the sale. Bulls with a final index of 79 or lower will not be eligible for the sale. Please call with any questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle F. Elmore

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Extension Animal Scientist/Beef Cattle Improvement (205) 646-0115 Office or (205) 287-1080 Cell elmormf@auburn.edu

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51st ANNUAL NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2023

The Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA), the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center Advisory Committee, and the managers of the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center (NABEC) have agreed on the following Rules and Regulations for the 2023 evaluation period:

- I. GENERAL
- A. Location of NABEC Donaldson Farm located 6 miles east of Cullman off Highway 278 on County Road 781.
- B. Capacity Minimum of 50, maximum 80
- C. Dates of Test

Nomination Deadline - *June 6, 2023*Delivery of bulls - *July 11, 2023*84-day Gain Evaluation begins - *August 8, 2023*84-day Gain Evaluation ends - October 31, 2023
Sale Date and Place - *December 9, 2023* at Cullman Stockyards

- D. Charges for Testing Deposits for testing each bull will be payable at the time of application and when bulls are delivered to NABEC as indicated below. Adjustments in charges will be made after completion of the evaluation period and sale. All checks should be made payable to the Alabama BCIA.
 - 1. <u>Yardage Fee \$1.50 per bull per day from delivery date to removal date.</u> Yardage for bulls removed from the evaluation for any reason will increase to \$3.00 per day after an acceptable time for consignors to pick up bulls from the evaluation site after removal from the evaluation.
 - a. <u>A \$100.00 deposit for each bull is payable with nomination</u>. This deposit is refundable only if the BCIA Office is notified at least 10 days before delivery date that a bull has been withdrawn.
 - 2. Feed, Veterinary and Drug Costs Feed, Veterinary and Drug Costs Actual feed costs plus 5% for storage and handling will be charged against each bull according to average feed consumption per pen. General veterinary and drug charges will be prorated among all bulls. Special treatment of specific illness or conditions will be itemized to the individual bull. A deposit of \$200.00 per bull will be payable on the delivery date. An additional \$200.00 deposit per bull will be due in September. Payment is due within 2 weeks of invoice date. A penalty fee of \$50.00 will be charged per bull to all consignors with outstanding deposits in October. Additional feed deposits may be necessary before the end of the test depending upon actual feed expenses. Bulls will not be cataloged if there are any outstanding feed balances due at the end of the evaluation period.
 - 3. <u>Sale Costs</u> Actual sale costs will be divided on a per head basis for bulls that qualify and are cataloged for the sale.
 - 4. <u>Sale Catalog</u> The sale catalog will be produced commercially and the expense will be charged to consignors on a per head basis.
- E. Eligibility for Nomination and Entry:
 - 1. Registration Bulls must be registered in a nationally recognized breed association BY THE BEGINNING OF THE EVALUATION. Calving ease (or birth weight if calving ease is not available for breed), weaning, yearling and milk EPDs must be available on each bull. Composite bulls of two or more breeds will be accepted if they meet the following requirements: 1. Registered in a recognized breed association; 2. Their sire and dam must be registered.
 - 2. Birth Dates -Birth dates accepted will be from August 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 inclusive.
 - 3. <u>Birth Weights</u> Birth weights must be supplied.
 - 4. <u>Weaning Records</u> Bulls must have official weaning records complied by a State BCIA or a national breed association. These records shall include adjusted 205-day weight, weight ratio and number of contemporaries. <u>A minimum 205 day adjusted weight of 550 lbs. is required for nomination.</u> These records must be supplied.

- 5. Weight Per Day of Age Bulls of all breeds must weigh at least 2.5 pounds per day of age at delivery to test station. A 5% allowance for shrinkage in hauling will be allowed, strictly enforced.
- 6. Quality Bulls must be structurally sound with ample muscular development.
- 7. Disposition Unruly dispositions or excessive nervousness will not be allowed. Strictly Enforced. Please note.
- 8. <u>Scrotal Circumference Requirements</u> Upon delivery, all bulls must have a minimum scrotal circumference of 25 cm to be accepted for the evaluation. Any bull not meeting these requirements will not be accepted for the evaluation. Scrotal circumference must be 32 centimeters or more at the end of the test.
- Health All bulls must meet the following health requirements and be accompanied by the enclosed health and treatment certificate properly completed and signed.
 - (a) Not more than 45 days prior to *July 11, 2023, (May 31, or later)* bulls must be tested and found negative to Anaplasmosis and Brucellosis by an accredited veterinarian (documentation required). Bulls from certified brucellosis free herds need not be tested for brucellosis, but the herd certificate number must be recorded. All bulls must also have been tested and found negative for BVD-PI prior to delivery to the test site (documentation required).
 - (b) Bulls must have received the required doses of the following vaccinations 2 to 4 weeks apart with the last dose given at least three weeks prior to delivery 1st dose no later than June 6 and 2nd dose no later than June 20: (1)7-Way Clostridium bacterin, (2) Pasteurella haemolytica (with leukotoxoid), (3) Hemophilus Somnus, (4) Leptospirosis 5-way (Ictero-Canicola) + (Hardjo-Grippo-Pamona), (5) Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), (6) Para-Influenza (PI₃), (7) Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD), (8) Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV), (9) Systemic grub treatment, (10) dewormed with an effective anthelmintic, (11) weaned and started on a ration similar to the test station ration (70% concentrate 30% roughage).
 - (c) Bulls should be dehorned or tipped (two-inch length maximum) and completely healed when delivered to the NABEC.
- Sale To qualify for the sale, <u>BULLS MUST HAVE A FINAL INDEX OF 80 OR HIGHER</u>, be structurally sound, meet or exceed all entrance requirements and pass a breeding soundness exam. Scrotal circumference must be 32 centimeters or more at the end of the test. Bulls must retain of sound quality through sale date. Bulls may be removed from the Evaluation Sale due to disposition, performance, quality or structure at any time by a group of three (3) or more Evaluation Committee members. No minimum auction price will be set for the sale event. Individual consignors may set their own respective minimum bid to be handled by the consignor, unless assistance is requested prior to the beginning of the sale event time of 12:00 PM.

The Final Index will be determined by evaluation performance (WDA = 1/3 and ADG = 1/3) and percentile rank of expected progeny differences within each breed for the traits of calving ease, weaning, yearling and milk = 1/3. The rank within each breed will be listed for each bull's performance and pedigree information in the sale catalog. Sale order will be determined by the final index. The highest-ranking bull of each breed represented at the 2023 NABEC will sell at the beginning of the sale, with the remaining sale eligible bulls selling in descending order of their Final Index.

- **G. Veterinarian** A local veterinarian will be contracted for routine tests and will be on call for treatment, or prescribing treatment, when the test manager deems necessary.
- **H. Liability** Neither NABEC, the Alabama BCIA, nor the attending veterinarian may be held liable for loss due to fire, theft, injury, sickness, death or any other cause during the time bulls are at the test center, but will make every effort to safeguard the health and well-being of the bulls while at NABEC.
- I. Priorities Priority will be given to active Alabama BCIA members that consign bulls that were bred and born on their farms and have participated in the past 3 years. Entries will be accepted from neighboring states only if there is room and consignors are active members of their state BCIA and are paid members of Alabama BCIA. All consignors must be a paid member in good standing of Alabama BCIA. The membership number will be supplied on the nomination form.

Important: Priority will be given to bulls bred and born on consignor's farms. If bull calves (with or without their dams) are purchased and consigned, all registration transfers must be completed by **June 6, 2023.** This will be checked.

II. ALABAMA BCIA RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Eligibility of Consignors and Bulls - The BCIA shall determine the eligibility of consignors and set the standards for bulls to qualify for evaluation and sale. <u>Bulls may be sent home during the evaluation period for any reason if the managers feel it is in the best interest of the evaluation.</u>

- **B. Consignment of Bulls** The BCIA shall announce the evaluation rules, regulations and dates and receive consignments prior to the beginning of the evaluation period.
- **C. Supervision** The BCIA and Alabama Cooperative Extension Agents and Specialists in Animal Science will work with the managers of NABEC in generally supervising the entire program.
- D. Performance Records The BCIA, Alabama Cooperative Extension Agents and Specialists in Animal Science, and test station management will be responsible for collecting, computing, certification and distributing performance records.
- **E. Finances/Insurance** The BCIA shall be responsible for collecting fees and sale receipts, and for paying all bills relative to evaluating and selling the bulls. Bulls shall be covered with peril and cargo insurance during their residence at the evaluation. This covers the death of a bull due to specific acts of nature (like lightening, tornado, etc.) and traffic accidents. It does not cover death due to bloat, respiratory, broken legs, etc. Consignors wanting the increased coverage should check with their livestock insurance agent.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF NABEC

NABEC shall furnish the following services and facilities at a daily yardage fee of \$1.50 per head for bulls on the evaluation:

- A. Facility The facility shall consist of four permanently fenced lots suitable for feeding approximately 25 bulls each and one pen designated for sick or injured bulls. Each lot shall have automatic watering tanks and self-feeders of sufficient size to accommodate the number of bulls per lot. The facility shall include working pens, animal scales, loading chute, pens for sick animals and feed storage.
- **B. Identification of Bulls** NABEC shall furnish large visual for tagging each bull after delivery. **PLEASE NOTE**, consignors must obtain and apply each bull with an official 840 electronic identification ear tag prior to delivery to the evaluation site on July 11, 2023. This will require your state premise identification number.
- C. Weighing Bulls NABEC shall furnish the labor for weighing bulls on delivery, beginning of the evaluation, mid-point of the evaluation at 42 days, and at the end of the evaluation period. All weights shall be taken in the a.m. on a "full basis".
- D. Feeding Bulls NABEC shall be in complete charge of feeding the bulls while at the center. Ration formulation shall be as recommended by Alabama Cooperative Extension System and fed in self-feeders. Free-choice hay will be furnished in each paddock. NABEC shall keep records of the amount of feed delivered to each pen in order that consignors may be billed for prorated share for each bull. NABEC shall provide all feed and charge consignors actual feed cost plus 5% of feed costs for storage and handling.
- **E. Health Care** NABEC shall provide health care in accordance with recommendations of the local practicing veterinarian contracted by the BCIA. NABEC shall keep a complete health record on each bull and the BCIA will bill consignors for actual costs of veterinarian services, drugs, and autopsies.
- F. Sale NABEC will be responsible for hauling bulls to the sale site. NABEC will arrange for hauling bulls and a reasonable fee will be charged for each bull. NABEC may privately contract with purchasers for keeping bulls after the sale. Bulls not cataloged for sale will not be hauled. No minimum auction price will be set for the sale event. Individual consignors may set their own respective minimum bid to be handled by the consignor, unless assistance is requested prior to the beginning of the sale event time of 12:00 PM.
- G. Removal of Bulls From Test NABEC shall be responsible for notifying the consignor and the BCIA office of death, severe sickness, or other circumstances that would require removal of a bull from the center. Authorization for release of a bull before the evaluation period is complete must be given by NABEC and the Alabama BCIA. Consignors removing bulls that qualify for the sale will be charged a \$100.00 data collection fee. Bulls must retain of sound quality through sale date. Bulls may be removed from the Evaluation Sale due to disposition, performance, quality or structure at any time by a group of three (3) or more Evaluation Committee members.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSIGNORS

- A. Nomination Make check for \$100.00 per bull to Alabama BCIA and mail check and nomination form prior to *June* 6, 2023. The NABEC Pedigree and Performance Data Form must be submitted by June 23, 2023.
- **B. Management of Calves** Wean calves at least three weeks before delivery date and have them accustomed to free-choice feeding on a ration with at least 70% concentrates.
- C. Delivery of Bulls Deliver the bulls to NABEC between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM on the assigned date of July 11, 2023.

- D. Registration and Performance Records <u>Provide the Alabama BCIA with official weaning records and the NABEC Pedigree and Performance Data Form by June 23.</u> Consignors will be responsible for transferring registration to the new owner after the sale within 60 days after the sale date. Buyer information for each bull will be supplied by Alabama BCIA after the sale to each consignor.
 - **Important**: The NABEC Pedigree and Performance Data Form will be supplied by June 23, 2023. If this information is not received within the allotted time, bulls will not be accepted by the evaluation.
- **E. Health & Treatment Certificate** Provide the Alabama BCIA with complete information on attached health and treatment certificate. Bulls will be boostered with respiratory and 7-Way Clostridium vaccines after arrival.
- **F. Deposits** Pay the Alabama BCIA **\$400.00** (or you may elect to take advantage of the installment option as outlined in Section I:D:2 on page 1) per bull for feed and veterinary deposit at time of delivery to test center. (Outline of charges for testing under General Section).
- **G.** Loss Responsibility Assume full responsibility for loss of bulls for any reason other than neglect. (See statement H under "General").

Please note the following suggestions and guidelines:

- 1. Measure each bull's scrotum to make sure that the circumference meets the 25 cm minimum requirement (See # 8 under Eligibility for Entry on page 2.)
- 2. Make sure health and treatment certificate and negative health test documents are in order (See # 9 under Eligibility for Entry on page 2). Bulls with warts and/or ringworm should be treated prior to delivery.
- 3. The NABEC Pedigree and Performance Data Form will be submitted by <u>June 23, 2023</u>. Bulls will be required to have a **minimum adjusted 205 day weight of 550 lbs**.
- 4. **PLEASE NOTE,** consignors must obtain and apply each bull with an official 840 electronic identification ear tag prior to delivery to the evaluation site on July 11, 2023. This will require your state premise identification number.
- 5. Bulls with bad dispositions will not be accepted. Be sure to evaluate your bulls for disposition prior to delivery. Examine hooves for proper structure prior to delivery.
- 6. Consignments should be tagged and have readable tattoos for processing.
- 7. PLEASE NOTE, consignors are strongly encouraged to be aware of and address any potential genetic defects of their nominated bulls. Potential carriers of any genetic defects should be tested prior to delivery to the evaluation. Potential carriers of genetic defects will be NOT allowed to sell in the sale.
- 8. Consignors are <u>strongly encouraged</u> to have their bulls DNA tested to have genomic enhanced EPD values available, prior to delivery to the evaluation.
- 9. All checks are to be made out to "Alabama BCIA". (\$100.00 nomination fee due when consigning and feed and vet deposit upon delivery as outlined in Section I:D:2 on page 1).

VERY IMPORTANT!

It is extremely important that all required health and management practices be performed as stated in this document. Each bull should be properly immunized to insure maximum efficiency and performance while at NABEC. Each bull should be properly weaned and fed a concentrate ration with a calculated analysis of 65-70% TDN and Crude Protein level of at least 12% prior to delivery.

2023 NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER NOMINATION FORM

Nomination Deadline - June 6, 2023

(Please fill this form out completely)

Name:	State Premise ID #
Farm Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	E-mail:
Home Telephone Number:	Work/Cell:
Complete the following (It will be checked Was your consignment(s) born on you If so, are you the breeder? [] Yes	ur ranch? [] Yes [] No
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	(breed) bulls for NABEC 2023.
expenses incurred throughout the dura are not paid in full within 30 days of no outstanding charge. If payments are n nominations to any BCIA tests or sal	elines of the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center and to pay all ation of the warm-up, evaluation and off-test periods. If expenses of the consignor, 1.5% interest will be charged per month of the ot made in full, Alabama BCIA holds the right to refuse any future les. In case of no payment, when bull(s) sell, any outstanding nsignor's check from the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center
Your signature:	
IMPORTANT:	Make check payable to ALABAMA BCIA .
MAIL TO:	Michelle F. Elmore Extension Animal Scientist/Beef Cattle Improvement 40 County Rd 756 Clanton, AL 35045

PHONE:

(205) 646-0115 Office or (205) 287-1080 Cell Email – <u>elmormf@auburn.edu</u>

2023 North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center Pedigree and Performance Data Form Due by June 23, 2023

Please fill out the form below <u>COMPLETELY</u>. Each and every column in this form is needed in the catalog and/or to complete calculations in the final ratio. You must not leave <u>ANY</u> columns blank!

Instructions for completing the form below:

- A. Please list the breed of your bull.
- B. Is this a Purebred bull or a Composite bull?
- C. Please list the ID tag that the bull will have in his ear at delivery.
- D. Please list the actual tattoo number of the bull; also, please make certain that your bull's tattoo number is legible <u>BEFORE</u> you deliver him.
- E. Please list the bull's registration number.
- F. If you do not already have the registration number for your bull, PLEASE NOTE that bulls MUST BE registered BEFORE the evaluation begins on AUGUST 9. If not registered at this time, list the registration number for his sire and dam (you do not need to do this if you filled out column E).
- G. (See above.)

- H. Is this bull an Embryo Transplant (ET)? (yes/no)
- I. Did you creep feed this bull? (yes/no)
- J. Please list the birthdate of your bull.
- K. Please list the "Adjusted Birth Weight" of your bull (this is the birth weight as calculated by your breed association and may differ slightly from his actual birth weight).
- L. Please list the 205 Day Adjusted Weaning Weight of your bull (as supplied by your breed association). **Required to be 550 lbs. or higher**.
- M. Please list the 205 Day Adjusted Weaning Weight Ratio of your bull (as supplied by our breed association); PLEASE NOTE, if your bull is an ET calf, his ratio will be 100 & contemporary group will be 1 by default.
- N. Please list the "Number of Contemporaries" in your bull's weaning group.

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Breed	PB or Comp	ID Tag	Tattoo #	Registration #	Sire's Reg. #	Dam's Reg. #	E.T.?	Creep Fed?	Birth Date	Adj. B.Wt.	Adj. W. Wt.	Adj. W.Wt. Ratio	# of Conte mps.
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2023 North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center Pedigree and Performance Data Form

Please enter farm name, address and phone number as you want it to appear in the catalog.

Your Name:
Farm Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone number you want listed in the catalog:

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<u>PLEASE ALSO NOTE</u>, consignors are strongly encouraged to DNA test their bulls to be able to have genomic enhanced EPDs available prior to delivery to the evaluation.

<u>PLEASE ALSO NOTE</u>, consignors must obtain and apply each bull with an official 840 electronic identification ear tag prior to delivery to the evaluation site on July 11, 2023. This will require your state premise identification number.

Please fill out this form completely and return it by June 23, 2023 by either of the following methods.

You can mail it to:

Michelle F. Elmore 40 County Rd 756 Clanton, AL 35045

You can scan and e-mail it to: elmormf@auburn.edu



Alabama BCIA Bull Evaluation Health & Treatment Certificate

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Primary Date	Treatment	Product	Lot#	Company	Dose	Route of Admin.	Booster Date	Processor Initials
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	(Blackleg) Haemophilus							
	sommus Leptospirosis							
	5-way							
	IBR / PI ₃ / BVD							
	BRSV							
	Pasteurella haemolytica with leukotoxoid (*2 nd dose not required IF not called for on vaccine label)							
	Deworming Treatment							
	Treatment Grub							
Treatment OTHER COMMENTS OR TREATMENTS: I hereby certify that all the above vaccinations and treatments were completed as listed for the bull(s) listed below. I also certify that to the best of my judgment, these bulls are free from infectious and contagious diseases (including, but not limited to warts, ringworm, mange and active pinkeye). OWNERS: Carefully examine these bulls prior to delivery, bulls of questionable health will be rejected.								
	PROCESSOR'S NAME: TITLE:							
OWNER'S SIGNATURE: DATE:								
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Tattoo and/or Brand	Ear Tag	Evaluation I. D. Tag