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Albinism is a Class 2 genetic defect that has been found in a few Braunvieh cattle. Class 2 Genetic defects are defined as permitting survival of the affected animal provided special environment is furnished.

More details on the BAA policy regarding Genetic Defects can be found in Section X of BAA Rules & Regulations.

Guidelines for submitting Braunvieh samples for Albinism testing.

- Preference is for the sample to be tail hair (follicles attached). Cut to 3-4 inches in length with the hair follicles intact and tape the bundle around the middle of the length. Place the hair in a paper envelope labeled with the animal's identification that corresponds to the application form. Do not place hair in plastic bags. Blood collected on FTA cards may be submitted if hair is not available.
- Complete the albinism testing form on this web site.
- Submit samples to the BAA office. When the BAA office receives a minimum of 10 samples, they will be submitted as a group to the testing lab.
- Cost per sample tested will be \$65, due with submission. If a breeder requires samples to be tested before the minimum of 10 is met, the breeder will incur a considerably higher fee to cover the cost of testing.
- Samples may be submitted to the lab only by the BAA. Samples submitted to the lab directly from individual breeders will not be processed.