

National Braunvieh Bull Test Program

Performance testing your genetics and benchmarking them with other programs' bulls is one of the most important steps a BAA member can take to move both your program and the Braunvieh breed forward. The National Bull Test Program is available to any BAA member, in good standing with the BAA and Bull Test Locations, who wants to send their bulls to a Qualified Test location to measure and benchmark their genetics through performance testing.

Benefits

- Measures for Growth, Intake, Carcass, and Fertility
- Efficiency EPD's
- Bull Test Index Values
- Bull Development Service
- Benchmark your genetic progress with other bloodlines and breeders

Participation Process:

- Contact Bull Test location to reserve your spot in advance to test start dates
- Complete an entry form and send this to Mark7ranch@gmail.com
- Ensure your bulls meet Participation Requirements
- Deliver your bulls by listed dates. It is encouraged to deliver prior to required dates.

Participation Requirements

- Registered, with a recorded birthweight and 205-day weight
- 2 rounds of shots (BVR, a black leg combination, and a Pasteurella)
- Weaned a minimum of 30 days.
- Worming is recommended.
- 100K DNA test completed (if one is not on file will be pulled at the test location and submitted at the owner's expense)
- Meet posted age ranges

Test Locations and Date of Birth Ranges per Test:

Green Springs Bull Test, Nevada, MO

- Spring born, DOB: 1/1 to 3/31 - Deliver By or before October first.
- Summer born, DOB: 4/1 to 5/31 - Deliver by December first.
- Fall born, DOB: 8/1 to 10/31 - Deliver by June first.

PX Feeders, Evant, TX

- Spring born, DOB 1/1 to 3/31 Deliver 10/1
- Fall born, DOB 9/1 to 11/31 - Deliver anytime May to August 1
- Bulls born 12/1 to 12/31 may be possible be included in either the Fall or Spring born test pending age and weight of other consigned test groups, inquire with Performance Committee Chair.

Cost

- The BAA does not charge anything to participate in the testing portion of this program.
- Data Fees and Development costs for each location will be comparable to other Bull Tests and billed by the Bull Test location.

Contacts:

For Program questions on:

- Testing
- End of trial indexes
- Sale

Contact-Performance Committee Chairman, Mark Nelson, 402-705-3907,
Mark7ranch@gmail.com

Onsite assistance or questions on:

- scheduling your bulls to be received or picked up
- estimate on total development and testing costs
- billing or related health issues

Contacts:

PX Feeders, Evant, Texas, gaylalhodes@yahoo.com

Kent Abele, Green Springs Bull Test, Nevada, MO, gsbulltest@gmail.com

Please keep calls to test locations to a minimum.

Marketing Opportunities

The focus of this program is data collection and not necessarily to provide Sales events, however, efforts are made so testing breeders have a marketing opportunity to opt into.

- All qualifying bulls that test at Green Springs may be consigned for sale in the Green Springs All-breeds Bull Sale which they hold once in the fall and once in the spring after the completion of the test. Additionally, an online sale is tentatively planned for the PX tested bulls in April for qualifying bulls.
- Minimum requirements to qualify for sales
 - Meet minimum index requirements per sale location, typically be top half of end of test index
 - Maximum 99-pound adjusted birth weight
 - Minimum 1,000-pound yearling weight or age advantaged acceptable sale weights on Fall born bulls sold at 18 Months of age
 - Pass a breeding soundness exam and a minimum 33 scrotal
 - Any additional requirements made by sale facility on ranking, screening for disposition, feet, structure, etc
- All bulls committed to a sale will need to remain at their respective test location through the sale date and owners will be responsible for all continued feed/management expenses up to sale.
- Sale costs, including: advertising, clipping/video/pictures, fertility exams, etc. will be at the sellers' expense, with an effort to establish a budgeted amount to made available prior to commitment to the sale.

