



Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association
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NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER
Call for 2017 NABEC Consignor Nominations

Dear Consignor:

Enclosed is a packet containing necessary information for nominating and delivering your bull(s) to the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center for the 2017 evaluation period 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 13, 2017
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 Data Form Deadline	June 30, 2017
Earliest date for Brucellosis & Anaplasmosis test:	May 30, 2017
Latest date for 1 st dose of vaccines:	June 6, 2017
Latest date for 2 nd dose of vaccines:	June 20, 2017
Delivery to the Evaluation Site:	July 11, 2017

The enclosed packet also contains NABEC Rules and Regulations for 2017 and **a form entitled “Alabama BCIA Bull Test Health and Treatment Certificate” that must be correctly completed and supplied upon delivery of bull(s).** If you return the nomination form with the required nomination fee, you will be mailed an acceptance letter containing further instructions.

Those wishing to consign composite bulls, please read “Eligibility for Entry - Rule 1” on page 2.

Sincerely,

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NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2017

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 2017 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 13, 2017** NABEC Pedigree & Performance Data Form Deadline – **June 30, 2017**
Delivery of bulls - **July 11, 2017**
84-day Gain Evaluation begins - **August 8, 2017**
84-day Gain Evaluation ends – **October 31, 2017**
Sale Date and Place - **December 9, 2017** 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. Yardage Fee - **\$1.50 per bull per day from delivery date to removal date. 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. **A \$100.00 deposit for each bull is payable with nomination.** 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. Sale Costs - Actual sale costs will be divided on a per head basis for bulls that qualify and are cataloged for the sale.
4. Sale Catalog - 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 or recorded in a nationally recognized breed association. 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 - Bulls must be born August 15 through November 15, 2016, inclusive.
3. Birth Weights - Birth weights must be supplied.
4. Weaning Records - Bulls must have official weaning records compiled by a State BCIA or a national breed association. These records shall include adjusted 205-day weight, weight ratio and number of contemporaries. **A minimum 205 day adjusted weight of 550 lbs. is required for nomination.** 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.**
8. Scrotal Circumference Requirements - **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.**
9. 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, 2017, (May 30, or later) bulls must be tested and found negative to Anaplasmosis and Brucellosis by an accredited veterinarian.** 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 at some point 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 leukotoxin), (3) Hemophilus Somnus, (4) Leptospirosis 5-way (Ictero-Canicola) + (Hardjo-Grippe-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, bulls must 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 11:00 AM.**

Sale order will be determined by the rank of performance (WDA = 1/3 and ADG = 1/3) and the rank of expected progeny differences within each breed (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. The highest ranking bull of each breed represented at the 2017 NABEC will sell at the beginning of the sale, with the remaining 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 13, 2017**. 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. 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.

- 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 and EID ear tags for tagging each bull after delivery.
- C. **Weighing Bulls** - NABEC shall furnish the labor for weighing bulls on delivery, at 28-day intervals, 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 to Cullman. **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 11:00 AM.**
- 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 13, 2017**. **The NABEC Pedigree and Performance Data Form must be submitted by June 30, 2017.**
- 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, 2017.
- D. **Registration and Performance Records** - **Provide the Alabama BCIA with official weaning records and the NABEC Pedigree and Performance Data Form by June 30.** **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 30, 2017. 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 boosted 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:

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 all health papers are in order.** Bulls with warts and/or ringworm should be treated prior to delivery.
3. The NABEC Pedigree and Performance Data Form will be submitted by **June 30, 2017**. Bulls will be required to have a **minimum adjusted 205 day weight of 550 lbs.**
4. Examine hooves of your bulls for proper structure prior to delivery.
5. Consignments should be tagged and **have readable tattoos** for processing.
6. **Bulls with bad dispositions will not be accepted.**
7. 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.

**2017 NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER
NOMINATION FORM**

Nomination Deadline - June 13, 2017

(Please fill this form out completely)

Name: _____ State premise ID No. _____

Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Work/Cell: _____

Complete the following (It will be checked upon delivery.):

Was your consignment(s) born on your ranch? [] Yes [] No

If so, are you the breeder? [] Yes [] No

Did you purchase this bull(s) [] Yes [] No If so, how many consigned _____?

Embryo Transfer(s)? [] Yes [] No If so, how many consigned _____?

If space is available, would you bring more bulls than you have consigned? [] Yes [] No

If so, how many more?

Are you a current member of Alabama BCIA? [] Yes [] No If yes, what is your number? _____

Do you want the **voluntary** \$1.00/hd Alabama Beef Checkoff deducted from your check: [] Yes [] No

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ (\$100.00 per bull) to reserve space for _____ (number)

_____ (breed) bulls for NABEC 2017.

I agree to adhere to all rules and guidelines of the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center and to pay all expenses incurred throughout the duration of the warm-up, evaluation and off-test periods. If expenses are not paid in full within 30 days of notice to consignor, 1.5% interest will be charged per month of the outstanding charge. If payments are not made in full, Alabama BCIA holds the right to refuse any future nominations to any BCIA tests or sales. In case of no payment, when bull(s) sell, any outstanding charges will be deducted from my consignor's check from the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center Sale.

Your signature: _____

IMPORTANT: Make check payable to **ALABAMA BCIA.**

MAIL TO: Michelle F. Elmore
Extension Animal Scientist/Beef Cattle Improvement
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Clanton, AL 35045

PHONE: (205) 646-0115 Office or (205) 287-1080 Cell
Email – elmormf@auburn.edu

2017 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:

Please fill out this form completely and return it by June 30, 2017 by either of the following methods.

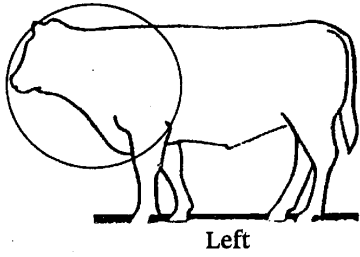
You can mail it to:

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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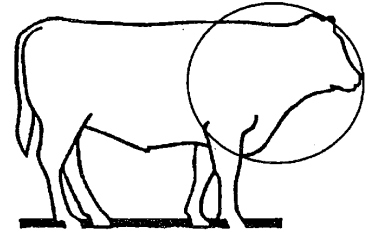
Name: _____
(Owner/Manager)

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ best time: _____



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REQUIRED VACCINATIONS: 2 doses of the vaccines listed below are required, given 2-4 weeks apart (or according to vaccine label directions), with the last dose given no later than 3 weeks prior to evaluation delivery.

Primary Date	Treatment	Product	Lot #	Company	Dose	Route of Admin.	Booster Date	Processor Initials
	7-way Clostridial (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							
	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: _____

BRUCELLOSIS CERTIFIED HERD NO: _____ *Veterinarian's signature required ONLY for herds not Brucellosis certified.*

BRUCELLOSIS TEST DATE: _____ TESTED BY: _____ RESULTS: _____

VETERINARIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Tattoo and/or Brand	Ear Tag	Evaluation I. D. Tag

