

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BULL TESTING PROGRAM - FALL 2016**

**NOTICE – ALL BULLS WILL ONLY BE TESTED FOR 84 DAYS**

**Bull Eligibility Requirements:**

1. **Senior Division:** Calves must have been born on or after September 2, 2015 (Exception: Charolais – September 12, 2015 & Gelbvieh – October 2, 2015) and on or before December 2, 2015.  
**Junior Division:** Calves must have been born on or after December 3, 2015 and on or before March 3, 2016.
2. The calf must be owned by the person entering the bull.
3. All bulls must have a **legible ear tattoo** upon delivery to the station. Ear tags will be placed into each bull's ear by station personnel.
4. All bull calves must meet registration requirements as set forth by their respective breed associations.
5. Calves must have an **initial weight for each day of age of at least 2.4 pounds** when delivered to the station. All cattle will be allowed a 4% shrink when they are weighed at the station. Any calf not meeting the above weight requirement will not be placed on test.
6. Consignors must be enrolled in an official performance testing program. Records of calves that have completed the weaning phase of such a program should be submitted at the time of delivery or when completed. The following information must be supplied by delivery:
  - Tattoo number of calf, Sire name and registration #, Birth date of calf, Birth weight of calf, and Calf registration # (if already assigned)
  - Adjusted 205 day weaning weight in accordance to the association of which the bull is registered, if available.**
7. Calves should be weaned at least **three (3) weeks** prior to delivery to the station. It is beneficial for calves to be creep fed for 3 to 4 weeks before delivery or at least be accustomed to eating grain. It is recommended that calves be eating a minimum of 5-8 lbs. of grain/starter with *ad libitum* access to grass hay or pasture prior to delivery to the station.
8. The calf must be dehorned prior to being delivered to the station.
9. Estimated progeny differences (**EPD's**) are **mandatory** on all bulls. EPD's are to be calculated and supplied by registering breed association. Prior to entering your bull, check with your breed association and make sure that EPD information is available.
10. The health form must be filled out by your veterinarian and turned in when the bull is delivered to the station. Bulls from IL, IN, KY, or MO do not need to be Tuberculin tested. **Any bull with warts on delivery day will NOT be allowed into the Bull Test Station and will have to be hauled back home.**
11. **All bulls must be genetic free! However, a bull with positive confirmation DD may participate in the test but will have to be identified in the catalog.** If the pedigree suggests that your bull is a carrier of any genetic disorder then it must be tested; if the pedigree suggests that it is genetic free then that is acceptable. If you have questions please contact your breed association.

**Upon Arrival at the Test Station:**

1. All health paperwork and fees will be due to the station personnel.
2. Each bull must remain at the test station for the entire 84-day testing period unless the station personnel agree that the bull should be removed.

**Number of Entries:**

1. Entries will be accepted until **September 9, 2016**. If one bull from each consignor has not filled the station, those consignors who have indicated that they would like to enter two or more bulls, have the opportunity to do so.
2. **A Performance Index will be utilized at the end of the test and up to the bottom 25% of bulls will be cut and not eligible for sale. This index will only pertain to ADG and F:G and in the event that there is a tie then the bull's \$Beef, according to the association on the day that cuts are made, will be used to break any ties.**
3. **IF** the test station is not full then a consignor may "only test" their bull BUT you must indicate that on your application!!! If you are just testing your bull then bull may be picked up after the BSE is conducted and you will be notified by the test station when that is. NOTE: All bulls that start test MUST finish test whether you sell them or not. Also data on bulls that don't sell will be given to the owner after the sale is over.

**Facilities:**

1. Bulls will be penned according to weight and breed as much as possible. Groups of 12 calves will be placed in 27' x 104' pens with 27' x 24' shelters open to the south end. Six pens are available to handle 72 bulls per test period.
2. Bulls will be individually fed using the Calan Broadbent Feeding System. Each pen will also contain an automatic watering system.

**Feed:**

1. The feed will be a combination of pelleted supplement and cracked corn. There will be a starter, test, post-test ration that will be fed with grass hay. Rations will primarily consists of corn, bypass protein, distiller's grain, midds and hulls along with all the necessary vitamins and minerals.
2. The ration has been designed that if the bull's genetics allow they should have an ADG of ~ 4.5 lbs and will be sent out on bid. The lowest bid will get the feed contract.

**Costs:**

1. A testing fee of \$200 for one bull will be charged for maintenance of the facilities.
2. \$100 of the testing fee is due at the time of application. Consignors will be charged only for the feed fed to their bulls at actual cost.
3. Any professional veterinary services required during the test period will be charged to the owner.
4. Consignors will be charged for the transfer of registrations papers to the new owner.
5. All expenses (feed, bedding, veterinary, etc.) must be paid within 30 days of receiving the billed invoice.
6. A \$15 fee will be charged for clipping the bulls prior to the sale.
7. Auctioneer expenses will be a % of the sale price for each bull. For example, 2015-16 it was 1.736% of the sale price. We will be using DVAuction services for a video sale and their fees will also be included into the costs.
8. The auctioneer and DVAuction expenses will be split among the bulls and heifers that are consigned and will sell after the bulls.
9. Sale day expenses (advertising and catalogue expenses) will be divided equally amongst each bull in the catalogue.
10. The average costs for 2015-2016 was \$1188.68.
11. **BUYERS:** if a bull is left at the test station for more than 5 days post sale then a \$15/day fee will be charged at time of pickup.

**Liability:**

1. Southern Illinois University Carbondale will not be responsible for loss by fire, theft,

sickness, injury or death, but they will make every effort to safeguard the health and safety of the animal.

2. The University will not insure the bull. The station encourages each breeder to purchase mortality insurance on each bull. If insurance is desired, contact local insurance companies for a policy on your bull.

### **Reports/Catalog:**

1. Official reports will be e-mailed to consignors (**hard copy available upon request**) after each weigh period. Upon request, bull test reports will be sent to interested persons. Reports will also be available online at <http://www.bulltest.siu.edu>
2. The name of each consignor will be published in the sale catalog and provided on the bull test website. Information about the bull will also be published and will include: the bull's sire, registration number, date of birth, birth weight, adjusted weaning weight, adjusted yearling weight, average daily gain (ADG), feed to gain (F:G) and ratios, RFI rank, sale index, frame score, scrotal circumference, pelvic measurement, ultrasound measurements and the CED, BW, WW, Milk, RE, Marb, Doc, and \$B or API EPDs.

### **Sale:**

1. The sale will be held on **March 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM.**
2. The bulls will be indexed within a breed and based on the following calculation:  
Index = 25% EPDs (CED%, BW%, WW%, YW%, and MM%) + 25% ADG ratio + 30% Feed Efficiency ratio + 10% REA (related to heritability) + 10% IMF (related to performance)  
Therefore based on 25% EPDs, 55% performance, and 20% carcass characteristics
3. **DVAuction:** bulls will be videoed ~ 3 weeks prior to the sale and both the on-line bidders and live bidders watch the video and bid on the bull. Live bidders may view the bulls prior to the sale. Additionally, a link to the videos of bulls will be posted on the website.
4. At least a breeding interest must be offered for sale. The station must be notified at least a month prior to the sale if a consignor wishes to retain a breeding interest in the bull but it should be noted that this historically has reduced the sale price.
5. All bulls offered for sale will be examined for reproductive soundness.
6. Bulls whose semen does not meet adequate standards by the station veterinarian will be allowed to sell with consignors consent but must be advertised as deferred. However, this doesn't apply to senior division bulls (18 months or older); they will not be for sale if they don't pass semen standards.
7. Bulls will be sold under guarantees used by the respective breed associations.
8. Low birth weight EPD bulls that would be considered a Heifer Bull (HB) will be identified in the sale catalog.
9. Bulls will be measured for ribeye area, back fat thickness and marbling by a CUP certified technician. The results will be reported in the sale catalog.
10. **Your bull will not SELL and MUST BE PICKED UP by the owner if:**
  - Adjusted 205-d and 365-d WTs according to the association is not turned in to the test station by **February 6, 2017** and if no birth weight was turned in
  - Minimum scrotal circumference of 32 centimeters at 1 year of age
  - Minimum adjusted pelvic area of 140 sq. cm. at 1 year of age
  - Structurally unsound or has a foot score of a 1 or 9. Based on foot angle and claw set and scoring used will be in accordance to: (will be evaluated by supervisor, board members, and livestock judging team and then an average of all scores taken to determine the final foot score)  
<http://www.angus.org/performance/footscore/footscorebrochure.pdf>
  - Poor disposition

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
2016-2017

August 1, 2016	Send applications out
September 9, 2016	Applications due
September 15 & 16, 2016	Call consignors about acceptance of bull(s)
October 13 & 14, 2016	Delivery of bulls to Test Station
November 8, 2016	Test period begins – Weigh on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> – start test the 8 <sup>th</sup>
November 15, 2016	Ultrasound Senior Division bulls
December 6, 2016	28-day weights taken
January 3, 2017	56-day weights taken
January 27, 2017	Signed registration papers due
January 27, 2017	Ultrasound Junior Division bulls
January 30 & 31, 2017	Test period ends – Weigh on 30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> – end test 31 <sup>st</sup>
February 3, 2017	Scrotal & Pelvic Measurements taken, Brucellosis testing
February 6, 2017	Adjusted 205-d and 365-d WTs due – must have all weights turned into the association and then contact the test station with those adjusted weights ASAP
February 10, 2017	Video bulls
February 17 <sup>th</sup> or 24 <sup>th</sup>	BSE exams
<b>March 3, 2017</b>	<b>40<sup>th</sup> SIU Performance Tested Bull Sale @ 6:30 pm</b>

**Contact Information:**

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**Heifer Consignment details will be on the website and an email sent out shortly. For immediate questions about the heifer program please contact Dr. Steckler at 618-695-4917.**

RESERVATION APPLICATION Southern Illinois University Performance-tested Bull Program  
If wish to enter more than one bull, fill out this form for each bull and then rank the priority of each bull next to the bull's name.

◇ Consignor's name \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Farm name \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill in the diamond beside the name you want used in the reports and sale catalog.**

Rank:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bull's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth WT: \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo \_\_\_\_\_

Sire's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sire's registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ If not purebred, what percentage(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Place an X in blank on left if you are ONLY testing this bull (NOT FOR SALE)**

◇ Consignor's name \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Farm name \_\_\_\_\_

Address

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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I also agree to hold the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, its agents and employees harmless of any loss which I may suffer for whatever cause, as a result of my participation in the Bull Test program; however, Southern Illinois University will make every effort to safeguard the health and safety of the bull.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$100 for each bull entered made payable to **Southern Illinois University**.

Owner's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed form and payment by **September 9, 2016** to:

Rebecca Atkinson  
Beef Evaluation Station  
Ag. Bldg. – MC 4417  
Carbondale, IL 62901

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