



Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association

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Dear Alabama BCIA Members and Alabama Cooperative Extension Agents:

Enclosed you will find the guidelines and nomination forms for the 15th Annual Fall Round Up Bull and BCIA Genetic Verified Heifer Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, November 12, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Alabama Livestock Auction in Uniontown, AL.

The birth date range for this year's sale has been widened to market 16 month to 4 year old bulls born from November 1, 2006 to May 31, 2009 for the 2010 sale. Also, please take note, that for next year's sale, adjusted yearling weights will be required for 16 month to 2 year old bulls. For the 2011 sale, this will be bulls born from August 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 where adjusted yearling weights would be required to be reported.

Also please take note of Alabama BCIA's continued policy regarding genetic defects. Alabama BCIA also encourages all consignors to test their animals for any genetic defects as directed by their respective breed association. The genetic defect status of animals to be sold in BCIA sales will be checked by contact with the respective breed association by the sale coordinator prior to the sale. Any known carriers or potential carriers of a genetic defect will be noted by announcement in the sale catalog, sale supplement sheet, or vocally from the sale block for full disclosure.

Please also review the enclosed birth date and weight chart to find the minimum delivery weight of bulls by birth date. This chart will allow you to monitor your bull's growth to insure meeting the delivery weight requirements for the sale and avoiding rejection. **Also, documentation of the semen evaluation and scrotal measurements, either by the BCIA BSE Form or the Society for Theriogenology form, must be presented when bulls are delivered at the sale site.**

BCIA will again offer the BCIA Genetic Verified Commercial Heifer Sale as part of this event. This sale will target open and bred heifers, calving from January 1 to June 15, 2011, with genetic documentation, group age, and source information. A complete list of nomination guidelines and forms are included in this packet. The BCIA Genetic Verified Commercial Heifer Sale will provide Alabama cattle producers an avenue to expand their marketing of replacement heifers with genetic verification. It is another opportunity offered by BCIA to expand their mission of serving the state beef cattle industry.

The nomination deadline for this sale is **August 15, 2010**. The substitution or withdrawal deadline is September 15, 2010, which will allow for substitutions or withdrawals without forfeiting entry fees. After Sept. 15, entry fees will not be refunded. **Bulls and heifers should arrive at the AL Livestock Auction in Uniontown, AL on Thursday, November 11, 2010 between 8 AM and 3 PM.** Please call me if you have any questions about the 2010 Fall Round Up Bull and BCIA Genetic Verified Heifer Sale.

Sincerely,

Michelle F. Elmore
Extension Animal Scientist/Beef Cattle Improvement

2010 ALABAMA BCIA "FALL ROUNDUP" BULL SALE GUIDELINES

Entry Deadline: August 15, 2010

1. Consignors must be an active Alabama BCIA member.
2. All bulls must be registered with a recognized breed association & have EPDs for birth, weaning, maternal & yearling published in the catalog. If available, carcass EPDs will be listed in the footnotes. **All bulls must have a minimum adjusted weaning weight of 525 lbs for nomination. Birth & weaning weights are required to be reported at nomination to meet minimum weights & yearling weights are highly recommended to be reported in the catalog. **Take note, in 2011, adjusted yearling weights will be required for 16 month to 2 year old bulls born 8/1/09-5/31/10.****
3. **Age Range- November 1, 2006 through May 31, 2009**
4. Bulls born between May 31, 2009 & August 1, 2008 must have a WDA of 2 lbs. All others must weigh at least 1,700 lbs. A 5% shrink will be allowed as bulls are weighed. **Bulls not meeting the delivery weight requirements will be rejected from the sale at sale delivery when weights are taken & calculated.**
5. The deadline to consign bulls to this sale is **AUGUST 15, 2010**. The nomination items need to be mailed to: Michelle Elmore Alabama BCIA 40 Co Rd 756 Clanton, AL 35045 for each bull to be consigned:
6. Withdrawals or substitutions will be allowed until September 15, 2010 without forfeiting entry fees. **After Sept. 15, 2010, no substitutions will be accepted & no entry fees will be refunded.**
7. The \$100 entry fee per bull is due with nomination, payable to AL BCIA. It will be refunded provided the bull arrives at the sale & is sold. The sale cost includes: 4% of the announced selling price, 1% auctioneer fee, fixed cost of catalog, transfer fees, Beef Promotion & a prorated charge for all other cost to include advertising, labor, and barn rent.
8. Each **out of state bull**, on delivery, must have a current valid interstate health certificate (with lot number and tattoo) indicating freedom from brucellosis (bangs). **Out of state** bulls from a certified & accredited herd still require an interstate health certificate. In order to comply with state and federal laws currently in effect regarding tuberculosis, brucellosis, and interstate shipment of breeding cattle, you should consult your veterinarian and discuss this matter.
9. **A minimum scrotal circumference of 32 cm is required for all bulls selling.** The consignor is responsible for having each bull's semen evaluated within 60 days prior to delivery. **Documentation either by the BCIA BSE Form or the Society for Theriogenology form of the semen evaluation & scrotal measurements must be presented when bulls are unloaded at sale site, if the bulls are to be sold in this sale.**
10. The consignor guarantees every bull selling to be a breeder, for a period of six months following sale date.
11. **Sale order will be determined by EPD percentiles for each bull within breed for calving ease or birth, weaning, yearling, and milk.** The within breed EPD index will be calculated using an individual bull's EPD & referencing the corresponding percentile for the listed 4 traits with the formula:
EPD Index=100-(CE/BW+WW+YW+Milk)/4. Breed rotation will be determined by the number of each breed represented.
12. **Bulls should arrive at the AL Livestock Auction in Uniontown, AL on Thursday, November 11, 2010 between 8 AM & 3 PM.** Each bull must be ear tagged with both his lot visual tag & electronic tag before arrival. Both tags will be provided by BCIA. A state premise id number is also required.
13. **Consignors or their designated representative will be required to remain on the premises during sale processing until their bulls or heifers are weighed & penned to verify animals meeting minimum weights & to assist in processing.** General labor will be provided by BCIA & by requested BCIA members. Please make certain that feed & feeding instructions are given to the sale management, if applicable.
14. All consignors of bulls to this sale agree to abide by the rules & guidelines & to all conclusions & decisions of the sale management.
15. BCIA reserves the right to limit the number of consignments to this sale.
16. Consigned bulls remain the property of the consignor until sold in the auction ring. Neither AL BCIA, AL Livestock Auction nor any representative associated with this sale shall assume any liability, legal or otherwise.
17. Sale capacity will be 130 total nominated bulls, in this priority order, Alabama, southeast region, & then national consignors.

2010 Alabama BCIA Fall Round Up Sale
Minimum Bull Weight Requirements
(All weights include 5% shrink)

*** All bulls born from 11/1/06 to 7/31/08 must weigh at least 1,700 lbs***

<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Min Wt</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Min Wt</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Min Wt</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Min Wt</u>
08/01/08	1581	09/18/08	1490	11/05/08	1398	12/23/08	1307
08/02/08	1579	09/19/08	1488	11/06/08	1397	12/24/08	1305
08/03/08	1577	09/20/08	1486	11/07/08	1395	12/25/08	1303
08/04/08	1575	09/21/08	1484	11/08/08	1393	12/26/08	1302
08/05/08	1573	09/22/08	1482	11/09/08	1391	12/27/08	1300
08/06/08	1571	09/23/08	1480	11/10/08	1389	12/28/08	1298
08/07/08	1569	09/24/08	1478	11/11/08	1387	12/29/08	1296
08/08/08	1568	09/25/08	1476	11/12/08	1385	12/30/08	1294
08/09/08	1566	09/26/08	1474	11/13/08	1383	12/31/08	1292
08/10/08	1564	09/27/08	1473	11/14/08	1381	01/01/09	1290
08/11/08	1562	09/28/08	1471	11/15/08	1379	01/02/09	1288
08/12/08	1560	09/29/08	1469	11/16/08	1378	01/03/09	1286
08/13/08	1558	09/30/08	1467	11/17/08	1376	01/04/09	1284
08/14/08	1556	10/01/08	1465	11/18/08	1374	01/05/09	1283
08/15/08	1554	10/02/08	1463	11/19/08	1372	01/06/09	1281
08/16/08	1552	10/03/08	1461	11/20/08	1370	01/07/09	1279
08/17/08	1550	10/04/08	1459	11/21/08	1368	01/08/09	1277
08/18/08	1549	10/05/08	1457	11/22/08	1366	01/09/09	1275
08/19/08	1547	10/06/08	1455	11/23/08	1364	01/10/09	1273
08/20/08	1545	10/07/08	1454	11/24/08	1362	01/11/09	1271
08/21/08	1543	10/08/08	1452	11/25/08	1360	01/12/09	1269
08/22/08	1541	10/09/08	1450	11/26/08	1359	01/13/09	1267
08/23/08	1539	10/10/08	1448	11/27/08	1357	01/14/09	1265
08/24/08	1537	10/11/08	1446	11/28/08	1355	01/15/09	1264
08/25/08	1535	10/12/08	1444	11/29/08	1353	01/16/09	1262
08/26/08	1533	10/13/08	1442	11/30/08	1351	01/17/09	1260
08/27/08	1531	10/14/08	1440	12/01/08	1349	01/18/09	1258
08/28/08	1530	10/15/08	1438	12/02/08	1347	01/19/09	1256
08/29/08	1528	10/16/08	1436	12/03/08	1345	01/20/09	1254
08/30/08	1526	10/17/08	1435	12/04/08	1343	01/21/09	1252
08/31/08	1524	10/18/08	1433	12/05/08	1341	01/22/09	1250
09/01/08	1522	10/19/08	1431	12/06/08	1340	01/23/09	1248
09/02/08	1520	10/20/08	1429	12/07/08	1338	01/24/09	1246
09/03/08	1518	10/21/08	1427	12/08/08	1336	01/25/09	1245
09/04/08	1516	10/22/08	1425	12/09/08	1334	01/26/09	1243
09/05/08	1514	10/23/08	1423	12/10/08	1332	01/27/09	1241
09/06/08	1512	10/24/08	1421	12/11/08	1330	01/28/09	1239
09/07/08	1511	10/25/08	1419	12/12/08	1328	01/29/09	1237
09/08/08	1509	10/26/08	1417	12/13/08	1326	01/30/09	1235
09/09/08	1507	10/27/08	1416	12/14/08	1324	01/31/09	1233
09/10/08	1505	10/28/08	1414	12/15/08	1322	02/01/09	1231
09/11/08	1503	10/29/08	1412	12/16/08	1321	02/02/09	1229
09/12/08	1501	10/30/08	1410	12/17/08	1319	02/03/09	1227
09/13/08	1499	10/31/08	1408	12/18/08	1317	02/04/09	1226
09/14/08	1497	11/01/08	1406	12/19/08	1315	02/05/09	1224
09/15/08	1495	11/02/08	1404	12/20/08	1313	02/06/09	1222
09/16/08	1493	11/03/08	1402	12/21/08	1311	02/07/09	1220
09/17/08	1492	11/04/08	1400	12/22/08	1309	02/08/09	1218

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Minimum Bull Weight Requirements
(All weights include 5% shrink)**

<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Min Wt</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Min Wt</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Min Wt</u>
02/09/09	1216	03/29/09	1125	05/16/09	1034
02/10/09	1214	03/30/09	1123	05/17/09	1032
02/11/09	1212	03/31/09	1121	05/18/09	1030
02/12/09	1210	04/01/09	1119	05/19/09	1028
02/13/09	1208	04/02/09	1117	05/20/09	1026
02/14/09	1207	04/03/09	1115	05/21/09	1024
02/15/09	1205	04/04/09	1113	05/22/09	1022
02/16/09	1203	04/05/09	1112	05/23/09	1020
02/17/09	1201	04/06/09	1110	05/24/09	1018
02/18/09	1199	04/07/09	1108	05/25/09	1017
02/19/09	1197	04/08/09	1106	05/26/09	1015
02/20/09	1195	04/09/09	1104	05/27/09	1013
02/21/09	1193	04/10/09	1102	05/28/09	1011
02/22/09	1191	04/11/09	1100	05/29/09	1009
02/23/09	1189	04/12/09	1098	05/30/09	1007
02/24/09	1188	04/13/09	1096	05/31/09	1005
02/25/09	1186	04/14/09	1094		
02/26/09	1184	04/15/09	1093		
02/27/09	1182	04/16/09	1091		
02/28/09	1180	04/17/09	1089		
03/01/09	1178	04/18/09	1087		
03/02/09	1176	04/19/09	1085		
03/03/09	1174	04/20/09	1083		
03/04/09	1172	04/21/09	1081		
03/05/09	1170	04/22/09	1079		
03/06/09	1169	04/23/09	1077		
03/07/09	1167	04/24/09	1075		
03/08/09	1165	04/25/09	1074		
03/09/09	1163	04/26/09	1072		
03/10/09	1161	04/27/09	1070		
03/11/09	1159	04/28/09	1068		
03/12/09	1157	04/29/09	1066		
03/13/09	1155	04/30/09	1064		
03/14/09	1153	05/01/09	1062		
03/15/09	1151	05/02/09	1060		
03/16/09	1150	05/03/09	1058		
03/17/09	1148	05/04/09	1056		
03/18/09	1146	05/05/09	1055		
03/19/09	1144	05/06/09	1053		
03/20/09	1142	05/07/09	1051		
03/21/09	1140	05/08/09	1049		
03/22/09	1138	05/09/09	1047		
03/23/09	1136	05/10/09	1045		
03/24/09	1134	05/11/09	1043		
03/25/09	1132	05/12/09	1041		
03/26/09	1131	05/13/09	1039		
03/27/09	1129	05/14/09	1037		
03/28/09	1127	05/15/09	1036		

Reference Tables for Sperm Motility and Morphology

Minimum Recommended Motility is: 30% or Fair (F)		
<u>Mass Activity (Gross)</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Individual</u>
Rapid Swirling	Very Good (VG)	≥ 70%
Slower Swirling	Good (G)	50 - 69%
Generalized Oscillation	Fair (F)	30 - 49%
Sporadic Oscillation	Poor (P)	< 30%

Sperm Morphology	
Minimum Recommended Morphology is: 70% Normal Cells	
Primary Sperm Abnormalities:	Secondary Sperm Abnormalities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underdeveloped Double forms Acrosome defect Narrow heads Crater/Diadem defect Pear-shaped defect Abnormal contour Small abnormal heads Free abnormal heads Abnormal midpiece Proximal droplet Strongly folded or coiled tail Accessory tails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small normal heads Giant and short broad heads Free normal heads Detached, folded, loose acrosomal membranes Abaxial implantation Distal droplet Simple bent tail Terminally coiled tail
	Other Cells:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epithelial cells Erythrocytes Medusa formations Sperm precursor cells Round cells White blood cells

**Alabama BCIA "Fall Round Up" Bull Sale
November 12, 2010 – Uniontown, AL**

Entry Deadline: August 15, 2010

BCIA Herd Code: _____

Alabama (or Resident State) Premise No: _____

Farm Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total Number of Bulls: _____

Breed: _____

Checklist to have returned with this form to the BCIA Office by August 15, 2010 to complete registration:

_____ Entry Fee (\$100 per bull)

_____ Signed Registration Papers

_____ Complete Footnote Information

_____ Complete Nomination Form

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED (\$100 PER BULL): _____

Make checks payable to AL BCIA. Mail entry forms, registration papers,
and entry fees to: Michelle Elmore, 40 County Road 756, Clanton, AL 35045.

I have read and understand all the rules of the 2010 Fall Round Up Bull Sale, and I agree to abide by these rules. **NOTE: Would you like to participate in the Alabama State Checkoff Program at 50¢/head? This will be in addition to the National Checkoff of \$1.00/head.**

Please indicate by marking: Yes Or No

Signature _____

Date _____

**Alabama BCIA “Fall Round Up” Bull Sale
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Farm Name _____

Contact Name _____

**NOTE: Shaded columns are mandatory performance information to provide!!
Please also select each bull as either a virgin or non-virgin herd sire!!!**

Nomination Performance Information Form							
<u>Tattoo #</u>	<u>Lot # For Office Use</u>	<u>Birth Wt.</u>	<u>Adj. Weaning Wt.</u>	<u>Weaning Ratio</u>	<u>Adj. Yearling Weight</u>	<u>Yearling Ratio</u>	<u>Footnote Information</u>
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Additional Footnote Information

(Please mark each tattoo number clearly for each footnote line.)

BCIA Genetic Verified Commercial Heifer Sale
Source, Age, and Genetic Verified

1. Consignors must be an active member of Alabama BCIA.
2. Heifers must be sired by a properly registered bull that is transferred to the owner of the heifers. The registration number of the bull or bulls must be provided at consignment to the sale.
 - a. For AI sires, a receipt from the purchase of the semen and the registration # of the sire is required. If semen resulted from collection of a bull owned by the consignor, proof of semen collection of the bull is required.
 - b. For a leased herd sire, a statement for the owner of the bull including the dates of lease and the registration # of the bull is required.
 - c. Heifer calves resulting from the purchase of bred heifers will require a statement from the original owner or breeder of the bred heifer that will include the service sires registration #, breeding dates, and proof of sale to the consignor.
3. Heifers must be born on the farm of origin.
4. Group age must be documented (age of the oldest and youngest heifer in the sale group must be provided.) Groups of heifers are encouraged for consignment, but singles are not excluded.
5. Minimum WDA of 1.5 lbs required at sale delivery and will be calculated on pen average with no pen of heifers having over a 90 day age span.
6. Vaccinations recommended will be the following: (all vaccinations must be administered at least 3 weeks before sale delivery)
 - a. 7-way Blackleg (Clostridial diseases)
 - b. 5-way Leptospirosis
 - c. IBR-PI3-BVD-BRSV
 - d. Heifers must be treated for internal and external parasites prior to the sale.The above vaccines should be given twice (a primary and booster) in accordance with BQA guidelines. Either Program A: Primary vaccination 3-4 weeks before weaning and a Booster vaccination at weaning or Program B: Primary vaccination at weaning and a Booster vaccination prior to the sale.
7. Heifers must be weaned at least 30 days prior to delivery for the sale.
8. Heifers must have never been implanted with any growth stimulant.
9. Open heifers will be guaranteed to be open. If any open heifers sold are found to be bred, it will be the responsibility of the buyer to notify the breeder at the first sign of pregnancy, so that the heifer can be returned to the breeder. The breeder will only consider refunding the purchase price of the heifers if they are in good condition and returned prior to calving.
10. Open heifers purchased in this sale or other BCIA Heifer Sales may be consigned to this sale as bred heifers the following year, per meeting the requirements for bred heifers.

Additional Requirements for Bred Heifers:

1. Bred heifers will be guaranteed bred (at a minimum of 60 days) at sale time with documentation from a veterinarian at delivery.
2. A breeding date or date range and the resulting projected calving date range will be required for each bred heifer. The specific breeding and calving date range will be set for

each sale date. For the November 2010 sale, bred heifers should calve after January 1 to June 15, 2011 with breeding dates of March 23 to September 1, 2010.

3. A properly registered service sire that is transferred to the owner of the heifers and the registration number of the sire (or sires) of the bred heifer(s) must be provided at consignment to the sale. For a leased service sire, a statement for the owner of the bull including the dates of lease and the registration # of the bull is required. Low birth weight, calving ease service sires are highly recommended.
 4. A minimum average weight of 850 lbs. is required at delivery for all bred heifers. This average weight will be collected on all the bred heifer consignments by each consignor.
- Sale(s) are invited to be held in conjunction with existing BCIA bull sales. The respective bull sale committees may add additional requirements but may not remove any of these respective guidelines; however, the bull sale committees may omit the addition of bred heifers to fit their sales and sale dates.
 - Sale will have a 2% commission for BCIA. The total commission will be 5%, which will also include 1% for auctioneer expenses and 2% for sales expenses.
 - A nomination fee of \$15.00/head will be required at consignment, which will be refunded provided the heifers arrive and are sold in the respective sale.

Sale Order: Sale order will be determined using the following information.

1. Use combination of EPDs of sire or sires as compared to the current breed average
2. WDA at delivery
3. Input from a screening committee

