



**Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association**  
**40 County Road 756 Clanton, Alabama 35045 205/646-0115**

May 2, 2011

**NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER**  
**Call for 2011 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 2011 evaluation period and sale. Please pay attention to all necessary nomination and consignment requirements so problems or mistakes can be eliminated. If you plan to enter bull(s), please read the following closely:

Nomination deadline:	<b>June 14, 2011</b>
Mail nominations (page 9) and a check made out to Alabama BCIA for \$100/bull to:	<b>Gerry Thompson P.O. Box 159 Belle Mina, AL 35615</b>
Earliest date for Brucellosis test:	<b>June 12, 2011</b>
Latest date for 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of vaccines:	<b>June 7, 2011</b>
Latest date for 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccines:	<b>June 21, 2011</b>

The enclosed packet contains NABEC Rules and Regulations for 2011 and a form entitled "Alabama BCIA Bull Evaluation 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,

Gerry Thompson  
Regional Extension Agent  
Animal Science / Forages  
Supt., N. AL Bull Evaluation Center  
Phone: (256) 353-8702, Ext. 25

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## NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2011

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 2011 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 65
- C. **Dates of Test**

Nomination Deadline - **June 14, 2011**

Delivery of bulls - **July 12, 2011**

84-day Gain Evaluation begins - **August 9, 2011**

84-day Gain Evaluation ends - **November 1, 2011**

Sale Date and Place - **December 10, 2011** 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 - 85 cents per bull per day from delivery date to removal date. **A \$100.00 deposit for each bull is payable with application.** 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 day. 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 \$150.00 per bull will be payable on delivery date. An additional \$150.00 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.
  - 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. Postage will be charged for catalog mailing.

### E. Eligibility for Entry:

- 1. Registration - Bulls must be registered or recorded in a recognized breed association. **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; 3. Birth, weaning, yearling and milk EPDs must be supplied. Registration papers and Expected Progeny Differences must be supplied upon delivery or bulls will not be accepted unless prior approval has been given.**
- 2. Birth Dates - Bulls must be born August 15 through November 15, 2010, inclusive.
- 3. Birth Weights - Birth weights must be supplied.

4. Weaning Records - Bulls must have official weaning records complied by a State BCIA or a national breed association. These records shall include adjusted 205-day weight, weight ratio and number of contemporaries. These records must be supplied upon delivery unless prior approval is given.
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.
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, August/September-born bulls should have a minimum scrotal measurement of 27 centimeters, October/November-born 26.5 cm. Any bull not meeting these requirements will be evaluated by the processing crew to determine whether the bull may remain for the growth trial.
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 30 days prior to July 12, 2011, (June 13, 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> dose no later than June 7 and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose no later than June 21:** (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 (PI<sub>3</sub>), (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.

- F. 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 with poor conformation or bad dispositions will not sell. The bulls will be semen tested, those not passing as potential breeders will not be sold.

**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 (birth, 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 2011 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 past 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 of Alabama BCIA. The membership number must be supplied on the nomination form (page 8).**

**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 1, 2011**. 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 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 Specialists in Animal Science, and test station management will be responsible for collecting, computing, certification and distributing performance records.
- E. **Finances** - The BCIA shall be responsible for collecting fees and sale receipts, and for paying all bills relative to evaluating and selling the bulls.

## III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF NABEC

NABEC shall furnish the following services and facilities at a daily yardage fee of 85 cents per head:

- 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. There is a minimum bid price of \$1250.00 for each bull that sells in the 2011 NABEC sale.
- 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 that are cataloged must be sold in the sale.

## 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 14, 2011**.
- 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 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the assigned date.

- D. Registration and Performance Records** - Provide the Alabama BCIA with official weaning records and the *original* breed registration certificate with EPDs for each bull when delivered. If a bull does not sell, the registration certificate will be returned. If registration papers cannot be supplied at delivery, fill out the pedigree and performance attachment completely (pages 7-8).
- Important:** Prior approval must be given if registration papers and/or EPDS cannot be supplied at delivery. If this information is not received within the allotted time, bulls will be sent home.
- 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 **\$300.00** (or you may elect to take advantage of the installment option as outlined in Section I:D:2 on page 3) 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 minimum requirements (See #8 under Eligibility for Entry on page 3.)
2. Make sure all health papers are in order. Bulls with warts and/or ringworm will not be accepted. Bad temperament will lead to immediate disqualification.
3. All requested forms and signed registration certificates with Expected Progeny Differences must be presented at delivery.
4. Consignments should be tagged and **have readable tattoos** for processing.
5. **Bulls with bad dispositions will not be accepted.**
6. All checks are to be made out to "Alabama BCIA". **(\$100.00 nomination feed due when consigning and feed and vet deposit upon delivery as outlined in Section I:D:2 on page 3).**

**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.**

**2011 NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER  
PEDIGREE AND PERFORMANCE DATA**

**IMPORTANT** - The following information must be completed and supplied at delivery along with the enclosed **BCIA Bull Evaluation Health and Treatment Certificate**.

**Note:** Registration papers and Expected Progeny Differences are required at delivery.

Farm  
:

Name:

Address:

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Alabama Premise I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a purebred bull?  Yes  No If no, what is the percentage? \_\_\_\_\_ Purebred Herd Number

Did you creep feed?  Yes  No

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

Are you required to pay transfer fees with your breed association?  Yes  No

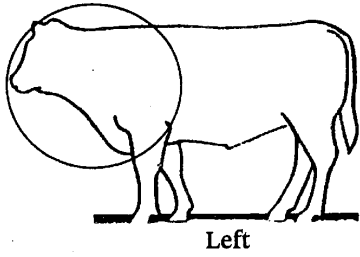
Please complete this data table. **Attention Consignors – You MUST fill out this form COMPLETELY. Please be certain you include the actual birth date of dam! (Please note: EVERY block below must be filled out!)**

Tattoo	Ear Tag	Birth		Weaning		Adj. 205 Day			Dam's Date of Birth
		Date	Wgt	Date	Wgt	Wgt	# Contemp	Ratio	





# Alabama BCIA Bull Evaluation Health & Treatment Certificate



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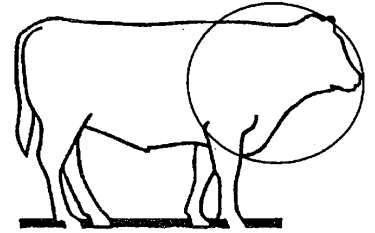
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner/Manager)

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 <sub>3</sub> / BVD							
	BRSV							
	Pasteurella haemolytica with leukotoxoid (*2 <sup>nd</sup> 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



**2011 NORTH ALABAMA BULL EVALUATION CENTER  
NOMINATION FORM**

**Nomination Deadline - June 14, 2011  
Nomination acceptance will cease after 80 bulls are consigned.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BCIA Herd 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** \$0.50/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 2011.

**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.**

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