

To: All UT Bull Test Consignors

Dear Breeders;

As you have and continue to wean your future herd sire candidates, time has come to begin the UT Bull Evaluation consignment process. We were extremely honored to host an outstanding set of young sires last year and are very excited to see your programs' progress in this years' class of consignments. As you all are aware many benefits are yielded from this unique program. First, is the value each seed stock producers gains from competition and comparison. Second, is the tremendous genetic value obtained by the commercial producers purchasing these outstanding prospects. Third, is our states agricultural economy that yields the benefit of improved feeder cattle production and reputation due to this program and your efforts.

As you are beginning to make selections for nominations please note a listing of important dates for this upcoming class of bulls. This and additional information can be found at the Bull Testing Program Website -

<https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/Pages/BullTestProgram.aspx>

Birth Dates	9/1/2020- 12/15/2020
Nomination Deadline	July 16, 2021
Delivery	August 10, 2021
On-Test Report	August 23 and 24, 2021
28-Day Weight Report	September 21, 2021
56-Day Weight Report	October 19, 2021
Ultrasounds	Between October 31 and November 15, 2021
Off-Test Report	November 15 and 16, 2021
Sale Date	January 13, 2022

In addition to the above important dates please note the **hoof scoring diagram** included. I would ask that each of you inspect your prospective consignments hooves as this is one factor that can result in your bull not being accepted on the day of delivery. Ideally your bulls' feet should present between a **4 and 6 for both foot angle and claw set** upon delivery. It should also be understood that hoof growth can continue in a negative manner and the bull may be disqualified at a later point during the test period and even on sale day. If you have any questions or concern regarding your bulls' hooves I will be glad to inspect prior to delivery either through a series of photos or a farm visit.

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**Foot Angle: 5 is ideal**



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**Claw Set: 5 is ideal**



I would like to note that due to increasing feed ingredient cost we anticipate that the test cost each bull accrues will be higher than this previous test. I mention this not to discourage consignments but provide clarity and offset any surprises. We will continue to be as efficient as possible and with the charge of caring for and developing your bulls.

We have a great team assembled to provide detailed care, evaluation and marketing of your programs herd sire prospects. Please do not hesitate to contact us with question or concerns throughout this process, as we desire this to be a meaningful and positive part of your operation.

**\*NOTE:** Please do not apply RFID tags. They will be provided and applied upon arrival. If you have already applied one, we will cross reference old number with new and provide you with that information.

Respectfully submitted,

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