

# OPERATING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

## *North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program*



## PREFACE

These Operating Procedures and Policies have been adopted by the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program Committee. The original Operating Procedures were adopted in 1959 and revised in 1972 and 1974. These revised Operating Procedures are a supplement to the Constitution and By-Laws of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association. The Beef Cattle Improvement Program (NC BCIP) Committee shall be responsible for establishing the policies concerning the operation and direction of the overall program. Matters not so specified by the Operating Procedures shall be acted upon by the Executive Committee.

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1. Producers wishing to participate in the program shall make application directly to the County Extension Agent in charge of beef cattle. A producer must be a member of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association before he can enroll his cattle on the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program. If not an active member, please include your check in the amount of \$25.00, made payable to the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, with your application.

2. In commercial herds, all females of calving age in seedstock producing herds must be enrolled.

3. Identification and information about cows, calves and sires should be permanent. It shall be the responsibility of the County Livestock Agent to approve identification record keeping systems. Numbers should not be duplicated or changed during the lifetime of the animal.

4. Weighing and grading dates shall be determined by the producer and the County Extension Agent. The average age should be near 205 days. Calves should be weighed in age groups, preferably between the ages of 160 and 250 days. Calves outside these limits may be so designated on the report.

5. Information collected by the County Livestock Agent is to be edited and mailed to the

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Extension Animal Husbandry,  
Box 7621, 463-B Riddick  
Raleigh, NC 27695-7621***

as soon after weighing as possible. The information will be processed and the information will be returned directly to the producer and a copy to the livestock agent.

6. The calving sheets are in duplicate which will allow reporting data on various age groups yearly. Weighing for the 205-day record should be limited to three times yearly.

7. All bull calves reported on the

205-day record will automatically be reported on a separate sheet to be used for reporting postweaning data. This sheet will accompany the 205-day information returned to the producer, if requested. Producers wishing to consign bulls to the bull testing stations should refer to Rules and Regulations of the testing stations.

8. It shall be the responsibility of the County Livestock Agent to weigh bulls off the 140-day postweaning test at the designated time.

9. Scales for weighing will be the ultimate responsibility of the producer; however, livestock associations and other groups may wish to cooperate in securing scales. These matters will have to be solved on a county or area basis.

10. Each producer will be assigned an individual herd code number. If more than one herd, breed or management practice is present, additional numbers may be assigned. These numbers will be assigned by the NCBCIP office.

11. Management and feeding practice can be coded for individual calves on the report.

12. After each producer completes weighing all his calves, he will receive a complete summary which will consist of the following:

a. Individual cow production record

b. Individual sire production record

c. Complete herd production record.

13. New calving sheets will be sent to the producer at the beginning of a new year.

14. Cows on the 205-day program will be charged at the rate of \$.50 per cow up to 100 cows and \$.35 per cow for each cow over 100. There is a minimum charge of \$10.00 per herd; this is in effect when a producer enrolls fewer than 20 cows. The on-farm 140-day feed test will cost \$1.00 per bull tested with a minimum of \$5.00 per weighing. The charge for additional weighings other than the off-test weighing will be \$.50 per bull with a minimum of \$5.00 for each. The North Carolina Cattlemen's Association will bill producers during December after the records are computed.

15. Any recommendations or suggestions for changes in the Operating Procedures and Policies should be made at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program held in conjunction with the NC Cattlemen's Association Conference or forwarded to the Program Supervisor.

Application for Membership