



**2023 RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA BEEF CATTLE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**BULL TESTING STATIONS**

WAYNESVILLE BULL TEST STATION – Waynesville, North Carolina

BUTNER BULL TEST STATION – Butner, North Carolina

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**PURPOSE**

*The primary purpose of this program is to serve as an educational aid for the genetic improvement and promotion of beef cattle. The purpose of the test is to standardize environmental conditions and feed for evaluating post-weaning performance and to provide useful records for the consignor to use in evaluating and planning his breeding program.*

*The purpose of the sale is to provide a source of and market for performance-tested bulls and to promote the use of genetic evaluation technologies.*



### **TESTS AND SALES**

Two tests and sales are sponsored by NC BCIP. The Butner BCIP Bull Test is operated by the NC State University Agricultural Research Service and is located at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory. Qualifying bulls will be sold at the Granville County Livestock Arena in Oxford. Station manager is Greg Shaeffer, 8800 Cassam Road, Bahama, NC 27503, 919/471-6872.

The Waynesville BCIP Bull Test is located at the Mountain Research Station located in Waynesville and is operated by N.C. Department of Agriculture. The sale is held at the WNC Regional Livestock Center in Canton. Station manager is Kyle Miller, 265 Test Farm Road, Waynesville, NC 28786, 828/456-3943.

### **ELIGIBILITY OF CONSIGNORS**

Consignors must be a member of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association and have entire purebred herd enrolled in either the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program, their respective breed association's performance testing program or a comparable program.

There is no restriction on numbers that may be consigned by a breeder as long as space is available. If more animals are consigned that facilities will accommodate, the number accepted from any one breeder will be restricted. If there are, more consignors than can be accommodated even by restricting numbers to one bull each, consignors who have entered bulls within the past two years will be given preference with the remaining positions being filled by new consignor's with-in state preference. Maximum numbers of bulls to be accepted: 99 at Butner and 60 at Waynesville.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY**

Breed - Percentage blood bulls that are recorded (or will become eligible during the test for recording) with a recognized breed association may be tested. Breed percentage will be listed on reports. Both the sire and dam of F1 bulls must be registered with their respective breed associations.

**Age-** Calves must have been born within the following dates:

**Butner-** August 15, 2022 through November 15, 2022

**Waynesville-** August 1, 2022 through November 15, 2022

On-Farm Weaning Performance - Adjusted birth weight and ratio are required. Birth weight EPD will be reported. To be eligible for testing, bulls must be weighed between 160 and 250 days of age and have a minimum weight per day (WDA) of 2.5 lbs.

Bulls must have nursed their own dam. Any that have been on a nurse cow will not be accepted. However, embryo transfer (ET) calves are eligible, if identified as such. Breed of foster dam should be listed on nomination form. A copy of either the performance pedigree or the weaning report showing EPD's along with adjusted 205-day weights must be sent with the nomination form.

**Health-** To be entered, bulls must be virgin bulls. Out-of-state consignments must be accompanied upon delivery by a official health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian

Bulls must be vaccinated and weaned for a period of 30 days before delivery. They must be vaccinated against IBR, PI-3, BVD, BRSV, Pasteurella haemolytica\*, Haemophilus sommas, 5-strain Leptospirosis and 7-strain Clostridial\* diseases. The 1st doses of these vaccines must be given after the calf is 4-months of age. The 2nd\* doses of vaccines may be administered at the time of weaning. (\*If the 1st dose of



*Pasteurella haemolytica* or 7-strain Clostridial vaccines is of the formulation that requires only one dose to stimulate resistance, a 2nd dose may not be required.) **READ THE LABEL!**

Bulls must be vaccinated with a Modified live vaccine. **FOLLOW THE LABEL!** Bulls must be dewormed and treated for grubs and lice. A signed vaccination and health record, on forms provided, must be delivered with the bulls.

It is required that horned bulls be dehorned and completely healed prior to delivery.

A committee headed by the program supervisor will evaluate bulls upon delivery. Any bulls with bad eyes, ringworm, warts, colds or otherwise unhealthy will be rejected. In addition, bulls with fresh tattoos or bulls not correctly tattooed will be rejected.

**Bulls will be required to be tested for PI BVD before arrival at the bull test station. A certificate showing a negative finding must accompany the bull(s) when they arrive at the bull test station.**

**Bull will need to be genomic tested before they arrive at the bull test station.**

**Bulls must have 840 HDX ear tag in left ear upon arrival to bull test station.**

Any bull that is a potential carrier for a recognized genetic defect must be tested before it arrives at the test station if commercial test is available. If it becomes available during the test, they must be tested before it can be sold.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR SALE**

**Reproductive Soundness** - All bulls must pass a breeding soundness exam including measurement of scrotal circumference. All bulls will sell under their respective breed association guarantees. Passing the breeding soundness exam in no way infringes upon the guarantee made by the seller that the bull will be a breeder.

Consignor agrees to any minor corrective surgery required.

A committee will screen bulls eligible to sell. Any bulls considered unsuitable for sale will be rejected. The screening committee's decision is final.

If complete weaning data, pedigree information and EPD's (if available) for a bull were not reported by the 56-day weigh date in the office, the bull will not be cataloged or included in the sale.

**NOTE: SIGNED REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY DATE LISTED ON THE TEST SCHEDULE OR BULL(S) WILL NOT BE CATALOGED OR INCLUDED IN THE SALE!**

**Performance Requirements-** Bulls must have a minimum adjusted 365-day weight (adjusted for age of dam) ratio of 93 within breed group. Bulls must have a minimum ratio of 85 for average daily gain on feed test within breed group. If there are fewer than 5 bulls in a breed group, ratios will be computed with the average of all bulls of similar genetic size. F1/Composite bulls will be grouped by breed according to their breed registry.



**Frame Size** - Minimum adjusted 365-day hip height of 49 inches (5.0 frame score) according to BIF standards.

Of the animals eligible for sale, each breeder will have the option of retaining one bull of his own consignment. If he desires additional animals from his consignment, they may be purchased at the sale.

Consignor may retain a semen breeding interest in any bull but full possession must be sold.

The sale will be a public auction managed by the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association. Consignors will be given the option of using floor prices. **There is a standard floor of \$2,000.**

Sale order within breed will be based on an index, which gives 1/3 weighting to average daily gain ratio, 2/3 weighting to adjusted yearling weight ratio. The top half of Angus bulls will sell followed by other breeds in breed order determined alphabetically in 1994 and rotated thereafter. New breeds will be added to end if rotation. Then the remaining Angus bulls will sell.

**Bulls failing to meet the above requirements will not be sold. If arrangements are not made to remove these bulls by the date listed in the letter with the final reports, the bulls will be sent to slaughter. If bulls are taken to local auction markets, they will be emasculated beforehand and buyers at the market will be notified of this fact. Consignors who will not have any bulls in the sale must pay a deposit to cover costs incurred before they may pick their bull(s) up.**

#### **COSTS**

To be paid when bulls are nominated:

\$15.00 per bull nomination fee. The fee is non-refundable on bulls that are accepted for the test. **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NC BCIP.**

#### **Pre-paid expenses to be PAID when bulls are DELIVERED:**

BUTNER and Waynesville Tests: For each bull, \$75.00 Management Deposit, \$15.00 insurance and partial feed cost payment of \$150.00 (Total = \$240/bull).

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#### **CHECK(S) MUST ACCOMPANY BULL(S), IF PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE.**

Actual cost of feed is pro-rated by rate of gain. The remainder of the feed cost is due at completion of test.

Veterinary costs will be pro-rated on a per head basis for treatment required at the station, except for specific treatment of bulls on an individual basis.

In case a bull is removed during the test, the owner is responsible for all costs until time of removal.

Consignors of bulls not eligible to sell are responsible for all costs except sale costs.

Sale costs - actual sale costs are pro-rated on a per head basis. In addition, the sale manager receives two percent (2%) of gross sales (or \$20.00 for bulls that fail to reach the floor price set by the consignor).

**No producer shall sell a bull at the sale for less than the published floor price at the auction site. Bulls not qualifying for the sale must go to the consignor's farm or slaughter. Anyone not abiding by these rules is subject to disqualification for future test station sales.**



Also, the sale manager has been authorized to collect the following fees assessed by breed associations for bulls of the respective breeds:

**N.C. Angus Association – 1.5% of gross**

**N.C. Simmental Association - 1% of gross**

**N.C. Charolais Association - \$25.00 per bull**

The fee for registered F1/composite bulls will be collected and allocated to their breed association. Consignors will be provided an itemized statement of costs and returns and will be paid (or billed) as soon as possible after the sale.

The stations do not assume responsibility for loss of animals, personal injury or property damage. Each bull is the property of the consignor until it is sold or removed from the test station.

Bulls will be subject to evaluation for age and parentage at any time. If a discrepancy in age or parentage appears to exist, the test supervisor reserves the right to take appropriate action.

Removal of bulls - All bulls must remain for the entire test period unless the test supervisor authorizes removal for health or other reasons.

Management will notify the consignor immediately in case of severe sickness. A diagnostic statement from the veterinarian will accompany same when warranted.

Bulls will be evaluated for disposition during the test. The Supervisor reserves the right to remove wild (unmanageable) bulls from the station(s). Bulls can be picked up by the consignor or shipped to slaughter.

Transfer of Registration - Consignors are responsible for completing, signing and sending to the sale manager an application for transfer of registration for each bull they sell. The sale manager will withhold payment for a bull until such application is received.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program will resolve any questions, problems or changes not covered by the rules and regulations.

#### **RATIONS**

Bulls at Butner and Waynesville are fed a corn silage based ration. Protein and energy supplements will be added to obtain a mixture containing 12% crude protein and 70% TDN. The bulls will be fed once daily.

#### **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Consigning a bull to these tests signifies that the consignor has read the rules and agrees to abide by them.



## 2023 Test Schedules for Bull Test Stations

	Butner	Waynesville
Acceptable Birth Dates	08/15/22 through 11/15/22	08/01/22 through 11/15/22
Last date to give 1st injection	May 24	May 10
Last date to wean & give 2nd injection	June 14	May 31
Nominations Due	June 13	May 31
Delivery Date	July 5	June 21
Starting Weights	July 17 & 18	July 5 & 6
Weigh (56-day)	September 12	August 30
Weigh (84-day)	October 10	September 27
Deadline for Registration Papers to be in BCIP Office	September 13	August 30
Final Weights	November 6 & 7	October 24 & 25
Sale Date**	December 15, 2023	December 2, 2023

\*\* In case of inclement weather, you may call 336.504.7268 after noon on the day before the sale to get a recorded message of tentative status of sale. Call the same number after 7:00 am on sale day to get a message on definite status of sale.