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To: NC BCIP Consignors and Livestock Agents
From: Johnny R. Rogers
Re: NC BCIP Bull Test Consignments
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The NC Beef Cattle Improvement Program is accepting nominations for the Butner and Waynesville Bull Test Stations. **The 2024 Rules, Regulations, and nomination forms are available at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.** Please review this information carefully and submit by the deadline (Waynesville May 30 and Butner June 12). You can request forms in a hard copy by sending your address to Johnny Rogers: jrroger3@ncsu.edu or calling 336.504.7268.

IMPORTANT: In 2021, the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program Committee added genomic testing to the requirements for bulls to enter the bull-testing program. All bulls must have tissue/blood samples submitted to their respective breed associations before they are delivered to the test location (see rules for dates). Producers are encouraged to work with their breed associations to determine proper sampling/testing procedures and to use Genomic Enhanced EPDs in selecting bulls to enter the testing program.

After consulting with local and state veterinarians, the NC BCIP Committee has determined that in-state bulls will not need testing for TB (Tuberculosis) and Bangs (Brucellosis) before entering the bull tests. Out-of-state bulls will need to meet the health requirements to enter North Carolina to be eligible for the testing program.

Bulls are required to test negative for PI-BVD before arrival at the bull test station. Any bull that is a potential carrier of a recognized genetic defect must be tested before it arrives at the test station if there is a commercial test available. All bulls are required to have the 840 HDX Electronic Identification tags. These tags are required to be in the left ear. If you have already put the tag in the right ear do not take them out.

The minimum floor will be \$2,000 on all bulls that are sold. You have the option of placing a higher floor on your bull(s) in the sale. No producer can sell a bull at the auction site for less than the floor price. Also, if you have a bull that does not make the sale it must go back to your farm or be sent to slaughter.

If you have any questions or need more nomination or health forms, please contact Johnny (336.504.7268 or jrroger3@ncsu.edu). Bull test information can be found on the NC BCIP website: <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>. Please consider using the Excel nomination form and the fillable health form. We look forward to a successful testing program in 2024.

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