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Dear Cattlemen,

Enclosed you will find a document that includes the dates, health requirements and management suggestions along with a nomination form for the Spring 2021 Bull Test. Feel free to make as many copies of the nomination forms as you need. We ask that you pay close attention to all age, weight, health and vaccination requirements. Please note that the bulls will be examined closely for warts as they unload. As you probably know, warts are caused by a virus, are very contagious and can lead to bulls being ineligible for the test and/or sale.

Included in these documents you will also find the guidelines for heifer development program we piloted this fall and will continue for the spring test. Bull consigners will be given the opportunity to bring one pen of three replacement heifers that will be eligible for the sale this fall. Please be sure to read the guidelines carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

This information is also available on our website at <https://connorsstate.edu/agri/bull-test>. An electronic nomination form on this page as well if you prefer to nominate online. Please send me a quick email once you have completed your nominations. Let me know if you have any questions. This is also the webpage where we will post the 56, 84 and 112 day reports. The deadline to submit nominations for the **Spring 2021 Test** is **December 1, 2020**. Feel free to contact Roger Morton or myself if you have any questions. Our mobile numbers are included below.

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Best regards,

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BULL TEST ENTRY FORM

I WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING BULL IN THE BULL TEST AT
CONNORS STATE COLLEGE, WARNER, OK

NOTE: Make copies of this form and complete one for each bull entered in the test. Entries must be received by due date. Pedigree information is not necessary if Registration number is provided.

Breed_____

Purebred or Percent_____

Tattoo_____

Birthweight____ Weaning Wt._____

Birthdate_____

Weaning Date_____

Horned, Polled, or Scurred _____

Registration Number _____

I agree to the rules governing the test and that this application is made with my full knowledge of the rules which are in effect. I understand that Connors State College holds no liability for my bull. Signature_____ Date_____

Ranch_____

Social Security Number_____

Phone_____ Address_____

E-Mail Address_____

1. History

The Connors State College (CSC) Bull Test was initiated by Agriculture Instructor Robert Hodges in 1961. The bull sale was a victim of the severe crash in the cattle market in the early 1970s and was discontinued in 1974. In 1977, Gary Harding was hired to lead the Agriculture Department and restart the bull testing program. The 1977 test and sale consisted of only 26 bulls. The second test under Harding's guidance included 45 bulls but there was an ice storm the day of the sale and the auctioneer, Col. Holland Jester wrecked his car on the way to the sale. Col. Bruce Brooks of Marietta, OK has sold every sale since. CSC began conducting two tests and sales annually beginning in 1979.

2. Purpose

The Connors State College Bull Test Station meets the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) definition as a central bull test station as a facility where bulls from different herds are assembled to evaluate performance under uniform conditions. Specifically, the CSC Bull Test Station functions to:

- Evaluate bulls for post weaning performance
- Educate seedstock producers and commercial cattlemen about the value and utilization of performance records and expected progeny differences (EPDs)
- Provide a source of and market for performance tested bulls
- Provide an opportunity for new breeders to introduce their breeding programs to potential customers

3. Location

The Bull Testing and Sale Facility is located on the campus of Connors State College in Warner, OK.

4. General Description

Both Fall and Spring test are 112 days in length. The bulls will be fed a complete growing-finishing ration free choice designed to allow for maximum growth, but not intended to over-finish fast gaining bulls. Course grass hay will also be available to the bulls throughout the test. The bulls will be weighed every 28 days.

5. Bull Test Capacity

Optimal capacity of the current facilities is 96 bulls; therefore, all bulls must be pre-entered. The Test Management reserves the right to limit the number of entries to 3 per consignor in the event the number of pre-entries exceeds capacity. Consideration will be given to breeders who routinely test bulls at Connors state College.

6. Requirements for Entry

The tests are open to all recognized beef breeds and composites. **However, a minimum of five bulls will be required to constitute a breed. If there are fewer than five bulls in a breed, those animals will be tested in the Commercial/Composite division for sale order purposes.**

- Ages
 - Bulls nominated for the **Fall 2020** Test must be born in **September, October and November of 2019**
 - Bulls nominated for the **Spring 2021** Test must be born in **January, February and March 2020.**
- Nomination for Entry

Due to space limitations, all bulls must be nominated in advance of each respective test. Nomination forms can be mailed to Connors State College, ATT: Bull Test Director, 700 College Rd, Warner, OK 74469 or scanned and emailed to ronald@connorsstate.edu . An up to date **W-9** Form should be included if one is not on file.
- Registration Status
 - Breeders are encouraged to register their bulls and obtain EPD information as early as possible. **Bulls without verified registration will be tested and sold as Commercial bulls.**
- Quality
 - It is highly recommended that breeders select bulls that are structurally sound for consignment.

- **Size**
 - **Minimum start weight of bulls will be 650 lbs.**
- **Health Requirements**
 - An official health certificate that confirms bulls meet all state and federal health requirements for transporting to the test station is required to unload bulls
 - All bulls must be tested and confirmed negative for BVD persistent infection (PI) to be eligible for test. Bulls without proper verification upon delivery will be assessed a \$40 charge, quarantined, tested and confirmed negative before being assigned to a pen.
 - Veterinarian confirmation of vaccination program including a list of specific products used. Bulls should be vaccinated for the following antigens at least three weeks prior to delivery:
 - PI3 – Parainfluenza
 - BRRSV – Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus
 - IBR – Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis
 - BVD types 1&2 – Bovine Viral Diarrhea
 - Leptospira Interrogans
 - Colstridium
 - Mannheimia Haemolytica
 - Pasteurella Mutocida
 - Campylobacter fetus
 - Test management reserves the right to refuse any bulls with warts, ringworm and/or mange
 - Bulls should be dewormed and treated for grubs and lice prior to delivery
 - Horned bulls should be dehorned and healed or have their horns tipped prior to delivery
 - It is recommended that hairy bulls entered into the fall test are slickshorn prior to arrival
 - All bulls must have a legible tattoo
 - Wild and/or unmanageable bulls will be removed from or not accepted for the test

7. General Considerations/Liability

Connors State College and its personnel have no obligation or responsibility to produce casualty insurance on the test bulls. Owners should acquire insurance prior to delivery to test if they so desire. Connors State College and its personnel assumes no risk or liability or any animal consigned and is not responsible for loss or injury of any bulls due to sickness, death, injury, fire, theft or any other cause. State and Federal regulations will be followed.

8. Requirements for Sale

All bulls meeting or exceeding the following criteria will be eligible for the sale. While sale order will be based on performance, Test Management reserves the right to select and/or reorder the bulls to achieve best sale results.

- **Performance Requirements**
 - Index – The sum of the 112-Day Average Daily Gain (ADG) ratio and the Weight per Day of Age (WDA) ratio is at least 180 within the appropriate contemporary group.
- **Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE)**

A qualified veterinarian will be retained to evaluate bulls for reproductive soundness at the end of the test utilizing the guidelines established by the Society for Theriogenology. Bulls failing BSE will be eliminated for the sale. Bulls may be rechecked at a later date prior to the sale by the CSC Bull Test Veterinarian at the owner's request and expense.

- Disposition
 - Wild or unmanageable bulls will not be sold

9. Costs

- Pen Fee - The pen fee for every bull accepted into the test is \$185/hd. This fee helps defray the cost of operations and maintenance.
- Feed Costs - Bulls will be penned as uniformly as possible. Total feed will be recorded and each bull will be charged a pro-rated share.
- Veterinary Cost – Special veterinary services and drugs for individual bulls will be charged to the breeder at cost. Veterinary services required as special precautionary measures for the welfare of all animals will be prorated on a fair and equitable basis.
- Breeding Soundness Exam
- Ultrasound Scan for back fat, rib eye area and intramuscular fat
- Sales Cost – Sales expenses include advertising, auctioneer, ring help, catalog, mailings and sale day labor, etc. will be incurred by all bulls in the sale. Sales expenses will be prorated per bull based on the number of bulls cataloged for the sale.
- Consigners of bulls not eligible for the sale are responsible for all costs except sale day expenses. In case a bull dies or is removed from the test, the owner is responsible for all costs incurred.

10. Terms and Conditions of the Sale

- Any changes from information of any kind from the sale catalog will be announced from the box, and such announcements shall take precedence.
- Each animal will be sold to the highest bidder.
- The auctioneer in charge will settle any dispute as to bids, and his decision on such matters shall be final.
- Each animal will be at the purchaser's risk as soon as sold, but it shall be the obligation of the consignor to see that his animals are fed and cared for free of charge to the purchaser until delivery to him or until the expiration of 48 hours following the sale, whichever occurs sooner.
- BREEDING GUARANTEE: All bulls sold are guaranteed by the seller to be breeders if properly cared for. Any bull that settles at least one-third of the healthy cows he breeds will be considered a breeder. The breeding soundness evaluation is not a guarantee of the bull's fertility or breeding ability; it is an estimation of the bull's breeding potential as of the date of the breeding soundness evaluation. Any bull found to be a non-breeder may be returned to the farm of the seller at the buyer's expense and, if in good condition and complying with the health requirements of the seller's state, shall entitle the buyer to a satisfactory adjustment. In the case a bull is claimed to be a non-breeder, the seller shall be entitled to six months following the return of the animal in which to demonstrate that he is a breeder.
- CLAIMS FOR REFUNDS OR ADJUSTMENTS: All claims for adjustment or refund for any reason must be made in writing to the seller within six months of the sale date or within three months after the animal sold reaches the age of 18 months, whichever occurs latter. The return of the full purchase price will, in any case, be deemed full satisfaction and settlement.
- TERMS OF THE SALE ARE CASH. Settlement is to be made immediately following completion of the sale before movement of the bulls from the facility. All checks shall be made payable to the **Connors State College Bull Sale**.
- The above guarantees and terms of sale shall constitute a contract between the buyer and seller of each lot and shall be equally binding upon both. Each sale or resale of an animal constitutes a separate transaction.

- All persons attending this sale do so at their own risk. Neither Connors State College, nor any other person connected with the management of the sale assumes liability, legal or otherwise, for the safety of the building, or for the premises, or for the behavior of the bulls.

11. Important Dates

2020-2021 CSC Bull Test Schedule

	Fall 2019 Test	Spring 2020 Test
Birth dates	September 1 – November 30, 2019	January 1 – March 30, 2020
Nominations due	June 15, 2020	December 1, 2019
Receive bulls	July 16 – 18, 2020	December 3 – December 5, 2020
Official Start	July 30, 2020	December 10, 2020
56-Day Weight	September 24, 2020	February 4, 2021
84-Day Weight	October 22, 2020	March 4, 2021
112-Day Weight	November 19, 2020	April 1, 2021
Sale Day	December 3, 2020	April 8, 2021

Replacement Heifer Program

1. Ages
 - a. Heifers nominated for the **Spring 2021** Test must be born in **January, February and March of 2020**.
2. Eligibility – The Replacement heifer Program will be limited to bull consigners to the Fall 2020 test.
 - a. Each breeder may consign one pen of three heifers to the program.
 - b. Heifers may be registered or commercial. Registration information must be provided at least a month in advance of the sale to be included in the catalog.
 - c. Heifers must have known breed of sire. Actual sire (with registration number) is preferred, but not required.
 - d. Actual birth dates are preferred. If actual birth date is not known, then month of birth is required (birth date will be listed as the 15th; e.g. heifers born in October will be listed as October15).
 - e. Heifers should weigh a minimum of 500 lbs. at delivery. A reasonable transit weight loss will be permitted.
3. Health Requirements
 - a. An official health certificate that confirms heifers meet all state and federal health requirements for transporting to the test station is required to unload heifers.
 - b. All heifers must be tested and confirmed negative for BVD persistent infection (PI) to be eligible for test. Heifers without proper verification upon delivery will be assessed a \$40 charge, quarantined, tested and confirmed negative before being assigned to a pen.
 - c. Veterinarian confirmation of vaccination program including a list of specific products used. Heifers should be vaccinated for the following antigens at least three weeks prior to delivery:

- i. PI3 – Parainfluenza
 - ii. BRRSV – Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus
 - iii. IBR – Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis
 - iv. BVD types 1&2 – Bovine Viral Diarrhea
 - v. Leptospira Interrogans
 - vi. Colstridium
 - vii. Mannheimia Haemolytica
 - viii. Pasteurella Mutocida
 - ix. Campylobacter fetus
- d. Heifers should arrive with an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and officially calfhood vaccinated for Brucellosis.
 - e. Test management reserves the right to refuse any heifers with warts, ringworm and/or mange
 - f. Heifers should be dewormed and treated for grubs and lice prior to delivery
 - g. Horned heifers should be dehorned and healed or have their horns tipped prior to delivery
 - h. It is recommended that hairy heifers entered in the fall test are slick-shorn prior to arrival
 - i. All heifers must have a legible tattoo
 - j. Wild and/or unmanageable heifers will be removed from or not accepted for the test

4. Costs

- a. Since this is a pilot project, cost per pen of heifers will be the total of Feed and Sales cost Plus \$60.00 (\$20/head).
- b. Feed Costs -Total feed will be recorded and each heifer will be charged a pro-rated share.
- c. Veterinary Cost – Special veterinary services and drugs for individual heifers will be charged to the breeder at cost. Veterinary services required as special precautionary measures for the welfare of all animals will be prorated on a fair and equitable basis.
- d. Sales Cost – Sales expenses include advertising, auctioneer, ring help, catalog, mailings and sale day labor, etc. will be incurred by all heifers in the sale. Sales expenses will be prorated per pen of heifers based on the number of bulls and pens of heifers cataloged for the sale.
- e. Consigners of heifers not eligible for the sale are responsible for all costs except sale day expenses. In case a heifer dies or is removed from the test, the owner is responsible for all costs incurred.