DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

WARNER CAMPUS: 700 COLLEGE RD • WARNER OK 74469 • 918.463.2931 THREE RIVERS PORT CAMPUS: 2501 N 41ST ST E • MUSKOGEE OK 74403 • 918.684.5471

May 2, 2022

Dear Cattlemen,

Enclosed you will find a document that includes the dates, health requirements and management suggestions along with a nomination form for the 2022-2023 Bull Test. Feel free to make as many copies of the nomination forms as you need. We ask that you pay 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.

We want to make you aware that due to rising grain prices, we are expecting our feed costs to increase next fall. We believe our ration will cost more than \$375/ton this fall which is about 20% higher than feed cost this spring. Obviously, this will result in higher total costs to test your bulls.

Included in these documents you will also find the guidelines for the heifer development program we have offered in the past where bull consigners will be given the opportunity to bring one pen of three replacement heifers that will be eligible for the sale this fall. While we think limiting replacement heifer offerings to one pen of three per bull consigner is the right direction, we are open to alternative formats and would welcome some feedback on ways to make this more productive.

This information is also available on our website at https://connorsstate.edu/agri/bull-test. 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 repots. The deadline to submit nominations for the Fall 2022 Test is June 17, 2022. Feel free to contact Roger Morton or myself if you have any questions. Our mobile numbers are included below.

Roger: 918.557.4560 Ron: 918.869.7573

<u>roger.morton@connorsstate.edu</u> <u>rronald@connorsstate.edu</u>

Best regards,

Ronald S. Ramming, Ph.D.

President