



2019-2020 St. Croix Valley Bull Test

August 2019

SCVBT Invitation to Consign

Thank you for considering testing your high quality beef bulls at the 2019-20 St. Croix Valley Bull Test Station. The test will be held at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls Mann Valley Farm, just west of River Falls, WI.

Bulls will be fed a high roughage ration of haylage, oatlage, corn silage, high moisture corn, protein, mineral, and dry hay with a two-week warm-up period. All bulls are fed and observed at least once each day and weighed on an average of every 28 days. Ration calculations are targeted for 3 pounds per day average gain. All bulls coming slow to the bunk or not gaining as expected are examined, temperatures taken and treated immediately.

This test allows bulls to express their true genetic potential under conditions similar to the farms they will service. More attention is given to the bulls than at many commercial feedlots. Ultrasound carcass data is collected and a breeding soundness exam completed.

Short-term post sale housing, trucking and marketing help is available for all bulls.

Please direct questions to the following people:

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First Vaccinations done by:	Read and Follow Label Directions (Timing must work with Final Vaccination Date)
Nominations due:	September 20, 2019
Final Vaccinations completed by:	October 12, 2019
Bulls weaned by:	October 12, 2019
Entry Day:	November 2, 2019
Bulls will not be accepted without entry sheets & BVD-PI test results.	
Weigh On:	November 14 and 15, 2019
28-day weigh:	December 13, 2019
63-day weigh:	January 17, 2020
91-day weigh:	February 14, 2020
Sale Comments:	February 26, 2020*
* Sale comments received after this date <u>will not</u> be included in the sale catalog.	
Weigh off:	March 12 and 13, 2020
SCVBT Sale at UWRF:	April 18, 2020

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TEST LOCATION: University of Wisconsin - River Falls Mann Valley Farm
129 South Glover Road, River Falls, WI 54022
715-821-0020

SALE LOCATION: University of Wisconsin-River Falls Mann Valley Farm

PURPOSE: To evaluate differences in performance traits among bulls raised in a uniform environment and fed under practical conditions.

BENEFITS:

- + Educational tool to acquaint producers with performance records.
- + Provides producers with comparative data based on measurable traits of economic value.
- + Provide seed stock to producers.

ADMIN/MGMT: This test is under the general supervision of the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Board. The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is under contract to furnish facilities, complete feeding, care and management for the bulls. Vet services will be used when deemed necessary and at the owner's expense. UW-River Falls and the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Board will not assume liability for the cattle in case of sickness or loss.

If circumstances arise that are not specifically addressed within the St. Croix Valley Bull Test "Rules & Regulations", the SCVBT Board, by majority vote, will impose a ruling to remedy the situation. Voting may be done by phone or email without benefit of a formal board meeting.

For the purpose of the St. Croix Valley Bull Test, the word "Consignor" will be defined as follows; *"All members of one registered beef cattle breeding program/operation, be they family, business associates or joint owners."*

All the member's names may be listed under the heading Consignor, but only one consignment of bulls can be entered into the test. If Consignors have more than one breed, they may enter different bull breeds as long as the total number does not exceed the maximum allowed.

Priority Plan for Accepting Nominations

This plan will **ONLY** be used when nominations exceed space at the station.

- #1 Priority will be given to consignors who tested bulls at this station the previous year.
 - a. Consignors will be limited to a maximum of 6 bulls per consignor unless space is open.
 - b. Should the number of bulls exceed maximum space, consignors with the highest number of bulls nominated will (by lottery selection) be asked to remove one bull each.
- #2 Students currently enrolled at UWRF will be given next priority, for up to 2 bulls.
- #3 The next priority, based on the number of years they have applied, will be given to new consignors who have nominated bulls in previous consecutive years without being accepted.
 - a. A lottery may be used for new consignors if space is limited, allowing up to 2 bulls.

FEEDING

Bulls will be fed a high roughage ration of haylage, oatlage, high moisture corn, corn silage and dry hay, balanced with mineral and protein. The ration will be at least 50% forages and no more than 40% carbohydrates.

TESTING PROCEEDURE

All bulls must be delivered on Saturday, November 2, 2019 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, or “CVI”, (Interstate Health Certificate) must accompany all bulls from outside Wisconsin. The official test will begin after a 14 day warm up period. Bulls will be weighed on and off test two consecutive days and an average will be taken. On Test weigh dates are November 14 and 15, 2019 and Off Test weigh dates are March 12 and 13, 2020. Bulls will be weighed on an average of 28-day intervals.

Traits evaluated will be: Average Daily Gain (ADG) and Weight per Day of Age (WDA)

Bulls will be assigned pens by breeder group. Pen assignment for breeder group will be at the test station manager’s discretion. Growth data will be evaluated on each bull. All bulls that make the sale must pass a breeding soundness exam.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Bulls must be born between Jan 1, 2019 and April 30, 2019.
Bulls born between May 1 and May 20, 2019, may be nominated as alternates in the official test if space is available. Consignors will be notified after nominations are closed as to which bulls will be accepted.
2. Bulls must be at least 50% of one breed and registered.
Bulls with any genetic defect carrier notation on registration papers or are listed as potential defect carriers with the breeds’ association will not be accepted into the test.
A copy of the registration certificate must accompany your nomination form.
3. Birth weights and weaning weights must be submitted to respective breed associations by Jan 31, 2020 or bulls will not be scanned or eligible for sale.
4. **All Bulls** must meet the following health requirements:
 - a. All bulls must arrive at the test station listed on a SCVBT entry sheet signed and dated by the consignor **AND** the consignor’s vet. The entry sheet is enclosed in this booklet (Page 8).
 - b. All NON-Wisconsin bulls must arrive at the test station with current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, or “CVI” (Interstate Health Certificate) issued by a Vet. (Only one form per consignor is needed.)
 - c. All bulls must be weaned at least 21 days prior to entry.
 - d. All bulls must be vaccinated as per Pre-Shipment Program as outlined in this booklet.
 - e. All bulls must be treated for internal parasites/grubs.
 - f. All bulls must be dehorned.
 - g. All bulls must have two testicles present in the scrotum.
 - h. **All bulls are to be tested for BVD-PI prior to test arrival** (negative test results must accompany bull on entry day)

Bulls not meeting these requirements **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** at the station for the protection of all bulls involved in the test.

5. Bulls must arrive at the test station tagged with at least 1 owner ID tag (in the **bull’s right ear**) and tattooed or freeze branded as per breed requirements.
All bulls will be checked on delivery.

PRE-SHIPMENT PROGRAM

Plan to vaccinate bulls 6 weeks and 3 weeks prior to entry day (Nov 2, 2019).

Examples of **possible** vaccines could be the following or equivalent:

- Bovi-Shield FP5 L5™ or CattleMaster Gold FP5 L5™ (give twice, 6 wks & 3 wks pre-entry)
 - BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhea types 1 & 2)
 - IBR (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis)
 - PI-3 (Parainfluenza 3)
 - BRSV (Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus)
 - Leptospirosis (5 serovars)
- Vision 7 somnus™ (give twice, 6 wks & 3 wks pre-entry)
 - Clostridium 7-Way
 - Histophilus somni (formerly Haemophilus somnus)
- Once PMH IN™ (give once, 3 wks pre-entry)
 - Mannheimia haemolytica (formerly Pasturella haemolytica)
 - Pasteurella multocida

Consult your veterinarian for proper vaccination products and procedures.

PROCEEDURES AND FEES

1. Complete the enclosed nomination form and submit it, **along with a copy of the registration papers**, and a nomination fee of \$75 per bull by September 20, 2019. This fee reserves space for your bulls and will be refunded if space is not available. If you are unable to deliver your bulls on November 2 and fail to notify Sandy Drinkman 715-265-4374 by October 26, you will forfeit your nomination fee.
2. All costs pertaining to the care, feeding, testing, and record keeping of the bulls will be paid by the bulls' owners. Each owner will pay the following:
 - a. \$75 PER ANIMAL NOMINATION FEE
 - b. \$10 PER ANIMAL AT DELIVERY FOR “MORTALITY FUND” FEE
 - c. \$260 PER ANIMAL AT DELIVERY FOR A FEED DEPOSIT (PAYABLE TO SCVBT)
 - d. YARDAGE COSTS: \$1.70 PER HEAD/PER DAY
 - e. FEED COSTS: actual cost based on local market price
 - f. AT TEST END, THE REMAINING BALANCE FOR FEED, CARE and RECORDS IN EXCESS OF PAYMENTS
 - g. \$400 release fee *plus* interim expenses for non-sale bulls
3. Bulls should be delivered on Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. See “Arrival Processing” below.
4. Each bull owner will be charged for individual vet treatments.
5. All costs will be charged from the day the bulls arrive at the test station through the day the bull leaves the station. No bull may leave the test station early without a release from the station veterinarian or station manager or unanimous consent of the SCVBT Board of Directors.
6. Final settlement checks will be issued 30 to 45 days after the sale date.
7. Registration papers for bulls must be transferred by the consignor within 60 days of the sale.

ARRIVAL PROCESSING:

Upon arrival:

- **You must stay with your bulls until they have been processed.**
- All bulls will be checked to verify tattoos or freeze brands.
Bull testicles will be checked. Bulls will be checked & must be free of horns.
- Health papers will be checked, **including BVD-PI results.**
- All bulls will receive Inforce 3 (nasal vaccine), prophylactic antibiotic, Zelnate (immune stimulant), and Multimin 90 (selenium supplement).

SALE TERMS:

At the conclusion of this test, a sale of all qualifying bulls will be held.
The sale will be held on April 18, 2020 at UW-River Falls.

Bulls will be placed in two groups for determining sale index, the breed with the largest enrollment in one group and all other breeds combined together in a second group.

To ensure that SCVBT has adequate sale numbers, the number of sale bulls will be approximately 70% of the largest enrollment group and 70% of the other breeds group to achieve a minimum of 40 bulls, based on sale index.

To be eligible for the Sale, bulls must finish the Test with minimum weight of 1050# for the largest enrollment group and 1000# for the other breeds group.

The sale index shall be calculated as follows: $\text{Sale Index} = .75 \text{ ADG Ratio} + .25 \text{ WDA Ratio}$

All bulls making sale must be offered at the sale. Owners must sell at least 1/3 interest in all bulls that make the sale. Owners wishing to retain partial ownership of a bull must notify SCVBT by March 20, 2020.

Sale expenses will be divided equally per sale bull.

All bulls not qualifying for the sale will require a release fee of \$400 plus interim expenses prior to removal from the station.

To qualify for the sale a bull must also pass a breeding soundness exam. Any bull that appears to be reproductively or structurally unsound or hazardous in temperament at the test station will NOT be eligible for the sale.

Sale order will be as follows: Bulls will sell by the breed group with fewest bulls, followed by the breed group with the largest number of bulls. Within each group, the sale order will be based on sale index starting with the highest indexing bull first.

ST. CROIX VALLEY BULL TEST NOMINATION FORM

Nominations due: September 20, 2019

*NAME: _____ Premise ID: _____
 *FARM NAME: _____
 *ADDRESS: _____

 *PHONE: _____
 *Cell: _____
 Email address: _____

****Please enter NAME, FARM NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE exactly as you would like it to appear in the catalog.***

AMOUNT DUE: \$75.00 per nominated bull, _____ (plus \$270 per bull on delivery)
(Excess fees will be credited to future expenses or refunded / see priority plan.)

Make check payable to: St. Croix Valley Bull Test

Mail to: SCVBT c/o Sandy Drinkman N11876 Co. Rd. Q, Downing WI. 54734

BULLS NOMINATED: *(Up to 10 may be nominated / priority plan may apply.)*

	Bull ID Tag	Tattoo/ Fr.Brand	DOB	Breed	Birth Weight	Registration Number
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Alternate nominations: *(Should your first choice nominations change)*

7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please read, sign and date the following before returning the Nomination Form:
*(Form will **not** be accepted without signature and date.)*

I have read all rules, dates and deadlines, and will adhere to them without exception.

 Signature _____ Date

****This form MUST be accompanied by a copy of registration for each bull.**

SCVBT Entry Sheet 2019-20

Arrival day: November 2, 2019 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Owner(s): _____

Farm Name: _____

Owner ID TAG	Tattoo Right Ear	Tattoo Left Ear	Freeze Brand
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Pre-Test Vaccination History

(to be completed prior to arrival)

(Final vaccinations must be completed before 10-12-19)

List: Products _____ dates _____ i.e. (Clos 7, 9-21-19 & 10-12-19)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby certify that the above bulls have been checked and to the best of my judgment, are free from infections and contagious diseases, have 2 testicles and have received the above vaccinations as listed.

Veterinarian Name: _____

Veterinarian signature: _____ Date: _____

Arrival Day Checklist:

- Completed and signed entry sheet.
- Negative BVD-PI test results must accompany entry sheet.
- Non-Wisconsin bulls must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, or "CVI" (Interstate Health Certificate) (see Entry Requirement 4.b.).
- \$270 per bull
- At least 1 owner ID tag on each bull, in the **bull's right ear** (see Entry Requirements).



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