

**PENNSYLVANIA BULL TEST
(Check List)**

1. You must be enrolled in some type of testing program. It is your responsibility to make arrangements to have your bulls weighed. Grading is optional. Contact your county agent or us for help if you need it.
2. Bulls must be born between January 1 and April 15.
3. Regardless of breed the adjusted 205-day weight ratio must be 100 or higher. All bulls must have an adjusted 205-day weight of 550 lbs.

All bulls must have a minimum of 2.5 lbs lifetime weight per day of age at delivery time. All bulls must score at least 12 for conformation at delivery time. This indicates that the muscular development is at least average and the skeletal structure is basically sound.

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It is important that your calves are used to eating grain. We will be using the same ration, corn silage and grain that will be used during the test but will offer the bulls the limited amounts of hay during the adjustment period.

4. **All bulls** must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian and approved by the state veterinarian of the state of origin, Tuberculosis Accreditation and Brucellosis Certification numbers should appear on the chart if applicable.

Tuberculosis testing is not required for Pennsylvania origin animals. Tuberculosis testing is required on bulls originating from out-of state unless from an accredited herd.

All bulls must be negative to a Brucellosis Test, a C-Elisa test for Anaplasmosis, the microscopic agglutination lysis test for 5 strains of Leptospirosis the microplate virus isolation procedure for BVD, and an Elisa or AGID test for Leukosis.

Send a 10cc Red top vacutainer of blood to the Animal Diagnostic Laboratory, Orchard Road, University Park, PA 16802 within 48 hrs of collection and no later than Friday of each week. The Samples must be kept chilled from the time of collection until arrival at Penn State. Blood should arrive at the laboratory before September 29, 2008 in order to have results available for arrival day. Please use the laboratory submission form sent with the letter of nomination acceptance.

5. All bulls will be insured for \$500 unless you specify otherwise, in which case you will be charged according to the amount of insurance requested.

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6. All bulls must be vaccinated against the Bovine Respiratory Complex at least 21 days and not more than 40 days prior to delivery to the Center with an approved IBR-PI3, BRSV, BVD, product, a Hemophilus bacterin, and a Pasteurella bacterin, and reported on the Health Delivery Form.
7. HEALTH SUMMARY (PAPERS TO BE DELIVERED WITH BULL).
 - a. All out-of-state Health Papers must be processed by your state Veterinary Office through the PA Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry, 2301 North Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17120.
 - b. Health Record – form sent to all participants must be filled out completely (2 sides) by herd veterinarian.
8. If a bull arrives at the Center without the proper health papers, and his health status can't be verified by phone with the state issuing agency, he will not be unloaded. So, please have your health papers in order.
9. It is required that all bulls be dehorned on the farm, no bulls will be dehorned at the Center. Animals with small scurs should not be dehorned.
10. SUGGESTED MANAGEMENT OF BULLS BEFORE DELIVERY TO THE TEST STATION
 - a. Read and carry out all health tests and vaccinations well before delivery.
 - b. IMPORTANT - All bulls will be turned into pens with the bunks full. Have bull on full feed before delivery to the test station.
 - c. Wean at least three weeks before delivery. Some sickness is encountered by the added stress of weaning on top of handling.
 - d. Treat all bulls for lice and grubs at least one week before delivery.
 - e. If your bulls need to be dehorned, do it at least three weeks before delivery.