



Bull Development Program

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Program fees:

1. Bulls will be charged a daily yardage charge (\$0.90/d) plus feed and hay costs. Current feed costs (\$0.12/lb; November 2020)
2. All bulls will be charged a \$25/head delivery fee.
3. Costs outside of feed and individual animal veterinary costs include breeding soundness exam, PI-BVD testing, genotyping, and ultrasound for carcass traits.

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Eligibility:

1. Any beef producer is welcome to enter bulls in SFA Bull Development program.
2. Producers are not limited to the number of bulls they enter in the program, available space will dictate number of bulls.

Bulls:

1. Must have been born late fall 2019 and spring 2020.
2. Bulls must have permanent identification of either a legible tattoo or brand along with an ear tag indicating owner and bull id.
3. Bulls must be weaned a minimum of 45 days and bunk broke for a minimum of 2 weeks.
4. Bulls must be polled or dehorned prior to delivery; horn cavities should be healed and free of infection at time of delivery or bulls may be rejected.
5. Must have a minimum weight of 500 pounds on delivery.
6. Bulls will be inspected at time of delivery and will not be accepted if sick, wild, or have a physical defect that may impair future reproductive performance such as: cryptorchidism, testicular hypoplasia, stifled, foundered, "double muscled", etc. Scrotal palpation of prospective entries is recommended at the time vaccinations are given.
7. All bulls will have carcass ultrasound measurements collected and submitted to breed association, if registered.

Health requirements:

1. Bulls originating from Texas do not need a certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate). Out-of-state bulls must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate).
2. Bulls will be tested at the time of delivery for persistent Bovine Virus Diarrhea infection (PIBVD). Owners will be notified should a bull test positive to this disease and will be required to immediately remove the bull from the facility.
3. Bulls must be dewormed and deloused a minimum of 30 days prior to entry.
4. Bulls must be free of active pinkeye, ringworm and warts.
5. Vaccination for the following must be completed according to the manufacturer's specifications by December 15, 2020. Proof of vaccination must be provided with entry fee.
 - IBR, PI3, BVD I / II, BRSV (MODIFIED LIVE WITH BOOSTER)
 - 7-way Clostridium
 - Haemophilus Somnus
 - Pasteurella H&M
 - Lepto and Vibrio
 - Moraxella bovis (Pinkeye)
6. Unsound bulls will be reported to the owners and will either be treated at the owner's expense or removed from the program.

Facilities:

1. Animals will be developed at the Walter C. Todd Agriculture Center Beef Farm located at 442 CR 123 Nacogdoches, TX.
2. Bulls will be fed and housed in groups.
3. Animals will be grouped as much as practical by age or weight.

Feeding program

1. Upon arrival bulls will be placed on forage for 2 weeks prior to beginning the program.
2. Bulls will be housed on pasture with supplement provided at 3.0% of body weight for the first 150 days following the 2 week adjustment period.
3. During the remaining days of the program, the bulls will be housed on pasture and provided supplementation at 1.5% of body weight.

Health & veterinary service:

1. Veterinary service will be obtained when necessary and those charges will be added to development costs.
2. A transportation charge will be added for bulls taken to Eastex Veterinary Clinic for treatment. Every attempt will be made to notify the bull's owner before a bull is transported from the beef farm.

3. Animals that are sick and/or unsound may be removed from the program; the veterinarian and farm manager will make this decision. If an animal is removed from the program, the owner will be notified within 48 hours. Animals may not leave the farm without the veterinarian's illness release, death or consent of the program director.

Program fees:

1. Bulls will be charged a daily yardage fee (\$0.90/d) plus feed costs (feed and hay) based on the average fed to the group.
2. All bulls will be charged a \$25 delivery fee upon arrival.
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Return of bulls:

1. The development program reserves the right to request the owner to remove an animal within 7 days of notification for any of these reasons: not meeting entry requirements, lack of identification, health, disposition, invalid information accompanying the animal, chronic illness, or injury.
2. If an animal fails to complete the program because of death, injury, or illness owners will be billed for all expenses for such animals.

Pickup of bulls:

1. Owners must pick them up by noon on the first Friday in December. Owners of bulls remaining at the SFA Beef Farm beyond pickup deadlines will be charged a \$50 per head per day feed and yardage fee.

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Item	Requirement
Program capacity	50 bulls (minimum of 10 bulls for program)
Horned, polled, or polled/scurs	All bulls must be polled or dehorned and healed before delivery
Pre-delivery vaccination deadline	December 15, 2020
Pre-delivery (weaning) herd health requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBR, PI3, BVD I / II, BRSV (MODIFIED LIVE WITH BOOSTER) • 7-way Clostridium • Haemophilus Somnus • Pasteurella H&M • Lepto and Vibrio • Moraxella bovis (Pinkeye) • Dewormed <p align="right">**PI-BVD testing will be done on-site**</p>
Application deadline	January 4, 2021
Delivery day	January 8 and 15, 2021 (8 am – 5 pm)
Warm-up period	14 days
Weigh days	Bulls will be weighed monthly

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