

Nebraska Bull Test, LLC – 2024-25 Test Rules & Entry Guidelines

CONTACT INFORMATION

Test Management:

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Test Site - The Nebraska Bull Test, LLC will be conducted at Rohde farms (Shane and Jill Rohde) which is located on Highway 2 between Mile marker 298 and 299 to the Rohde farm sign (south side of Highway) and south to intersection and then west and then south to yard. The sign is 4 miles east of Ansley or 2 miles west of Mason City on Hwy 2.
Shane Rhode - (308) 212-0157.

Official Website –

The most up to date rules, entry forms, consignor contacts and performance reports are available at www.nebulltest.com

Consulting Veterinarians - Rice Veterinary Services - Office (308) 870.6761
Dr. Siera Rush (308) 212.0556 and Dr. Russell Rice (308) 870.2247

Board President – Brett Larson – (308) 380-4081

Sale Location – Broken Bow Livestock – Broken Bow, NE

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Deadline for Reserving Pen Space	Sun 9/15/24	Email nebraskabulltest@gmail.com
Receiving Date & 1 st pymt due	Tues 10/1/24	10am - 4pm – call ahead to deliver prior to 10/1
Day 1 - Official starting weights	Sat 10/12/24	
60 Day weight	Wed 12/11/24	Deadline for any registration or performance data
90 Day weight	Fri 1/10/25	2 nd pymt (\$425/hd) due
120 Day weight & Ultrasound	Sat 2/8/25	
Sale Date	Wed 3/26/25	

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

Pen space should be reserved by the deadline listed in the table and can be done by phoning or emailing your head count and breed to the test management at the contact information listed above.

The delivery date for the bulls entered in this test is **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**. Bull must arrive at the feedlot between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM (CST) on this date. Bulls arriving after 4:00 PM will be considered late entries and will be accepted at the discretion of the test management. Arrangements for early delivery must be made with the feedyard manager, Shane Rhode (308) 212-0157.

The official and current Nebraska Bull Test entry forms must be completed for all bulls entered. Copies of the registration papers are not needed but registration numbers must be included on the form. Current forms can be found on the website at www.nebulltest.com

Nebraska Bull Test, LLC reserves the right to reject any consignment for any reason including lack of PIBVD negative papers, incomplete registration information, sickness, quality, disposition, falsified entry information, failure to pay, growth stimulant implants, etc.

All bulls entered must be recorded or registered in their respective beef breed registry. All bulls entered must have a legible ear tattoo. Registration numbers are required on receiving day. Failure to submit registration information before the 60 day test weigh will result in disqualification from the sale. All breeds are welcome at the Nebraska Bull Test, LLC and can do so by following the requirements put forth in the rules and entry forms.

All bulls entered must have been born between January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024 and must be guaranteed to be virgin bulls.

Embryo Transfer (ET) bull calves must be identified on the official entry form by placing ET in the 205 day ratio column. Any ET calf will be identified in the weight reports with an ET in the 205 day weight column.

All bulls entered must have a minimum weight per day of age of **2.50 pounds** at delivery taken directly off the truck with no shrink. All bulls should be weaned at least three to four weeks prior to delivery to the test station. Unweaned and fresh weaned calves will not be accepted.

Bulls from out of state must have a health certificate and be brand inspected if required by that particular state. All non-sale bulls must be brand inspected before they leave the test station lot.

HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS

Rice Veterinary Services will be the consulting vet for the Nebraska Bull Test. The contact information is listed at the top of this document.

All bulls must be tested for persistently infected BVD by a licensed Veterinarian and the resulting negative tests delivered with the bulls on entry day. The consignment will be refused if no result papers are there.

All bulls must be vaccinated against the following diseases, 3 to 4 weeks prior to delivery to the test station: 7 Way Clostridial, IBR-BVD-PI3-BRSV – modified live virus, Pasturella Haemolytica (Mannheimia Haemolytica) bacterin, Histophilus Somnus bacterin, and Leptospirosis-5 strain (Lepto 5). **Vaccinations should be recorded with dates and product brand names in the designated area of pg 2 on the entry form.**

Upon delivery to the test, all bulls will receive the following: Foot rot & pinkeye vaccine, injectable dewormer and pour on for external parasite control, booster vaccinations for IBR-BVD-PI3-BRSV and any additional vaccinations or treatments as determined by owner and staff veterinarian.

All bulls will be examined upon arrival for signs of sickness, lameness, injury, warts and ringworm. Any owner with concerns about wart problems should consider using wart vaccination prior to arrival or contact the test veterinarian for recommendation.

Bulls will receive preventative Coccidiosis feed medication for 28 days post entry.

Bulls that are found during daily checks that require treatment will be treated by the test veterinarian or feedlot staff.

Charges for the above vaccinations and treatments will be deducted from the test fees. Any additional treatments or medicines needed throughout the test will be billed directly to the consignor.

Mortality insurance, if desired, is the responsibility of the consignor.

FACILITIES AND RATION

Bulls will be lotted in groups to fit pen sizes where practical. All pens have mounds and fence line bunks. The ration is designed to allow a 3.5 lb/hdd ADG. Test nutritionist is Ryan Focken - (308) 212-0131. Shane Rhode will be the primary contact regarding health and day to day management of the bulls.

COST AND NONPAYMENT OF FEES

The total test fee is estimated to be \$850 per bull. The first payment of \$425 per bull is due upon delivery of the bulls. The second payment of \$425 per bull is due by January 10th.

The test fee includes but is not limited to feed, yardage, processing, bedding, salt, and general expenses such as legal/accounting, website, insurance, office supplies, postage, performance reports and miscellaneous test expenses. Additionally, this fee will cover expenses incurred for each individual bull including med/vet charges, clipping, ultrasound and fertility testing. These charges will be on a per head basis and consignors will only be charged for what applies to their individual lots.

Failure to make these payments on time will result in bulls not being listed in weigh day reports, not being eligible for the sale and forfeiture of any available refunds at the end of the test. If a consignor has a balance due, they will not be allowed to remove any bulls from the test site and at the end of the 120 day test, the bull(s) in question will be sold for slaughter to satisfy all outstanding fees.

Any actual feed, yardage and medicine costs beyond the total test fee of **\$850** per bull must be paid in full by the consignor prior to release of his bulls.

The total test fee includes a \$10 per bull testing fee which is used to pay for miscellaneous expenses associated with maintaining the Nebraska Bull Test, LLC testing program.

If the amount paid by the consignor is greater than the actual total cost, the difference will be refunded to the consignor.

Checks for the test fee should be made payable to: Nebraska Bull Test, LLC.

WEIGH DAYS, FINAL INDEXES & AWARDS

Consignors are encouraged to attend weigh days and evaluate the progress of your bulls. Your help in weighing the bulls will be much appreciated. **Note: We will weigh the bulls starting at 1:00 pm (CST) on all weigh days.**

There will be a separate calving ease division for any breed with 30 plus total head entered. The calving ease division requires an Angus BW EPD of +1.5 or less and a birth weight of 84 lbs or less and must be recommended by the breeder as a calving ease bull. Animals must be marked in the designated column on the entry form to indicate which bulls meet the calving ease requirements. They will be indexed and ranked separately from the other bulls on test.

Average Daily Gain (ADG) and Weight per Day of Age (WDA) will be calculated for each bull at the 60, 90 and 120 day weighing intervals. Ratios will be calculated within breed and calving ease status and final indexes will be calculated at the conclusion of the test period.

Top Performers:

Bulls will be ranked within breed and calving ease status for both ADG and WDA and the top 5 will be considered the test leaders for each of the intervals at 60, 90 and 120 days on test. Awards will be given to the winners of the final 120 day test results in each category.

Top Sire Groups -

A sire group award, based on average daily gain, will be presented within each breed represented by 30 or more bulls. The bulls must be consigned by one owner. All sire groups will be eligible if the consignor has a minimum of three bulls with the same sire. In the event of more than three bulls in a consignor's sire group, the top three animals will be used to calculate the average performance.

Final Index, Sale Order and Qualification -

Sale eligibility and sale order is based on a final combined index of 1/2 average daily gain on test ratio and 1/2 weight per day of age ratio. Final sale eligibility and sale order is at the discretion of the test management. All ratios are calculated within breed group and calving ease divisions.

The test management reserves the right to adjust bulls up or down in the sale order to maximize sale dollars with the goal of creating more sale momentum. This will be decided by the test management. Bulls will sell in breed groups with the largest breed group to sell first.

As a general rule, the ratio cut off of 90 and above is a baseline target but it is left at the discretion of sale management to make the final cut off.

Bulls from breeds with less than five head must have an ADG equal to or greater than the average daily gain of the lowest breed group of five head or more.

A minimum of the top 50% or more of each breed, based on final index, will be eligible for the sale. The percentage of bulls selling may be raised at the discretion of the Nebraska Bull Test, LLC sale management if necessary to make the numbers necessary for a sale.

DISQUALIFICATION & REMOVAL OF BULLS

Bulls which fail to meet the “Entry Requirements” will be disqualified from the test. Consignors of such disqualified bulls will be asked by certified letter to remove the bulls within 15 days after receipt of the certified letter. Failure to remove disqualified bulls within 15 days will result in the consignor being charged a special handling fee of \$5 per day per bull in addition to the other feed, yardage and expenses incurred until removal.

Registration numbers, DOB, birth weights, wean weights and 205 day performance information must be submitted to the test management by the 60 day test weight. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any available test fee refund at the end of the test and removal from test reports and sale eligibility.

Sales expenses, including trucking from the yard to the sale, will be paid by the respective owners of sale bulls. Payments for bulls sold will be made directly to Nebraska Bull Test, LLC.

It is mandatory that all bulls eligible for the sale do sell: except that one eligible bull per breed per consignor may be withdrawn from the sale. Bulls that are eligible for the sale based on performance, but not allowed to sell due to the lack of registration or performance data will forfeit any available refunds at the end of the test.

All Breeders are expected to fully guarantee their bulls. Failure to do so will result in you not being invited back to the test again. We are reputation purebred cattle breeders and we are expected to conduct ourselves as such.

REMOVAL OF NON-QUALIFYING SALE BULLS

Consignors are encouraged to remove all bulls which do not qualify for the sale on or before sale day. 48 hour notification to Shane Rohde, Janet Rippe and Braden Benes prior to picking up bulls is required. Contact numbers are at the front of this document. All bulls must be brand inspected prior to removal from Rohde Farms lot.

All remaining bulls will be hauled to the sale barn just prior to sale day including those that are not eligible for the sale. The owners can pick up their non sale bulls there on sale day. Should this not be agreeable to any consignor, specific arrangements will need to be made prior to this time with the feedlot manager. Arrangements can also be made to sell the out cattle at the Broken Bow Livestock weekly sale which takes place the day after the NBT production sale. Consignors must let NBT sale management and salebarn management know of their intentions.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Nebraska Bull Test, LLC, Shane and Jill Rohde, test Veterinarians (Dr. Russell Rice and Dr. Sierra Rush), Janet Rippe, Braden Benes nor the board members of the Nebraska Bull Test LLC assume any liability for death loss / injury of bulls, personal injury or personal property loss incurred by consignors or visitors during the conduction of the 2024-25 Nebraska Bull Test and Production Sale.

CHECK LIST FOR ENTRY

- Read the entry requirements and guidelines carefully
- Reserve pen space by deadline listed on page 1
- Complete the official 2024-25 Nebraska Bull Test Enrollment Form. Email a copy to nebraskabulltest@gmail.com and bring a hard copy with you on entry day
- Wean and vaccinate calves a minimum of 3-4 weeks prior to delivery
- Make sure your bulls have a legible tattoo that corresponds to the registered tattoo
- Complete the registration information, vaccination records and PI BVD sections of the entry form. All bulls must be tested for persistently infected BVD by a licensed Veterinarian and the resulting negative tests delivered with the bulls on entry day
- Inspect cattle prior to delivery for signs of sickness, lameness, injury, warts and ringworm
- Include your first payment of \$425/bull and bring this with you on entry day.
- Sign the entry form indicating you have read the attached rules and requirements and agree to abide by the provisions contained therein.