

2026 NEBRASKA BULL TEST

HEALTH PROTOCOL

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1. All bulls must have been weaned at least three to four weeks prior to delivery to the test feed yard.
2. All bulls must be vaccinated against the following diseases 2–4 weeks prior to delivery.
 - 7–way clostridial
 - IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV – modified live virus
 - Mannheimia haemolytica
 - Histophilus somnus
 - Leptospirosis – 5

*Please consult herd health veterinarian for a program that will be compatible with producers cow program.

Rice Veterinary Services suggested vaccination protocol:

- Bovishield Gold 5 or Cattlemaster Gold 5
 - One Shot/Ultra 7
 - Somubac
 - Lepto 5
3. All bulls must have a negative ear notch test or Elisa test (blood serum sample) for BVD–PI (persistent infection) prior to entry into the test feed yard.
 4. Upon entry to the feed yard: all bulls must have an accompanying vaccination certificate, signed by the attending veterinarian. Including vaccine brands and dates of administration. All bulls must also have documentation of negative BVD–PI ear notch test.

- a. Bulls that arrive to the yard without documentation of a negative BVD test or vaccination records will be sent home.

5. All bulls consigned must be virgin bulls.

6. Upon arrival all incoming bulls will be examined for the following:

- Visible signs of sickness or injury
- Signs of ringworm and warts (no active lesions present, healing lesions are acceptable)
- Soundness of feet and legs
- Visible soundness of reproductive organs

7. Vaccination protocol – upon arrival to test feed yard.

- Bovishield Gold One Shot
- Dectomax Injectable
- Fusogard – footrot
- Autogenous Pinkeye
- Pour on for lice – Permethrin CDS, Cyence or equivalent product.
- Fusogard and Pinkeye will be boosted at December weighing.

8. All bulls will receive Coccidiosis preventative feed medication for 28 days post entry.

9. Owners will receive bi-weekly treatment/health records via email.

- a. Post-mortem exams will be performed on bulls that die at the feedyard.
- b. During a BRD event a mass treatment (Draxxin or Excede) will take place if a trigger is met.
 - >8% hot treated bulls (>104.5) by day 10
 - >10% hot treated bulls (>104.5) by day 15
 - 8% hot treated bulls in a 3 day window

10. Attending Veterinarian will be available for exams, follow-up and phone consults as needed.