



2017-2018 ABBA Brahman Bull Development & Marketing Program Guidelines

The ABBA Bull Development & Marketing Program is designed to provide Brahman breeders with the opportunity to develop bulls, collect economically relevant data and market commercially oriented bulls in a cooperative effort.

1. Consignors/Nominees must be members of the American Brahman Breeders Association.
2. Bulls must be registered in the American Brahman Breeders Association.
3. Bulls must have a Birth Weight & Weaning Weight submitted prior to being accepted into the program.
4. Bulls should be weaned at least 45 days, recommended dehorned, received two rounds of injections and dewormed prior to delivery at Texana Feeders in Floresville, Texas.
5. Bulls will be tested for BVD-PI and ONLY NEGATIVE Bulls will be allowed into the test.

Vaccinations:

At weaning or before.

- IBR, BVD,BRSV, PI₃ – *Modified Live*
- Pasturella pneumonia
- Clostridial Blackleg
- Deworm

2-4 weeks after first injections

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Delivery Dates

The program will be for bulls born January-April 2017. The bulls will be delivered to Texana Feeders between March 12-16, 2018.

Test Outline

- Bulls will be given a 45 day warm up period following delivery to the feedyard.
- After the warm up period the bulls will be weighed into the test, ultrasounded, given a docility score, evaluated for structural soundness and split into two groups if needed. ***Any bulls that have a 4-5 docility score, are structurally unsound or sifted by the committee will NOT be allowed to complete the test period.***
- The test period will be for 120 days when bulls will be weighed off of test.
- At the conclusion of the test, bulls will be:
 - Weighed
 - Hip Height taken
 - Ultrasounded by an Ultrasound Guidelines Council Approved Technician
 - Disposition Score given
 - Phenotypic Evaluation by Three Commercial Cattlemen
 - A hair sample taken to be submitted to Zoetis for a DNA Panel & Parent Verification

Data Collected

The following will be the information reported to the breeder and ABBA:

- Start Weight
- Finish Weight
- Average Daily Gain
- Frame Score
- Ultrasound Measurements (REA, IMF, Rump Fat & Back Fat)
- DNA Panel Results

Costs

- Nomination Fee: \$150/bull – this fee covers all additional test expenses outside of feed and veterinary costs. Bulls consigned to the sale will be charged sale expenses. The sale expenses will be prorated by the number of bulls in the sale.
- Feed costs will be prorated among the pen and billed monthly. Breeders can pay on a monthly basis or at the end of the test period. It is expected that the feed costs should be an average of \$2.50/day. Any feed charges not paid at the time of sale will be deducted from the account of sale.

Consignment Sale

Following the conclusion of the test a maximum of the top thirty (30) high indexing bulls will be prepared for the sale that will take place in October 2018. The bulls selected for the sale will be turned out on grass and given a growing ration until the time of the sale. The remaining bulls can be picked up or left to be developed for private treaty sales by the breeder.

Bulls MUST meet the following to be eligible for the sale:

- Have an Actual Birth Weight less than 90 lbs.
- Have a Disposition/Pen Score of 1-3
- Must satisfactorily pass a Breeding Soundness Exam
- Must be structurally sound and appear to be in good health
- Must pass all health tests including Trichomoniasis.
- ALL Bulls that meet the required index, the above requirements and pass the selection criteria of the committee MUST be sold in the auction.
- The following is how the Sale Eligibility Index, Sale Order Ranking & Award Rankings will be calculated:

20% Scrotal Circumference

20% Average Daily Gain of Test

20% Adjusted REA/100 lbs. Ultrasound Score

20% Adjusted IMF Ultrasound Score

20% Birth Weight EPD

Awards

- Overall High Indexing Bull
- Top Gaining Bull (ADG)
- Top Scanning Bull

Any bull can be sifted by the Sale Committee at any time if he does not meet the strict criteria of the committee and will not positively represent the breed or the breeder.

The American Brahman Breeders Association, Texana Feeders and anyone else involved with this Bull Test will accept no liability for any loss or injury to bulls nominated to this program & sale. Bulls will be handled in a proper manner and appropriate care will be administered to bulls that are sick with the veterinary expenses being passed on to the nominator.



**2017-2018 ABBA Brahman Bull Development & Marketing Program
Nomination Form**

Please complete and mail this form with the appropriate fees to commit bulls for the 2017-2018 ABBA Bull Development & Marketing Program.

Nominating ABBA Member Name: _____

ABBA Member Number: _____ Best contact phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Number of bulls nominated for the test: _____

Please list registration numbers of nominated bulls:

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I have read the ABBA Brahman Bull Development & Marketing Program Guidelines, agree to them and have met the requirements. Yes No

Head Entered ____ x \$150 per head = \$_____

Please return completed nomination form with the nomination fee prior to March 12, 2018 to:

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