



2023 ABBA Brahman Bull Development & Marketing Program Guidelines

Updated March 9, 2022

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 Ltd.
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-May 2022. The bulls will be delivered to Texana Feeders Ltd. between February 14-16, 2023.

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. These bulls MUST be picked up from the feedyard within 14 days of the notification to the breeder.

- 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
 - Visually Appraised by three (3) commercial cattlemen and/or academic
 - A tissue 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
- Final Weight
- Average Daily Gain
- Frame Score
- Ultrasound Measurements (REA, IMF, Rump Fat & Back Fat)
- DNA Panel Results

Costs

- Nomination Fee: \$175/bull – this fee covers all additional test expenses outside of feed and veterinary costs. The nomination fee is due to the ABBA office prior to **November 30, 2022**. 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 by Texana Feeders Ltd. Breeders will pay on a monthly basis to Texana Feeders Ltd. It is expected that the feed costs should be an average of \$3.00/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 minimum of bulls with a final index of 100 or greater and a maximum of the top thirty (30) high indexing bulls will be prepared for the sale that will take place in October 2023. The number of bulls sold in the sale will be determined by the committee and this decision will be final. 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 must be picked up from Texana Feeders Ltd. within 14 days. Bulls may be left at the feedyard to be developed for private treaty sales after this time period if arrangements are made by the breeder with Texana Feeders Ltd.

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

- Have an Actual Birth Weight less than 90 lbs.
 - Have a disposition deemed acceptable throughout the entirety of the program.
 - Must satisfactory pass a Breeding Soundness Exam
 - Must be structurally sound and appear to be in good health
 - Must pass all health tests including Trichomoniasis.
 - **If you wish for your bull(s) to participate in the test for DEVELOPMENT ONLY, you must indicate this for each bull on the nomination form. ALL bulls **NOT** marked for DEVELOPMENT ONLY at the beginning of the program that meet the required index, the above requirements and pass the selection criteria of the committee MUST be placed in the auction.**
 - All bulls marked for “Development Only” will still go through the test and the same data will be collected and provided to the breeder. These bulls will not be eligible for the sale.
 - **If your bull makes the sale, you must use the picture provided by the photographer. Supplemental pictures of the bull’s sire and dam are allowed.**
 - The following traits will be weighted at an equal amount to determine the Sale Eligibility Index, Sale Order Ranking & Recognition Rankings:
 - Birth Weight EPD
 - Scrotal Circumference
 - Adjusted IMF Ultrasound Score
 - Visual Appraisal (Evaluated by three (3) commercial cattlemen and/or academic)
 - Adjusted REA/cwt Ultrasound Score
 - Average Daily Gain of Test
- *All bulls with a final frame score greater than 8 will NOT be eligible for the sale***

Recognition

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

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 Ltd. 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.



2023 ABBA Brahman Bull Development & Marketing Program Nomination Form

Please complete and mail this form with the appropriate fees to commit bulls for the 2023 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 and circle if they are eligible for the sale or "Development Only":

_____	Sale	Development Only	_____	Sale	Development Only
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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

Signature: _____

Head Entered _____ x \$175 per head = \$_____

Nomination forms are due by November 30, 2022. Please return completed nomination form with the nomination to:
American Brahman Breeders Association
PO Box 3249
Bryan, TX 77805-3249
979.485.5528