

# MISSISSIPPI BCIA FALL BULL SALE PROGRAM 2017 RULES AND REGULATIONS



The objective of the Mississippi Fall BCIA Bull and Heifer Sale program is to encourage production and identification of genetically superior bulls by purebred breeders and to encourage the purchase and use of these bulls by commercial producers.

The minimum standards as set forth in these rules and regulations are for all breeds of cattle. Comparison of performance data and records should be limited to bulls within the same breed. Even when comparing bulls of the same breed, it should be remembered that all bulls are not developed under the same pasture and feeding program. The feed and pasture program of these bulls should be such that they can demonstrate their genetic potential for growth, not be overly fat, and be sound on their feet and legs.

A. **Date of Sale** – Saturday, November 4, 2017

B. **Location** – Hinds Community College Sales Facility, Raymond, MS

C. **Nominations** – The deadline to nominate bulls for this sale is September 15, 2017. The following items need to be sent in to *Mississippi BCIA, Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762* for each bull nominated:

1. Nomination form
2. Signed registration certificate
3. Nomination fee of \$25 per bull payable to Mississippi BCIA. Withdrawals and substitutions will be allowed until October 1, 2017. After October 1, 2017, no substitutions will be accepted and no checks will be refunded. Make checks payable to Mississippi BCIA. Nomination fees will be applied towards sale expenses.

D. **Regulations**

1. Age – Bulls must be born between March 1, 2015 and October 31, 2016.
2. Health –The Mississippi Beef Cattle Improvement Association encourages voluntary testing of BCIA sale bulls for persistently-infected BVD as part of a statewide effort to educate producers on BVD and to control and/or eradicate BVD from Mississippi cattle herds. Negative BVD test results will be reported in the sale catalog.
3. Bovine Trichomoniasis is a venereal disease caused by the protozoan, *Tritrichomonas foetus*. This disease can result in: decreased reproductive efficiency, early embryonic death, abortion, pyometra, and transient infertility in infected cattle. In accordance with the Mississippi law, all virgin bulls 10 months old or younger must be accompanied by a virgin bull statement. Any bull over 18 months of age or non-virgin bull must have a negative Thich test.
4. Fertility – All bulls must have documentation of a passed breeding soundness exam, including scrotal measurements within 30 days prior to sale. Scrotal circumference must measure a minimum of 32 cm for a 12–16 month old bull, 34 cm for a 17–23 month old bull, and 36 cm for a 24+ month old bull.
5. Bulls should be considered structurally sound.

6. Actual birth weight must be reported.
7. Minimum adjusted 205–day weaning weight as reported by respective breed associations shall be:
  - a. 575 pounds or
  - b. 550 pounds with at least a 95 ratio within a minimum of 5 contemporaries.
8. Bulls must have at least one of the following to qualify for the sale:
  - a. Ultrasound body composition yearling scan results accepted by the respective breed association or
  - b. Ultrasound EPDs or
  - c. Carcass EPDs.
9. EPDs and accuracies from respective breed associations are required. Bulls without EPD information will be accepted, only if the respective breed association cannot provide the EPD data. However, each consignor must complete all bull performance data required.
10. Yearling weight must be taken and reported to breed association for calculation of yearling weight EPD. Additionally, 365-day adjusted yearling weights must be reported on the nomination form. Breeders nominating bulls not old enough by the nomination deadline to have yearling data collected, should report yearling data to sale management prior to the sale. Yearling data will be reported at the sale.
11. A signed copy of the bull's registration certificate must accompany the nomination form. In addition, live animal ultrasound scan data will be printed in the sale catalog if provided. If available, carcass/ ultrasound EPDs will also be printed in the sale catalog. If a bull's registration certificate is stored electronically with its breed association, the consignor will be responsible for transferring the bull to the buyer within 14 days of the sale.

**E. Sale Order**

The sale order will be set based on the bull's individual performance data, EPDs, general conformation and quality. A selection index based on the individual bull's score in the following categories will be used to rank bulls for determination of sale order (highest scoring will sell first); CE or BW EPD (max. of 5 points), WW EPD (max. of 7.5 points), YW EPD (max. of 7.5 points), actual scrotal circumference (max. of 5 points), WDA (max of 15 points), IMF EPD (max. of 7.5 points), REA EPD (max. of 7.5 points), and visual appraisal (max. of 40 points). A three-person committee will assign visual appraisal scores. An additional 5 points will be added to a bull's selection index total if ultrasound body composition scan results are provided.

**F. Processing for Sale**

1. Bulls are to be delivered to the sale location by 12:00 noon on November 3, 2017 (the day preceding the sale).
2. Weighing – Bulls will be weighed, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on November 3, 2017 (the day preceding the sale).

**G. Sale Cost: The sale cost will include:**

1. Fixed Expenses include catalog and advertising. Fixed Expenses are charged to each bull catalogued.
2. Sale Expenses include Auctioneer (prorated), Finance Handling, Ringmen, Breed Association Transfer Fees, 1% BCIA Promotion Fee, and Beef Checkoff. Sale Expenses are charged to each bull that goes through the sale.
3. Annual MBCIA membership dues (if not current). Annual dues are \$5 per person.

#### H. Minimum qualifying sale weights shall be:

	Age Months	in Age in Days	Weight per Day of Age (pounds)	Minimum Sale Weight (pounds)
October 2016	13	385	2.65	1,020
September 2016	14	415	2.55	1,058
Aug 2016	15	446	2.47	1,102
July 2016	16	477	2.39	1,140
June 2016	17	507	2.33	1,181
May 2016	18	538	2.26	1,216
April 2016	19	568	2.19	1,244
March 2016	20	599	2.14	1,282
February 2016	21	628	2.08	1,306
January 2016	22	659	2.03	1,338
December 2015	23	690	1.97	1,359
November 2015	24	720	1.92	1,382
October 2015	25	751	1.86	1,397
September 2015	26	781	1.80	1,406
August 2015	27	812	1.76	1,429
July 2015	28	843	1.72	1,450
June 2015	29	873	1.69	1,475
May 2015	30	904	1.66	1,501
April 2015	31	934	1.64	1,532
March 2015	32	965	1.61	1,554

#### I. Sale Terms and Conditions

1. The Mississippi BCIA acts as agent only. The contract is between the buyer and seller.
2. All persons who attend this sale do so at their own risk. The owners or sponsors assume no responsibility, legal or otherwise, for any accidents that may occur.
3. All bulls will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. The auctioneer selling will settle any disputes concerning bids.
4. Terms of the sale are cash.
5. All bulls will have been registered and properly signed transfer papers will be furnished to the buyer.
6. Animals are guaranteed to be without defects, but nothing more. Animals failing to breed after a trial of six months may be returned to the seller, if in good condition. The seller reserves the right to try said animal for six months, and if it proves to be a breeder, to return it to the buyer at the buyer's expense. If the animal proves to be a non-breeder, a satisfactory exchange will be made or purchase
7. Bulls purchased will be fed and cared for, for 24 hours, without charge. Arrangements for removal from grounds must be made at the conclusion of 24 hours.