



Red Alliance Bull Testing Guidelines

1. Bulls placed on test at Alfadale Stock Farms must be delivered on or prior to Friday, October 1st and no later than 1:00 on Saturday, October 2, 2010.
2. Preparation of bull calves to be placed on test:
 - a. The recommended and proper health and vaccination program for bulls entered in the test group is presented in Appendix 1. It is essential that the proper health and vaccination program be followed.
 - b. All bulls tested must be BVD-PI negative. Please test your bull(s) prior to delivery.**
3. Test procedures:
 - a. All bulls must possess legible ear tattoos or brands that match their respective registration certificate or application for registration.
 - b. Calves will be grouped based on age and/or weight.
 - c. There will be a 14-day warm-up period between reception date and the test start date for the official test. The length of the test will be 112 days.
 - d. Single, full weights will be taken at test start date, 56-day and 84-day intervals from beginning of test.
 - e. Summary reports on individual bulls will be mailed to breeders and interested parties subsequent to 56, 84 and 112 days on test (No 28 day weights will be recorded).
 - f. Testing data will include weights for test start date, 56, 84, and 112 day periods, average daily gain (ADG), and weight per day of age (WDA). Also, off-test data includes ADG and WDA ratios, adj. 365-day yearling weight and ratio and hip height.
 - g. Ultrasound scanning is mandatory. These charges will be the responsibility of the individual breeder (typically \$16-20/animal). A certified technician selected by Alfadale Stock Farms and approved by Red Alliance will be used to perform ultrasound scans.
4. Billing
 - a. Each breeder will be billed and expected to pay bi-weekly for feed, veterinarian or medical expenses (if any), and any additional services the animal required during the preceding billing period.
 - b. Finance charges accrue if the balance on a billing statement is not paid within 45 days of the billing date. The interest rate is 18% annually or 1.5% per month for any unpaid balance. If a check is returned for insufficient funds, the individual breeder will be assessed a \$25.00 service charge.
5. Delinquent Accounts:
 - a. Alfadale Stock Farms retains the right to hold bulls on those accounts that are not current. For accounts more than 45 days past due, bulls will not be released to the owner until the account is in good standing and current.

- ii. Breeders will be required to pay their account balance to a current status before bulls that do not qualify for the Red Alliance Sale will be released.
- iii. Any bull(s) retained due to past due account balances may be sold in a commercially reasonable manner with proceeds applied toward the unpaid balance.
- iv. Accounts that remain delinquent, Alfadale Stock Farms retains the right to send any individual account receivable to a collection agency for payment.

6. Final Billing and Payment: All sale qualified bulls will be shipped directly to the sale facility in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Since calculating and paying final charges will be difficult to complete prior to shipping and have members present to pay final feed and other related costs each member hereby authorizes Gilchrist Auction Trust to make final payment on member accounts with sale proceeds from the sale of member's bull(s). By placing bulls on test at Alfadale Stock Farms and entering bulls in the Red Alliance each member agrees to these conditions.

Bull testing at Alfadale Stock Farms is managed and supervised with emphasis on the performance, health and safety of the bulls; however, Alfadale Stock Farms, its owners, employees and advisors shall not be held liable for, and all participants agree to assume all risks of, any loss due to theft, injury, sickness, death or any other cause while the bulls are at the Alfadale Stock Farms.

Directions to Alfadale:

From Oklahoma City take I-40 West to exit 125/Highway 81. Go north (right) on Highway 81 to Foreman Road. Turn right (east) on Foreman Road and go one mile to entrance to Alfadale Stock Farms. Turn left and proceed ¼ mile to the headquarters.

Appendix-1 Health and Vaccination Program

The following recommendations constitute the health protocol for bulls to be tested. The most desirable would be to administer the first vaccines 2 to 4 weeks prior to weaning with the boosters administered at weaning. Ideally weaning would occur not less than 30 days (preferably 45 days) prior to shipping. This would allow at least a 30-day post-weaning period for development of a more complete immunity and recovery from weaning stress.

Carefully read the information provided below and consult with your veterinarian for input on type of vaccine you should use on your cattle.

- 7 - way Clostridial bacterin,(Black Leg)
- Respiratory Vaccinations for IBR, BVD,PI3, BRSV
- 5 - way Leptospira bacterin,
- *Pasteurella haemolytica*, leukotoxoid/bacterin*
- *Haemophilus somnus* bacterin**
- Collect and submit sample for BVDV-PI test (Mandatory)*** All bulls must have a negative test.
- De-worm
- It is highly recommended that all bulls also be vaccinated for warts.

All out-of-state bulls should comply with all animal health guidelines established by the Oklahoma State Veterinarian for cattle transported to and from Alfadale Stock Farms.

In addition to the above health requirements, the following pre-sale test will be required:

Pre-sale:

Trichomoniasis – negative test for all bulls regardless of age within 30 days of the sale. This test will be completed in conjunction with fertility testing and scrotal measurements.