

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Seedstock Producer:

The **MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program** is now accepting nominations for the 2018-19 evaluation through **September 1st**. A copy of the program policies and nomination form is enclosed. Nominations may also be entered electronically at: mibulls.com/consignors. Please pay particular attention to the schedule for vaccination and deworming, list of vaccine products that meet entry requirements, procedures for BVDV testing, and suggestions for control of coccidiosis found on our website.

New this year is a requirement for DNA analysis to add sire parentage and genomically enhanced expected progeny difference (EPD) information. Bulls must have this testing submitted and completed through their respective breed association prior to delivery. Please plan ahead, as DNA results may take up to 5 weeks after the sample has been received by the laboratory. The test may be an ultra-low (GGP uLD), low (i50K), high (HD 50K, GGP 50K), or very high (GGP HD150K) density test, as long as the test minimally verifies sire parentage and generates genomically enhanced EPDs for the bull.



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Breed	Additional information regarding DNA Genomic Panels
Angus	angus.org/AGI/SeedStockOptions.aspx
Charolais	charolaisusa.com/members/genomics.html
Hereford	hereford.org/genetics/dna-testing/
Limousin	nalf.org/forms/forms/#dna-testing
Red Angus	redangus.org/genetics/dna-forms/
Shorthorn	shorthorn.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/GeneticTestingForm_Fillable_2.19.pdf
Simmental	simmental.org/site/index.php/membership-forms#DNA
Others*	Check with your breed association

*Neogen also provides DNA testing for Aberdeen, Akaushi, Brahman, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Maine Anjou, Salers, Wagyu, Beefmaster, Brangus, Piedmontese, South Devon, and Santa Gertrudis.

We are eager to have new consignors join us, as well as continue to work with program veterans. If you have ANY questions regarding the rules, procedures, genomic testing, what to expect, or are new to the evaluation, please feel free to contact me, or anyone on the program committee.

Sincerely,

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