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DATE: May 28, 2026
TO: All Virginia BCIA Members and Others
FROM: Scott P. Greiner, Extension Beef Specialist, BCIA Educational Advisor 
RE: 2026-2027 Central Bull Test Station Rules & Regulations, Entry Information

Virginia BCIA enjoyed a record year in 2025-2026, setting program records for sales and participation. This is a direct result of the strong partnership with our consignors as well as our buyers. We look forward to another great season in 2026-2027 and look forward to working with you! Please visit our website virginiabcia.com for the Rules and Regulations, forms, summaries of previous years tests and sales, etc.

On the back of this letter is a summary of key points for the coming year. We continue to take steps to enhance the program based on your input, along with feedback from our customers. Please read the entire Rules and Regulations carefully.

2026 Membership Dues - It is again time to solicit your support of Virginia BCIA through payment of your annual dues for the 2026 calendar year. Dues remain the same at \$40.00 per membership. In addition, you have the opportunity to join the Virginia Cattleman's Association at a reduced rate as a BCIA member (\$30 vs. \$50). Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Key information to keep in mind:

Culpeper – Culpeper Senior Entry Forms due June 10 (bull delivery will be Tuesday, June 30) PLEASE USE THE EXCEL SPREADSHEET ENTRY FORM- the spreadsheet is available and can be downloaded from our website and emailed. Please get your entries to us as soon as possible. Riverview Farms has capacity for up to 175 bulls. Also, delivery date will be here very soon, so please plan ahead to get your bloodwork completed for health papers delivery day. Also, please get DNA submitted on bulls for genomics (and homo black/pollled as applicable).

Southwest- Entry deadline is September 5. We will utilize electronic entry form again this year. Please collect and send in DNA on your bulls now, to receive genomic information back prior to delivery and to help you make selection decisions.

All of the applicable information and forms, as well as historical data can be found on the BCIA website. Our online payment portal is available on the website so you can electronically make payments for membership, entry fees, and feed deposits. If you have questions, please let us know. We look forward to working with you during the upcoming year.

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Central Bull Test/Sale Rules & Regulations Notes for 2026-27

DNA Sampling: BCIA strongly encourages consignors to collect and submit DNA on bulls prior to delivery for genomics, homo black/polled tests, etc. (see details below). *There will be a \$20 charge per bull for DNA collected and submitted by BCIA on behalf of the consignor (ie. bulls which need to be sampled while on test).*

Genomic Testing: Genomic testing (GE-EPDs) is required for all bulls at both Culpeper and Southwest. Plan to genomic test your bulls at home prior to delivery to enable you to consign bulls with the most desirable and accurate EPDs.

Homozygous Black Testing: As in past, we will continue to require homozygous black genotyping for applicable breeds. All bulls which are potentially Homozygous Black are required to be genotyped. BCIA shall recognize coat color genotype as published by respective breed associations. BCIA will not publish test results that are not on file through breed associations. This is so that our results published in sale catalog will match the results published by the breed association. Homozygous Polled testing is optional.

VQA EPD Standard in Effect for Sale Qualification: For many years BCIA has utilized the EPD requirement standard of the Virginia Quality Assured Feeder Calf Program. VQA adopted terminal index EPDs for each breed as the program genetic requirement. Accordingly, all BCIA bulls must meet this qualification to be sale eligible. See Rules and Regulations for details.

BCIA Online Payment Portal: As reminder, for your convenience an online payment portal is available on our website so you can pay membership dues, entry fees, and feed deposits using your credit/debit card or through electronic bank transfer.

Identification/EIDs: Please work with your veterinarian to have EIDs placed in your bulls for your health papers.

Pre-Delivery Health and Management Protocol: Please follow our pre-delivery vaccination and management requirements closely (see Rules and Regulations). Be sure to get bulls weaned (minimum 45 days prior to delivery), vaccinated, bunk broke and started on feed in a timely fashion.