

# Entries Down For 74th Performance Tested Bull Sale Oct. 26

## SPRINGFIELD, MO.

The 74th All-Breed Performance Tested Bull Sale on Oct. 26 will see fewer consignments but the quality remains solid according to Eldon Cole, a University Of Missouri Extension livestock specialist.

The sale will begin at 7 p.m. at the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center, 6821 West Independence (Exit 70 off of I-44), Springfield.

A pre-sale discussion about using objective data in making bull purchases will be given at 5:30 p.m. by MU Extension specialists Dona Goede, Gary Naylor and Cole.

Only 29 bulls were entered for this 74th sale with 24 Angus, 2 Charolais and one each of Gelbvieh, Balancer and Hereford.

Expected progeny difference (EPD) data indicates that the strength in this offering is growth and milk. Thirteen of the 29 bulls rank in the top 20 percentile of their breeds for the growth traits. Fourteen of the 29 rank in the top 20 percentile for expected milk production in the bull's daughters.

"The use of EPDs in sire selection continues to increase and is most helpful to producers

who are younger, maybe new to the cattle business and who keep close records on how their cattle perform from birth through harvest. Changes in some beef traits may be fairly subtle and unless you keep accurate records, knowing if a bull made any changes in his progeny is difficult," said Cole.

The bull sale is a cooperative venture between the Southwest Missouri Beef Cattle Improvement Association and University of Missouri Extension. Extension specialists involved in evaluating the consignments and the EPD data is compiled by the respective breed associations.

The BCIA has developed a web site ([www.swmobcia.com](http://www.swmobcia.com)) for programs, the Show-Me-Select Bred Heifer Sale, the Missouri Steer Feedout and any other education efforts it supports. The complete bull sale catalog is also now available at that website.

Persons wanting a printed version of the catalog may check with their local MU Extension center in Missouri or call sale manager, Pam Naylor, (417) 345-8330 or send an email to [naygpbn@positech.net](mailto:naygpbn@positech.net). △



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