

Wanted: A Few Good Bulls For Oct. 31 Sale

MT. VERNON, MO.

Most seedstock bull producers are sold out of serviceable-aged bulls. They do have the next crop of yearlings just reaching service age.

The Southwest Missouri Beef Cattle Improvement Association is searching for some of these top bulls for their Oct. 31 sale at the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center.

Here are the requirements for consignment.

- Eligible counties include: Vernon, Barton, Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Cedar, Dade, Lawrence, Barry, Hickory, Polk, Greene, Christian, Stone, Dallas, Webster, Taney, Laclede, Douglas, Wright and Ozark.

- Eligible bulls must be purebred or a recognized composite with breed association calculated Expected Progeny Differences (EPD).

- Bulls must have been calved from Dec. 1, 2009 through Sept. 30, 2010.

- A yearling weight, adjusted by the association of 1100 pounds or more.

- A frame score of 5 at 365 days which is 49 inches at the hip.

- The bull must rank in the 50th percentile or better for 2 of the following EPD traits: calving

ease or birth weight; weaning weight; yearling weight; milk and intramuscular fat for non-parent bulls in the most recent.

- Semen tested and found to be a satisfactory potential breeder within 30 days of the sale.

- A scrotal circumference of 33 centimeters at the pre-sale breeding soundness exam.

- Any potential carriers for known genetic defects for any breed in their pedigree must have been tested and declared free of the defect.

- Non-virgin bulls must be tested and found negative for trichomoniasis.

This will be the 78th consecutive sale for the association dating back to April, 1973, when the first sale was held at the Nixa Livestock Auction Company. The sale was held most years since at Mt. Vernon and relocated to Springfield in March 2004.

The BCIA is assisted by University of Missouri Extension livestock specialists in the above counties. The sale manager is Pam Naylor, Buffalo.

Persons interested in consigning should contact Pam for more details at 417-345-8330. A review of their recent 2011 may be found at SW MO BCIA.com .



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