



# PA BEEF EXPOSITION 2003

**March 27 - 30**  
**Penn State Ag Arena**

## Bull Performance Test, Sale Offers 63 Bulls

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Department of Agriculture will offer 63 Bulls at its 30th Annual Performance Test Bull Sale at the Penn State Ag Arena, Centre County on March 28.

The sale starts at 11:00 and is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

"Pennsylvania believes in its beef industry," said Secretary Wolff. "We at the Department of Agriculture assist our breeders in their quest for genetic progress in their herds through our Livestock Evaluation Center. For 30 years, the Bull Performance Test and Sale has provided the opportunity for breeders looking for proven genetics to make genetic progress in their herds."

Of the 63 lots, 29 are Black Angus, 5 Red Angus, 4 Charolais, 18 Simmental, 5 Herefords, 1 Limousin, and 1 Shorthorn.

Bulls were placed on test on Oct. 29 at the PDA Livestock Evaluation Center and over the course of 112 days, were evaluated for average weight gain, feed efficiency, and other traits that identify genetic potential.

Based on the performance of the bulls, the Livestock Evaluation Center can objectively determine their hereditary potential. The resulting offspring are more efficient and have more genetic potential for the producer.

This year's test results identified two bulls with an average daily weight gain of five pounds a day; the average for the test was four pounds a day. Ultra-sounding was used to evaluate the muscle and fat gain of each bull.

All bulls in this year's bull Performance Test and Sale are from guaranteed breeders.

At the conclusion of the test, only the highest-ranking bulls are offered for sale.

For more information on the Livestock Evaluation Center, the Bull Performance Test, or Pennsylvania's beef industry, contact the Department of Agriculture at (717) 787-4737 or Glenn Eberly at the Department's Livestock Evaluation Center (814) 238-2527.



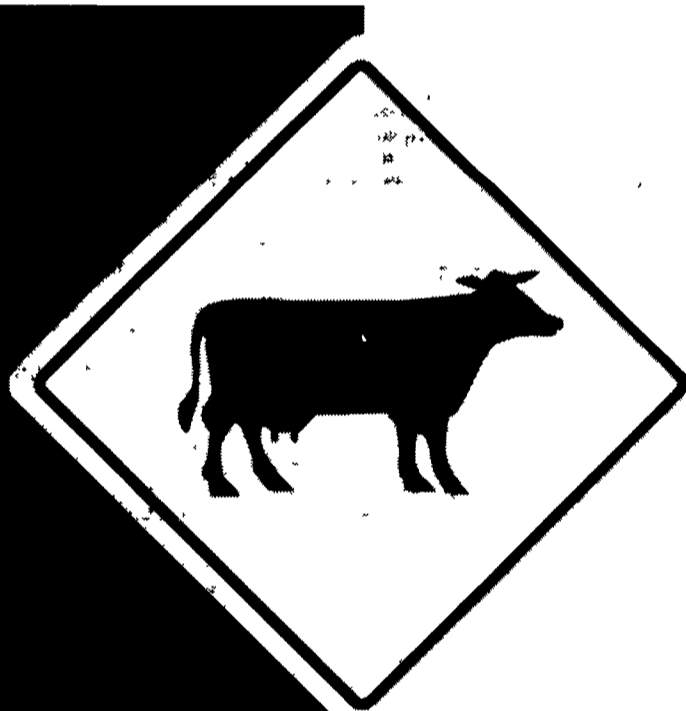
## Code of Show Ring Ethics

The Pennsylvania Beef Expo Committee has adopted a Code of Show Ring Ethics based on those developed by Pennsylvania Farm Products Show Commission, to prevent unethical, deceptive and fraudulent show ring practices.

Junior Exhibitors of animals at the Pennsylvania Beef Expo shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education.

- 1 Exhibitors must present upon request of show officials proof of ownership length of ownership and age of all animals entered (e.g. registration papers). Misrepresentation of ownership or any fact relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2 Exhibitors shall provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request by show officials.
- 3 Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their own animals while at the show.
- 4 The act of entering an animal in the Expo Junior show is the giving of consent by the Exhibitor (absolutely responsible person) for the show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals entered in an event shall not be administered drugs (other than in accordance with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and rules) affecting the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence that such substance had been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question. Its integrity is preserved and in all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory, and analysis of the sample, correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the Expo. At any time after an animal arrives on the Pennsylvania Beef Expo premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- 5 Any non traditional surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or later its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6 The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7 Direct interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after a competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperating and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8 No Exhibitor shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics.
- 9 The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by the Exhibitor, whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
- 10 The act of entering an animal in this show is the giving of consent by the Exhibitor to have any disciplinary action taken by the show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions including appropriate industry publications and any special notices to members.
- 11 The act of entering an animal in the show is the giving of verification by the Exhibitor that he or she has read the Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands that consequences and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the Code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules is also in violation of federal and state statutes, regulations or rules and may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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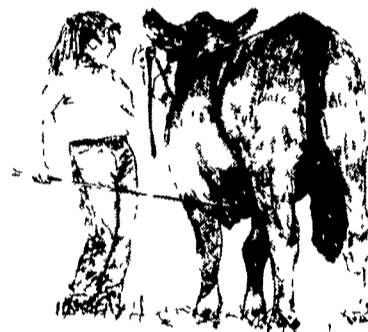
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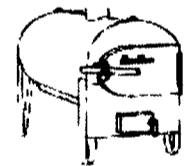
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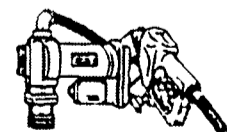
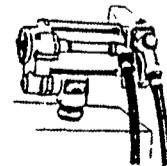
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