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Breed Improvement Committee and Bull Test Management Team;

The following points have been proposed as key features to implement to enhance further success of the Piedmontese Bull Test and Breed Development Program:

UPON BULL ARRIVAL:

- 1) The receiving team shall inspect all newly arriving bulls, and any bulls deemed visibly unhealthy will be segregated and dealt with accordingly until all is stabilized, for example bulls with pink eye or respiratory issues. This will reduce potential contamination and spread of disease.
- 2) The bull producer must provide a signed Affidavit from their Veterinarian that confirms the vaccination program used with the test bulls being delivered. The minimum vaccination protocol as provided by Lone Creek Cattle Company must be so confirmed. (See attached Lone Creek Vaccination Protocol).
- 3) Producers must provide DNA test results confirming all bulls are 2-copy for Piedmontese-specific inactive myostatin, and negative for BVD. Parentage verification and pedigree information is highly recommended, as without Pedigree and registration the Test Data cannot be efficiently connected to the individual bulls being tested.

PRE-TEST:

- 1) The NAPA Breed Improvement Committee and Bull Test Management Team shall conduct a pre-scoring of all bulls. Bulls which score as 5 or 6 for Disposition shall be segregated / penned together, separate from the other bulls, for the duration of the test.
- 2) Scoring notes on feet, legs, movement and confirmation shall also be taken to assist with final scoring of the bulls at close of the test.

TEST:

- 1) Targeted average daily gain shall be lowered from 3.25 pounds per day to 2.75 range pounds per day by adjusting feed ration. This modification is suggested to minimize growth stress on feet and legs.

AUCTION SALE:

- 1) Sale selection criteria shall be made available to all bull producers in advance of any sale animal selection.