

MANITOBA BEEF CATTLE PERFORMANCE ASSOCIATION INC.

Box 1190, Carberry, MB, Canada, R0K 0H0

September 1, 2011

Dear Cattle Producer,

As we are preparing for the 2011 – 2012 test season we would like to inform you that we are once again offering a number of programs including our **“BULL TEST OF 112 DAYS”**, our popular **“HEIFER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM”**, the **“YOUNGER BULL TEST OF 112 DAYS” (provided we have 10 or more nominated)**, as well as our **“YEARLING / HERD BULL CUSTOM FEEDING PROGRAM”** at our facility. We are also offer a **CUSTOM FEEDING PROGRAM FOR STEERS AND/OR HEIFERS.**

A few **MAJOR CHANGES** were implemented at our Annual Meeting that was held in June. The changes are as follows:

1. **ALL TEST** Bulls and Heifers will be eligible for sale. The data collected for Weight Per Day of Age (WDA) and Average Daily Gain (ADG) will no longer determine the sale eligibility but will still be published in our weight reports. All Bulls and Heifers must pass a veterinarian evaluation (including semen, scrotal, structure, palpation and pelvic measurements) to be qualified for the sale.
2. SALE FLOOR PRICE has been increased from \$1800 to \$2000 for bulls.
3. Consignors will be given the option to have their Test Bulls fed a textured ration or a pelleted ration provided nomination are sent in by required date of SEPTEMBER 23, 2011. (These nomination need to be received to ensure there will be enough bulls to make the textured ration a viable option).

The pelleted ration that meets the specifications of the Manager and Board of Directors will be used once again. The pellet will be designed to promote the same growth and development as the textured ration.

Once again bulls and heifers will be **BVD Tested** upon arrival at cost to the consignor. Having BVD free animals will re-ensure potential buyers that the Douglas Bull Test Station is keeping current with purebred and commercial buyer concerns. **Igenity Testing** will be offered to everyone (at cost to the consignor) and tested on the 84 day weigh.

Please find attached your nomination forms for the 2011-2012 test year. We really appreciate all the consignors who have supported us in the past and hope to have many more support us in the future. The Douglas Bull Test Station encourages consignors' to spread the word to all producers in the area so we can make this the best test year yet. The more bulls and heifers put on test, the better off for everyone involved. As staff we look forward to working with you, and we invite you to call us any time with questions or concerns. We can be reached at the station at 204-763-4696 or on Ivan's cell phone @ 204-724-6271, also feel free to leave a message.

Please find attached the membership/nomination forms, for submitting bulls and heifers to the Douglas Bull Test Station for the 2011 – 2012 test year. Rules and regulations are available upon request.

NOMINATIONS are required by SEPTEMBER 23, 2011, if unable to have nomination submitted by this date please contact us at the office by SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 to verify the number of bulls that are being sent. By verifying the number of bulls we are able to order feed, organize pens accordingly for delivery and have numbers available for board meeting. We will accept bulls after this date, but if we have not been contacted in regards to bull numbers it makes it very difficult to plan for the upcoming test season

PLEASE NOTE: ALL BULL AND HEIFER NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED UNLESS NOTIFIED BY THE MANAGER!
Please fill out the nomination forms for bulls and heifers and send them as soon as possible, so feed can be order.

See the chart on the reverse of this page to determine a bull's minimum weight requirement at the time of delivery to the Test Station. It is very important that your animals meet these standards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Ahnholz, Manager
Bev Walker, Office Manager

**Minimum Weight Requirements
For Bulls Entering The
Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc.**

Birth Date	Weight Per Day of Age @ 2.75 lbs	Weight Per Day of Age @ 2.40 lbs
January 1 – 5	749 – 738	659 – 648
January 6 – 10	736 - 725	646 – 635
January 11 – 15	723 - 712	633 – 622
January 16 – 20	710 – 699	619 – 610
January 21 – 25	696 – 685	607 – 598
January 26 – 31	682 – 668	595 – 583
February 1 – 5	666 – 655	581 – 571
February 6 – 10	652 – 641	569 – 559
February 11 – 15	638 – 627	557 – 547
February 16 – 20	624 – 613	545 – 535
February 21 – 25	611 – 600	533 – 523
February 26 – 29	597 – 590	521 – 515
March 1 – 5	589 – 578	514 – 504
March 6 – 10	575 – 564	502 – 492
March 11 – 15	561 -550	490 – 480
March 16 – 20	547 – 536	478 – 468
March 21 – 25	534 – 523	466 – 456
March 26 – 31	520 – 506	454 – 442
April 1 – 5	503 – 492	439 – 430
April 6 – 12	490 - 474	427 – 413

**Minimum Weight Requirements For The
Younger Bull Development Program
When Entering The
Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc.**

Birth Date	Weight Requirement
April 2011	500 lb minimum
May 2011	450 lb minimum
June 2011	400 lb minimum

IMPORTANT DATES
FOR
2011 – 2012 TEST SEASON

DELIVERY DATES: October 3 – October 6, 2011 (Processing from 9:30 am – 3 pm)

ON TEST: November 1 & 2, 2011

56 DAY WEIGH: December 27, 2011

84 DAY WEIGH: January 24, 2012

OFF TEST: February 21 & 22, 2012

Weigh Days will start at 11 am

ULTRASOUND: Week of February 21, 2012

SEMEN TESTING: Week of March 19, 2012

OPEN HOUSE: March 26 – April 6, 2012

SALE DAY: April 7, 2012

New for 2011 – 2012 Test Season our Open House will be for 2 weeks prior to Sale Day. We will be offering coffee and donuts during this 2 week period.

*****EXTREMELY IMPORTANT*****

REGISTRATION PAPERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2011.

FINES WILL BE ENFORCED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND/OR NOMINATION FORM
2011 – 2012 TEST YEAR
DOUGLAS BULL TEST STATION**

Please fill out the following:

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF BULLS</u>	<u>BREED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Annual Membership	\$10	--	--	\$ 10.00
Nomination of Bulls	\$50 per bull	_____	_____	\$ _____
Mandatory Insurance	\$15 per bull	_____	--	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID				\$ _____

CONSIGNOR'S NAME (Please print) _____

FARM OR HERD NAME _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ **FAX NUMBER** _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

Please circle one of the following: PELLETTED RATION yes or TEXTURED RATION yes

I have read and do (or will) comply with all the regulations of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. and its Manitoba Bull Test Station Policy.

Enclosed herewith is cheque or money order (**made payable to MANITOBA BEEF CATTLE PERFORMANCE ASSOCIATION INC.**) of the amount necessary to cover the **\$10** Membership Fee, the Nomination Fee of **\$50 per bull**, and the Insurance Fee of **\$15 per head** for each bull nominated. These nomination fees will only be refunded if the M.B.C.P.A. Board of Directors does not accept a bull's nomination.

Signature

**THE DEADLINE FOR POST-MARKED ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2011.
ALL BULLS ARE ACCEPTED UNLESS NOTIFIED BY THE MANAGER!**

Please return completed nomination form to: **M.B.C.P.A. Inc.**
Box 1190, Carberry, MB **R0K 0H0**

***** Test Station Contract on the reverse of the Bull / Heifer Information Sheet *****
Please Bring The Contract/Information sheet with you at Delivery

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND/OR NOMINATION FORM
2011 - 2012 TEST YEAR
DOUGLAS REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROGRAM**

Please fill out the following:

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u># OF HEIFERS</u>	<u>BREED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Annual Membership	\$10	--	--	\$ 10.00
Nomination of Heifers	\$25 per heifer	_____	_____	\$ _____
Mandatory Insurance	\$15 per heifer	_____		\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID				\$ _____

NUMBER OF HEIFERS BREED PUREBRED PERCENTAGE COMMERCIAL

(please check applicable)

CONSIGNOR'S NAME (Please print) _____

FARM OR HERD NAME _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ **FAX NUMBER** _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

Enclosed herewith is cheque or money order (**made payable to Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc.**) of the amount necessary to cover the Nomination Fee of **\$25** for each heifer nominated plus **\$10** Membership Fee (if not already a paid up member of M.B.C.P.A. Inc.) and the Mandatory Insurance Fee of **\$15** per head. These nomination fees will only be refunded if the M.B.C.P.A. Board of Directors does not accept a heifer's nomination.

I have read and do (or will) comply with all the regulations of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. and its Douglas Heifer Program Policy.

Signature

THE DEADLINE FOR POST-MARKED ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2011.

Please return completed nomination form to: **Manager, M.B.C.P.A. Inc.
Box 1190
Carberry, MB R0K 0H0**

***** **Test Station Contract on the reverse of the Bull/Heifer Information Sheet** *****
Please Bring The Contract/Information sheet with you at Delivery

**MANITOBA BEEF CATTLE PERFORMANCE ASSOCIATION INC.
BULL / HEIFER CONTRACT**

This indenture made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2011 by and between Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. hereinafter referred to as the **Feeder** and _____ hereinafter referred to as the **Breeder**. WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual undertakings hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows: The express purpose of this Agreement is to set the terms whereby the **Feeder** shall feed and record the average daily gain on ____ bulls and ____ heifers bearing the tattoo numbers as follows:

The **Feeder** acknowledges receipt of the above bulls/heifers and agrees to place the afore-mentioned bulls/heifers in the feedlot of the **Feeder** during the period September 30th, 2011 to April 3rd, 2012 along with stock of other breeders, and to feed a ration and care for the bulls/heifers as directed by the Advisory Board of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. for a period of 142 - 187 days, the official test being 112 days.

The **Feeder** agrees to weigh the bulls/heifers at regular intervals as designated by the Advisory Board and at 112 days after the initial weight (after the warm-up period) and make these weights available to the public.

The **Feeder** agrees to provide the following services during the 142 - 187 day feeding period:

1. Supervision of the health of the bulls/heifers by a competent veterinarian and furnish surgery, treatments, drugs and veterinary medicine.
2. Delousing of the bulls/heifers during the test period.
3. Cleaning and bedding of the pens in accordance with good animal husbandry practices.
4. M.B.C.P.A. approved tag for identification of each bull/heifer.
5. Provide a full-time Station Manager.
6. Release of bulls/heifers to the **Breeder** during the test period because of health or injury at the decision of the Board of Directors and/or Station Manager.
7. Feed and care for the afore-mentioned bulls/heifers according to good animal husbandry practices.
8. Will allow sales preparation of bulls/heifers, which will consist of use of brush and comb only and clipping of heads only.

As compensation for the above-mentioned services, the **Breeder** agrees to pay the **Feeder** as follows:

- a) Monthly payment for approved ration. Payment to be made to M.B.C.P.A. Inc.
- b) Monthly payment for hay, bedding, and minerals.
- c) Monthly pro-rate yardage fee (plus GST) covering all costs, including but without limitation such costs as labor, rents, power, lights, telephone, upkeep, taxes, pen cleaning, insurance, as established by the Board. The final monthly yardage fee will be adjusted up or down accordingly to meet the total yardage costs per bull/heifer for the year and will be included on the final billing for feed, hay and bedding. In addition, the **Breeder** will pay veterinarian and medical charges, advertising, promotional work and record keeping as required by the Advisory Board. The **Breeder** hereby waives any claim covering any weight loss, injury or death which is not preventable with reasonable care by the **Feeder** and Veterinarian. Bulls/heifers cannot leave premises unless feed account is paid in full. A charge of 2% per month compounded interest will be made on overdue accounts.

The M.B.C.P.A. Inc. assumes no responsibility for any bull/heifer losses at any time -- during delivery, adjustment period, test period, pre-sale period, station sale, loading after sale, after the bulls/heifers leave the station -- due to any cause such as sickness, injury or death. The Breeder is responsible for insuring his bulls/heifers prior to delivery to the Test Station if he wishes to carry additional insurance. The Breeder, not the M.B.C.P.A. Inc., agrees to guarantee all bulls sold through the M.B.C.P.A. Annual Sale to be fertile and breeding bulls.

Each of the parties hereby binds his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to carry out the terms of this agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF said parties have executed this Agreement the day and year written above.

Per: _____
M.B.C.P.A. Inc.

X _____
BREEDER SIGNATURE

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND/OR NOMINATION FORM
2011 - 2012 TEST YEAR
YEARLING / HERD BULL CUSTOM FEEDING PROGRAM**

Please fill out the following:

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u># OF BULLS</u>	<u>BREED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Annual Membership	\$10	--	--	\$ 10.00
Nomination of Bulls		_____	_____	
Advanced Yardage	\$50 / bull	_____		\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID				\$ _____

NUMBER OF BULLS BREED PUREBRED PERCENTAGE COMMERCIAL

(please check applicable)

CONSIGNOR'S NAME (Please print) _____

FARM OR HERD NAME _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Enclosed herewith is cheque or money order (made payable to Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc.) of the amount necessary to cover the \$10 Membership Fee (if not already a paid up member of M.B.C.P.A. Inc.) and the Advanced Yardage Fee of \$50 per head.

I have read and do (or will) comply with all the regulations of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. and its Yearling Bull Custom Feeding Program Policy.

Signature

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Box 1190
Carberry, MB
R0K 0H0**

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**MANITOBA BEEF CATTLE PERFORMANCE ASSOCIATION INC.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND/OR NOMINATION FORM
2011 - 2012 TEST YEAR
YOUNGER BULL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Please fill out the following:

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u># OF BULLS</u>	<u>BREED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Annual Membership	\$10	--	--	\$ 10.00
Nomination of Bulls	\$50 per bull	_____	_____	\$ _____
Mandatory Insurance	\$15 per bull	_____		\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID				\$ _____

CONSIGNOR'S NAME (Please print) _____

FARM OR HERD NAME _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ **FAX NUMBER** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Enclosed herewith is cheque or money order (**made payable to Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc.**) of the amount necessary to cover the Nomination Fee of **\$50** for each bull nominated plus **\$10** Membership Fee (if not already a paid up member of M.B.C.P.A. Inc.) and the Mandatory Insurance Fee of **\$15** per head. These nomination fees will only be refunded if the M.B.C.P.A. Board of Directors does not accept a bull's nomination.

I have read and do (or will) comply with all the regulations of the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc. and its Younger Bull Development Program Policy.

Signature

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**MANITOBA BEEF CATTLE PERFORMANCE ASSOCIATION INC.
 INFORMATION SHEET
 BULLS / HEIFERS
 (Please circle one)**

Please complete and bring this form when delivering animals to the Test Station. **If using different sires, please list calves in sire groups to assist in easier tagging when calves are delivered to the Test Station. PLEASE PRINT!!**

TATTOO	BIRTHDATE MONTH / DATE	BIRTH WEIGHT	CALVING EASE**	SIRE & REGISTRATION NUMBER (Please List Calves in Sire Groups)	R.F.I.D. TAG #
ABC 18S	Jan. 15	98	U		01 124 000 261 013 294

CONSIGNOR'S NAME _____

****CALVING EASE****

ADVANCED YARDAGE DUE AT DELIVERY

PLEASE SELECT FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS

Bulls @ \$50 / head _____ x \$50 = _____

Heifers @ \$25 / head _____ x \$25 = _____

- U – Unassisted E – Easy Pull S – Surgical
- M – Malpresentation H – Hard Pull V – Voluntary