

BBU Members Encouraged to Participate in Carcass Evaluation Program

Dear BBU Members,

It is time to enter calves in the fall carcass evaluation or feed out program facilitated by BBU. This is an opportunity for you to see how your cattle will compare to your fellow members' cattle.

We strongly suggest that you consider entering yearling age cattle in the program for the best results. Cattle should weigh at least 500 lbs., but again for best results, heavier cattle weighing 750-850 lbs. will have shorter feeding times and better results in most cases. This is a simple feeding test that will include ultrasound measurements and will take place at Graham Land and Cattle in Gonzales, Texas.

There is an enrollment fee of \$25 per head. The feeding test will start on Dec. 15, 2009 and all cattle have to go through a VAC 45 program either at home or at Graham Land and Cattle. The cattle must be weaned by at least Nov. 1 or be delivered to Graham between Oct. 15 and

Nov. 1 if you are going to let Graham Land and Cattle precondition your cattle. Prior delivery arrangements must be made with Jay Gray of Graham Land and Cattle.

A complete outline of the program with an enrollment form and vaccination guidelines is available online at www.beefmasters.org or by request from the BBU San Antonio office. Enrollment forms need to be completed and received in the office by Nov. 30.

In the event that there are enough cattle in another region that would like to participate, we will be glad to work with any feedyard that would like to work with our Beefmaster breeders. We hope to expand this feeding trial to other regions and would invite everyone to participate. We look forward to working with each of you. If you have any questions, contact Collin Osbourn at the BBU office at (210) 732-3132. ★

Beefmaster Breeders Carcass Evaluation Program Nomination Form

Ranch _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Phone No. Day - () _____

Night - () _____

Head Entered ____ x \$25 Per Head = \$ _____

OR

____ Please deduct my nomination fees from my sale proceeds.

____ Preconditioned at home.

____ Preconditioned at Graham Land and Cattle.

Make Check Payable to BBU Carcass Program. Mail Entries to:

Beefmaster Breeders United
6800 Park Ten Blvd Ste 290W
San Antonio, TX 78213
(210) 732-3132
(210) 732-7711

I hereby understand that by enrolling my cattle in the Beefmaster Carcass Evaluation Program all information obtained will be property of BBU and may be used by the Association in future studies.

Signature _____ Date _____