

Foundation Feeders, Inc.
21685 South View Rd
Spring Grove, MN 55974



MBCIA

Minnesota Beef Cattle
Improvement Association:
-The Weigh to Better Beef-

August 30, 2026

The 2025-2026 MBCIA bull test will be held in the beautiful area of Spring Grove, MN. Foundation Feeders, Inc. owner and nutritionist, Ron Holty, with his brother Jim, custom raise dairy heifers and since 1999 have hosted the MBCIA and Private Bull Test.

There are 14 large pens, 4 receiving pens and modern working facilities, making plenty of room for your bulls. The livestock equipment and electronic scale allow for safe and professional handling of your animals. The bulls will be fed a high protein total TMR ration that will enhance rumen stretch, ADG and fertility.

We look forward to an exciting test this year!

Delivery is Saturday 10/31/26 .

Contacts & Calendar:

Weaned, Vaccinated	10/01/26
Application Form Due	10/15/26
Deliver Bulls: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.	10/31/26
Warm up period	14 days
Weigh Bulls to start Test	11/13/26
Weigh Bulls/official Test Start	11/14/26
56 day Weights	1/08/27
Pedigree, Birth & 205 day lbs EPD's Due	1/15/27
Registration # Due to Ron	1/15/27
Catalog Advertising Due	2/1/27
103 Day weight & Ultrasound	2/19/27
Station Open House & Consignor Mtg. 1-4p.m.	3/06/27
Bulls clipped Tentative	3/4/27
Bulls Video taped Tentative	3/9/27
Semen Test/Official Test End weights	3/18/27
Wash and Deliver Bulls to Jackson	3/31/27
Bull Sale – Jackson, MN	4/1/27
Non qualifying bulls removed from Station	

Dusty Martin MBCIA Pres.
10252 480th Ave
Blue Earth, MN 56013
712-229-2410

Dr. Jeff Collins, Veterinarian
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Harmony, MN 55939
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507-696-5075

Conover Auction Service
Al & Jeanne Conover
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Baxter, IA 50028
641-227-3537

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Application Form

Breed	Birthdate	Jackson Sale	Private Test
(Ang etc..)	(1/15/26)	(Yes)	(No)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Jackson total

Private total

Bull total

Name

Address

Phone

Consignor Signature /Date

For office use.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ☐ Check # | ☐ Data entry |
| ☐ Amount | ☐ Postcard |
| ☐ Date rec'd | |

Complete this form and \$25 per bull by 10/15/26

MBCIA Test

Test provides comparative growth information and estimates genetic differences among herds and individuals in ability to gain. Individual performances of prospective herd sires are measured under relatively standard conditions so that reasonably valid comparisons can be made between bulls. The test station supplements on-the-farm records of performance. By using all available records, breeders can select herd sires that could improve performances of their beef cattle. To obtain full value from the test station, consignors should test an adequate number of bulls each year.

Feeding

All feeding is done with a TMR. Formulation of rations are designed and approved by Holty Beef Nutrition Services, Foundation Feeders, Inc. and MBCIA. Good quality forages consisting of Corn Silage, Alfalfa Haylage, corn, distiller's grains, mineral mix & vitamins are fed.

Health Requirements

The health requirements and procedures go beyond the regulatory requirements of the State of Minnesota. These requirements have been established by the Bull Test Committee and are MANDATORY for all bulls prior to arrival at the test station.

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Private Test

Bulls follow exact same health protocol and rules; but are not included in any sale or the costs pertaining to MBCIA's sales.

Liability

Careful management and care of your bulls will be used at all times. Veterinary services are used when necessary, at the expense of the owner. However, the test station manager, FFI, MBCIA, the Veterinarian, nor anyone associated with the test assumes liability for cattle in case of loss by fire, theft, injury, sickness, death or any other cause. Any person visiting the test station does so at their own risk. Mortality Insurance may be purchased by Conover Auction services: 641-227-3537.

Pen Assignments

Bulls are fed in 2 lots with 250 feet of bunk space per pen. Bulls are assigned to lots depending on size and weight.

Cost of Testing

All costs for care, feeding, testing, selling and record keeping are breeder's responsibility. This includes \$25 application fee, \$300 at time of delivery and balance of remaining costs at time of sale. Cost is \$1.35/ lb of gain. This includes yardage, labor, feed and bedding; charged from day of arrival through day before the sale.

Eligibility for Jackson Sale

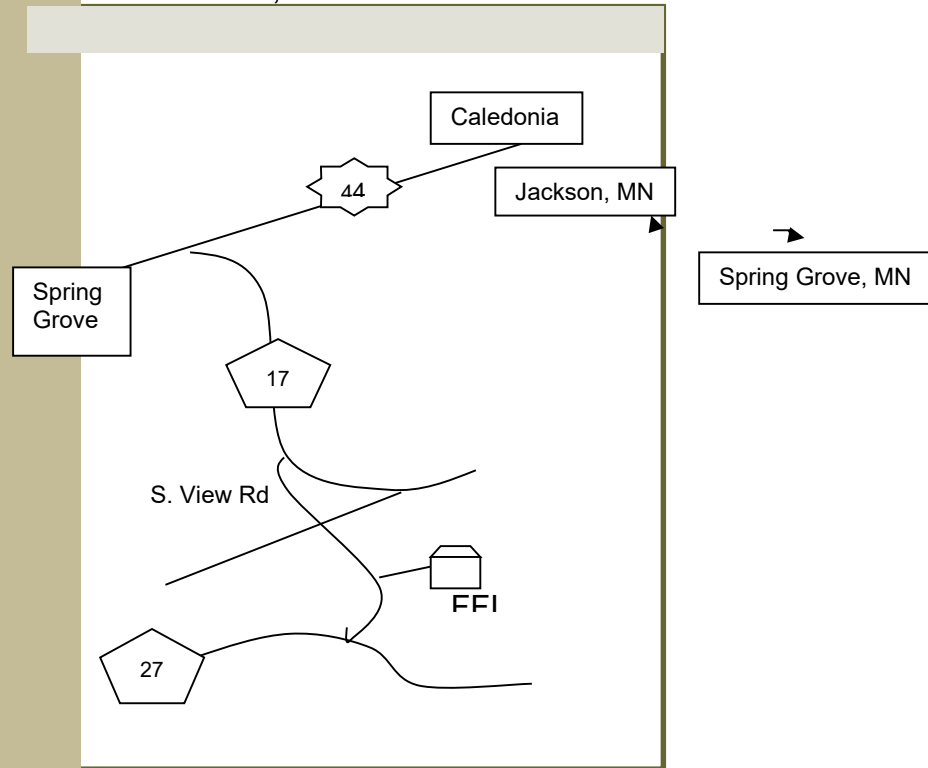
1. Bulls must have been born between August 15, 2025 and May 15, 2026.
2. Bulls must be weaned and had initial vaccinations by Oct. 1, 2026.
3. Breeder must be a member of MBCIA, **annual fee of \$20** may be added to application.
4. Bulls must meet all health requirements and be dehorned and healed by delivery.
5. Bulls entering the test must weigh at least 2.2 lb per day of age upon arrival.
6. Purebred bulls must meet the requirements of their designated breed.
7. Composite must be able to be registered.
8. Bulls must have association birth weights, 205-day weights and EPD's, which will be reported in the sale catalog.

Procedure

1. Complete and return Application Form before Oct. 15, 2026 with a non-refundable application fee of \$25 per bull.
2. Deliver bulls to the test station; **Saturday Oct. 31, 2026** between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Manager has authority to refuse any bulls showing signs of sickness, have not been weaned or preconditioned prior to delivery.
3. **MBCIA Bull Treatment Record - Veterinarian signed, Entry Form and \$300 per bull required to unload.**
4. Bulls are weighed off the truck upon delivery, this weight determines pen number and cost of gain.
5. Official test runs 133 days beginning after the 14 day adjustment period.
6. On- test and off-test weight will be determined by the average of two weigh-ins, taken on consecutive days.
7. Bulls are weighed at 56 day intervals with a progress report mailed to each consignor.
8. 103 day report is published and distributed to potential buyers.
9. Evaluated traits are as follows: Average daily gain, weight per day of age, reproductive soundness, scrotal circumference, and ultrasound. Bulls not passing the semen test will not be sold.
10. At test conclusion, the top indexing 75-80% of the group, all breeds (max. 80 head) will be eligible for the MBCIA Bull Test Sale, held in Jackson, MN.
11. Bull Test committee reserves the right to remove a bull from the test because of health, disposition, lack of identification or, if in the opinion of the committee, appears to be misrepresented.

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Directions to Foundation Feeders, Inc.



From Spring Grove, MN follow Hwy. 44 East to Cty. 17. Turn right (south) on Cty. Rd 17; after about 2 miles (watch for Foundation Feeders signs) take South View Rd, (gravel) on the right. Continue on South View to third driveway on left. #21685 by mailbox, Foundation Feeders sign just before left turn.

Performance Tested Bull Sale

Jackson, MN

MBCIA Sale Structure

1. At the conclusion of the test, bulls indexing in the top 75-80% of the entire (all breeds) Jackson group will be eligible for the MBCIA Bull Test Sale held in Jackson, MN. Number of bulls allowed in the sale is determined by the Bull Test Committee and members present at the open house in March.
2. Bulls must make acceptable growth and be structurally and reproductively sound. This is determined by complete physical exam at end of test.
3. Bulls successfully meeting sale requirements will be tagged with the MBCIA logo.
4. Sale Costs will be divided equally per bull in the sale.
5. Individual bulls not sold in the sale become the responsibility of the owner immediately following the sale. Arrangements for handling can be made prior to sale with Sale Manager.
6. All bulls are given an index for the sale: $\text{Bull index} = \text{Indiv. Test ADG} / \text{Test group ADG (50\%)} + \text{Indiv. lb per day of Age} / \text{Test group avg. lb per day of Age (50\%)}$
7. MBCIA reserves the right to reject any bull that would discredit the program due to unsoundness or over fat condition.

Application Form

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Entry Form - Copy as needed
MBCIA Test/Private Test

Name of Vaccine Product
Consignor Name & Address

Phone _____

Bull Descriptions

*Tattoo/tag: _____

*Birth date: _____

*Birth weight: _____

*Sire Breed: _____

Dam Breed: _____

*Sire Name: _____

*Member Code: _____

Registration #: _____

7 way Clostridium:
1st Date :2nd Date :

Type used: _____

BRSV-BVD type 1&2:
(prefer modified live)
1st Date :2nd Date :

Type used: _____

Scrotum Check

Describe if abnormal: _____

Manheimia Hemolytica:
(One Shot)
1st Date :2nd Date :

Type used: _____

Wormed and Deloused:

Date: _____

Type used: _____

Attach Johnes Test for Dam:
Veterinary Address:

Phone: _____

I hereby certify that the above
procedures have been followed and
the bulls are to the best of my
judgment, free from infectious and
contagious diseases.

Veterinary Signature_____
Consignor Signature
Health Requirements Continued. . .

1. Treatment record with Veterinarian Signature is required day of delivery. NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. Bulls must be weaned, dehorned, and vaccinated at least 21 days prior to delivery.
3. Vaccinations must include: *7 way clostridium* (ie: Alpha 7, Vision 7 or Ultrabac 7, follow label directions, most vaccines need 2 does 2-4 weeks apart), *Red Nose* (IBR), *Bovine Viral Diarrhea* (BVD), *Parainfluenza Virus* (P1 3), *BRSV* (follow veterinarians suggestions; vaccines have 2 does 2-4 weeks apart), and *Manheimia Haemolytica* (ie: One Shot, follow label directions.)
4. Bulls must have no infections, cutaneous papillomas (warts), ringworm, mange, or lice: or must have veterinarian certificate stating the bulls have be treated *not less than* 15 days before delivery.
5. All bulls will be inspected by the Station Veterinarian and treated for external and internal parasite, also Inforce and a booster of Bovishield Gold 5 upon arrival.
6. Prior to sale delivery, bulls will meet all state health regulations.
7. ***Bulls Dam must be tested for Johnes, between Nov. 1, 2025 and Oct. 31, 2026.***

Cost of Testing Continued. . .

1. Application fee (\$25/per head) and Form must be sent to test Station Manager by Oct. 15, 2026.
2. Upon delivery an additional \$300 entry fee per bull must be paid before unloading bulls.
3. At conclusion of test, consignor will be charged for the remaining feed and health costs that accrue in excess of the initial payments. The balance of non-prepaid costs will be deducted from sale receipts.
4. Consignors of bulls not eligible for the test sale or whose test costs exceed receipts must pay all costs before bulls can be released.
5. Veterinary service for any bull will be obtained when deemed necessary and the consignor will be responsible for costs required for drugs, medication and treatment of his bulls.
6. **Each consignor is responsible for his own health coverage for the value of his bulls.**
7. **Bulls not meeting sale requirements or purchased at the sale can stay until July 15, 2027 at the rate of \$4.00 per bull per day, after which bulls left at the station will be taken to slaughter, unless other arrangements have been made with Foundation Feeders, Inc.**