

## AHS Sale Certification Requirements for Bulls

In order for bulls to be qualified for the sale, they are to be linear measured at 14 months of age and meet the following standards:

Shoulders must be a minimum 2 inches wider than rump length.

Heart girth must be equal to or greater than top line.

Flank must be equal to or greater than the top line.

Rump width measurement must be a minimum 44% of the rump height measurement.

Bulls must be a 3/4 blood Devon or greater.

Solid red is preferred, but can have a white face or other minimal white markings.

Anything black will not qualify nor will black noses or black scrotal be permissible.

Mottled brown, tan or black spots on nose is acceptable.

The 14-month measurements can be taken by the owner (should have Gearld or field rep advising by phone during process), but must be measured by a field rep no later than two months prior to sale to participate. If a certified field man makes the measurement at the 14-month age the measurements stands as fact, however inspection by field rep is still required two months prior to sale in order to be in the catalog.

All animals must be registered with the American Herbataurus Society and produce their AHS pedigree at the sale.

Bulls are to be weighed at 200, 400, and 600 days old to calculate an average daily gain. In order to qualify for this sale, they must have had an average of 2 lbs or more ADG from birth to 14 months. (Getting animal weights at the specified times may not be possible for everyone due to timing of this announcement and the date of the sale.)

Diet is to be 100% grass, legumes or forbs. Hay and balage are considered typical stored feeds for winter use. Supplements that are allowed are minerals, alfalfa pellets, black strap molasses, cottonseed hulls, beat & citrus pulp, apple cider vinegar, and kelp. Any grain at any time is a disqualification.

Bulls are to have a semen test. It is recommended but not required that test results show % live, % mobility, and % abnormal obtained using the hemocytometer. Bulls must have a minimum of one billion sperm cell count at semen evaluation time. It is recommended but not required that seller offer a guarantee on fertility for a specific length of time.

Bulls are to exhibit the physical characteristics that represent sound feet and legs as well as a correct shaped scrotal.

Lame or injured animals are not allowed to participate in sale.

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