

High Accuracy Bulls Sought, Cost-Share Option Available

During the American Hereford Association (AHA) Board meeting the Board discussed its continued commitment to DNA testing more high accuracy sires. Hereford breeders who have a bull that does not have a genomic-enhanced expected progeny difference (GE-EPD), has a weaning weight accuracy of better than .50 and was born in 2001 or after, can contact Toni Shapiro at the AHA office, and the AHA will pay \$40 of the total to have the bull DNA tested.

A list of high-use Hereford sires that the Association would like tested has been generated. To see if a bull you own is on that list, contact Jack Ward, AHA chief operating officer and director of breed improvement, at jward@hereford.org or at 816-842-3757.

In addition to the American Hereford Association's program the South Dakota Hereford Association, Inc. would like to provide cost share assistance. In an effort to increase accuracy in South Dakota bred bulls the SDHA will provide an additional \$40.00 per bull to help with testing costs. Invoices must be submitted prior to June 2013 and the program has a \$4,000 budget with funds distributed on a first come first serve basis. All invoices need to be mailed or e-mailed to Phil Eggers prior to the deadline. If the budget is spent prior to the deadline notice will be sent to the membership to notify the program's end.

Please check with the American Hereford Association for deadlines and restrictions to their program or call or e-mail myself or Jack Ward anytime with questions.

Best regards,

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