

OBI Charolais Breed Testing Information 2009-2010

Please read the attached rules and regulations for Oklahoma BEEF, Incorporated (OBI). These procedures apply to all breeds evaluated at OBI, unless otherwise noted. Specific details and policies for your breed are listed below.

CHAROLAIS TESTING DATES

Test	Calves Born	Delivered					Pick-Up	
No.	(Birthdates)	to OBI	On-Test Wt	56-D Wt	84-D Wt	Final Wt	Date	Notes
91	Sept-Nov, 2008	5&6-June-09	19-Jun-09	14-Aug-09	11-Sep-09	9-Oct-09	15-Oct-09	
92	Dec '08-Feb 2009	2&3-Oct-09	16-Oct-09	11-Dec-09	8-Jan-10	5-Feb-10	11-Feb-10	Stay Over
93	Mar-May, 2009	4&5-Dec-09	18-Dec-09	12-Feb-10	12-Mar-10	9-Apr-10	15-Apr-10	

(Note: No test scheduled for June - August calves)

*(**Stay over** indicates that eligible sale bulls remain at OBI between off-test and sale dates.)

1. Each full member of OBI Charolais has first priority of pen space to accommodate 10 bulls per test. Non-members are welcome to test bulls at OBI. Should a member of OBI not utilize their pen space during a test, that space should be forfeited to other Charolais breeders with the following priority for duration of one complete test.
 - a) Other members of OBI desiring to test Charolais bulls
 - b) Non-members of OBI but members of American International Charolais Association.
2. Test groups have a warm-up period of 14 days. Bulls will be fed using fence-line bunks. No 28-day weight will be taken.
3. Charolais Test index is computed as follows:
 $(.5 \times \text{Final Cumulative ADG Ratio}) + (.5 \times \text{Adj. 365-d Weight Ratio})$
4. Bulls completing test that are not consigned to sell must be picked up by owners during the period of, Thursday or Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or Saturday between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 noon, following the official off-test weigh day.
5. Ultrasonic scans are mandatory for Charolais bulls. If a large group of bulls cannot be arranged for scanning, no scan data will be collected due to the cost per bull being too high. Scanning services and a certified technician will be selected by the OBI Executive Secretary and Test Station Director.
6. **A rule requiring that all bull(s) tested at Oklahoma BEEF Inc. must be BVD-PI negative has been imposed. We recommend that you test your bull(s) before delivery to the station. If they are delivered without a negative BVD-PI test, you will be charged \$25 for the BVD-PI testing to be performed on your bull(s). If the test comes back positive you will be required to pick up your bull(s) immediately.**
7. The 2009-2010 OBI Charolais Board of Directors representative position is vacant.