

OBI Hereford 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.

HEREFORD TESTING DATES

Test No.	Calves Born (Birthdates)	Delivered to OBI	On-Test Wt	56-D Wt	84-D Wt	Final Wt	Pick-Up 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	

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

Should a member of OBI not use their pen space during the year, which space may be forfeited to other Hereford breeders with the following priority for the duration of one complete test. Oklahoma breeders testing Hereford bulls at OBI must be members of Oklahoma Hereford Association (OHA).

- Other members of OBI desiring to test Hereford bulls.
 - Non-members of OBI and OHA but members of American Hereford Association.
1. It is recommended that incoming bulls have a minimum 205-day frame score of 5.0.
 2. Test groups have a warm-up period of 14 days. Bulls will be fed in the Hereford barn using fence-line bunks. No 28-d weight will be taken.
 3. Bulls completing "stay over" tests that are not consigned to sale 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.
 4. Bulls to be sold at OBI and staying at OBI will be fed a reduced ration following the 112-day test period until the sale (approximately six weeks).
 5. OBI will arrange for current health papers on each sale bull remaining at OBI. OBI will schedule these bulls for Breeding Soundness Exams. The charge for this service will be deducted from sale proceeds. The OBI charge for keeping a bull for the period between the test and sale will be the same rate as during the test period.
 6. Hereford Test Index is computed as follows:

$$(.6 \times \text{Final Cumulative ADG Ratio}) + (.4 \times \text{Adj. 365-d Weight Ratio})$$

7. EPDs are requested from the American Hereford Association to place on the bull reports.
8. Bulls eligible that skipped the previous OBI sale sell first in the Hereford breed. Then the top three indexing Hereford bulls in each test group (6 bulls total), if consigned, will sell. After these top 6 sell, the traditional sale order procedure applies as described in the general rules and regulations. If one of the top six bulls is not consigned, the next highest bull will NOT be used as a substitute.
8. **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.**
9. The OBI Hereford Board of Directors representatives are Norman Durham, Chris Frans, Carl McDonald and George Mangham.
10. Other Hereford representatives by position are:

Test Rules Committee

H. LeForce
A. Moss
H. Hammontree
J. Loewen
C. Frans
G. Mangham
C. McDonald
N. Durham

Sale Committee

N. Durham