

Introduction

This contest is designed to allow clubs and chapters a monthly educational opportunity to think about bull selection and EPD's. This contest will be held for the academic year of 2026-2027.

Rules

- Registration
 - Club and/or chapter will need to be registered by August 31, 2026.
 - One entry per club or chapter.
 - Cost - \$50/club or chapter
 - This covers the entire year.
 - Registration link:
 - https://secure.touchnet.com/C20271_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTIONID=5335
- Contest materials
 - On the 1st of each month, September through March, a bull sale catalog will be emailed to the address on file through registration.
 - No contest for December.
 - March and April will be combined into 1.
 - Catalogs will include
 - Bull lot numbers
 - Bull EPD's
 - Bull video or picture
 - Breed averages
 - EPD definitions
 - A scenario describing the cattle operation in which these bulls are being selected for.
 - Link to enter club/chapter selection.
- Selection
 - Due date will be the last Wednesday of each month. Each club/chapter will select 4 of the bulls offered, which best fit the given scenario.
 - Entries will be turned into the link given.
- Scoring
 - The scenario and bull catalog will be distributed to 3-4 officials.
 - Officials will be directed to enter a score (0-100) based on how well the bull fits the scenario. The scores for each bull will be averaged and applied as the points gained when each bull is selected.
 - E.g. If a club/chapter selects lot 45 and the average score from the officials for lot 45 is 85, then the club/chapter will receive 85 points for selecting that bull.
 - Officials will be encouraged to share comments on their decisions.
 - Officials' scores and comments will be distributed before next month's sale is released.
 - Please use these comments as a teaching tool.

- Club/chapter's 4 bulls will be added together for that month's score.
- Each club/chapter will add their scores from the months together.
- High scoring club/chapter will be the winner.
 - The lowest month's score from each chapter will be dropped.
 - The total score will be added for the top five of six months for each club/chapter.
- Awards
 - Awards will be presented as follows:
 - Top 2 clubs/chapters from each month.
 - The ties will be broken on overall scores.
 - Top 1% of each state.
 - A minimum of 10 clubs/chapters are needed for state awards.
 - Top 10% of overall clubs/chapters.
 - If 100 clubs/chapters compete, then the top 10 will receive awards. With a minimum of the top 10 teams being awarded.
 - Overall ties will be broken as follows:
 - Highest drop score
 - Most top scoring bulls selected
- Integrity
 - This contest is designed to be a high-quality educational tool.
 - Coaches are encouraged to go over the scenario thoroughly before students start working. However, it is expected that students are the only ones to make final decisions.

Quotes: 2025-2026 Coaches

- *Our team really enjoyed the contest. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in it. We are so glad we found out about it and was able to participate. We look forward to competing again next year. Each member learned a lot and liked the challenges. The scenarios challenged the kids to really think outside their comfort zone and not in a way they normally would with their own beef knowledge/operation. No suggestions on anything I would recommend changing! Again, thank you for this opportunity!*
- *This was a great activity. Really got the kids thinking and using epds as well as visual evaluation to make realistic decisions.*
- *We really enjoyed the contest - it's a great teaching tool for 4-H members interested in seedstock. Really appreciated the breed diversity and scenario emphasis on a variety of traits.*

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DATE

BILL TO

FOR

Cattleman's Choice

Name: _____

Chapter/Clup: _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

DESCRIPTION

QTY

ENTRY FEE \$

AMOUNT

Teams (Max 1 per club/chapter)

\$50.00

Make checks payable to OSU Animal Science

TOTAL