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Michigan Bull Evaluation Opens Nomination Period
Cattle breeders urged to nominate bulls with high potential

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association has announced the opening of nominations for the 2019-20 MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. Seedstock producers from across the region can nominate bulls through September 1, 2019. The program will begin with bull delivery on October 11-12 and will conclude with the Annual Bull Evaluation Sale on March 21, 2020.

The MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation is the region's premier bull appraisal program and is a joint effort between the Michigan Cattlemen's Association, Michigan State University, and the Plank Farm. The program, based on Beef Improvement Federation guidelines, is methodically designed to develop bull calves into sound, functional herd sires with excellent longevity, while at the same time revealing the true genetic potential for gain and carcass traits.

Each year, breeders from across the region place their best junior and senior bulls in the MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. Bulls that complete the program will have ultrasound data for ribeye area, external fat and percent intramuscular fat. To make the "sale cut" bulls must meet a minimum average daily gain of 2.8 lbs. and pass stringent evaluations for reproductive potential, disposition and structural soundness. Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) for growth, maternal and carcass traits on each bull will be published.

Visit www.MIBulls.com for the nomination form and additional information or contact the MCA office at (517) 347-8117.

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