

DN. Droughtmaster National

Vendor Memo 2

9/7/10

Key Reminders & Update

The Committee wishes to draw your attention to:

- A. The **new Logo** for the sale which is based around a stylized version of the **DN bar dot symbol brand** will shortly be appearing in all advertising. It is envisaged that this logo will be used for a number of years, becoming the distinct & easy recognition point for the sale.
- B. The following summary of key points which form part of the **Conditions of Entry**.

1. **Catalogue** **Closing date for catalogue inclusions July 24th**

Where a **Share and/or Semen Rights** in a bull are to be retained by the vendor the details must appear in the sale catalogue, otherwise the resultant progeny will not be able to be registered with the Society.

Any Incentives offered to buyers by vendors **must** be nominated and recorded in the catalogue itself.

2. **Soundness Evaluation & Health Treatments**

All Bulls offered for sale must undergo & pass the **ACV SOUNDNESS EVALUATION FOR SEMEN; SCROTUM & PHYSICAL** by a qualified Veterinarian within **42** days prior to sale (commence 3/8/10). Morphology & Serving capacity testing is optional. Full details are in Clause 14 COE (Conditions of Entry)

ACV Summary Certificates covering up to 10 bulls on one sheet are to be used this year. The Summary Certificates are included with this memo. A copy of the Summary Certificate is to be **forwarded** to the office to arrive **no later than 5pm Thursday September 9th**.

A copy of the original ACV certificate (Individual or Summary) must be **available for inspection** at the saleyards if requested by the sale committee. ACV Certificates can be displayed on the sale pen with the bull if desired. **All certificates must be signed by the Vet & the Vendor**

All Bulls must have **Current Vaccinations** for the following:

Trivalent (3 Germ) **Tick Fever** (Vaccination at least 60 days prior to sale date (**14/7/10**))

With **5 in 1 or 7 in 1** vaccine

It is strongly recommended that bulls also be vaccinated against **3Day Sickness** (two vaccinations 30 days apart) and **Botulism**.

A **Health Treatment Declaration** (Injury, Illness or Defect) **must be provided** as per Clause 16 COE

3. Johnes Disease (Eligibility for Entry to WA)

All vendors with cattle born or depastured at anytime in their life outside Qld must provide a Statutory Declaration that the bull is eligible to enter WA.

4. Identification

Prior to arrival at Gracemere Saleyards all lots are to be **NLIS tagged**, Eartagged in the **near ear** with the **green Droughtmaster Lot Number tags** (to be posted to you shortly) & clearly **Paint Branded** with the corresponding lot number.

Under **no circumstances** are bulls to be painted at the scanning crush, as last year this caused serious delays & inconvenience to other vendors. Paint brands ideally need to be done at home and be done very **clearly and precisely** because **delivery of bulls post-sale is now conducted by the saleyard's new lessees (CQLX) and not by the agents as in the past. Bulls not clearly paint branded will be excluded from the sale**

5. Ultra Sound Scanning & Weighing

The committee **recommends that all** animals are ultrasound scanned for eye muscle area and fat (Rib & P8), preferably **on property** before they leave home, however David Reid will be at Gracemere Saleyards **only on Sunday September 12th** to conduct scanning for those who can't get scanned on-property. **There will be NO scanning on the Monday.**

For **On Property Scanning** contact David 0427 102 257. A list of registered scanners is also attached. For **Scanning at Gracemere** please **fax** the attached form back to the **Society** so that a timetable can be drawn up. The fee will be approximately \$10 per head + GST.

Vendors whose bulls are **scanned &/or weighed on-property** beforehand should **fax their results** through to the Society office as soon as possible, & **no later than 5pm Thursday September 9th**, so they can be included on the master sheet which will be handed to all buyers when they register for a bid card.

6. Tick Treatments

All Bulls offered for Sale must have been pre-treated according to one of the following options (as recommended by the Qld DPI).

All vendors from ticky areas **must** fully complete and sign a “**Cattle Tick Preliminary Treatment Owner Declaration**” form and lodge it with the Agents.

Option 1 when a plunge dip or spray can be used: -

1st treatment by pour-on or injectable (Macrocylic Lactones) - between 7 & 10 August.

2nd treatment by dip or spray - between the 30 August & 2 September.

3rd treatment by dip or spray - between the 7 & 10 September.

Option 2 when only pour on or injectable treatments (Macrocylic Lactones) are used: -

1st treatment - between 5 & 8 August.

(1st treatment can also up completed up to 2 weeks later – before 20 August)

2nd treatment - between 5 & 8 September.

Acatak is not accepted as a final preliminary treatment When using multiple treatments with Macrocylic Lactones (ML) owners will need to check the re-treatment intervals on the labels for whichever product they are using, as some may have a 28 day interval between treatments. When using MLs, stock should be held in areas where there is a low risk of re-infestation.

These dates must be strictly adhered to.

The treatments outlined in Option “1” and Option “2” are the **minimum requirements**, & additional treatments (within manufacturer’s recommendations) are always added insurance to clearing.

Treatments which include only part of Option “1” or part of Option “2” are not acceptable.

NB: Due to some cattle failing to clear the tick inspection after last year’s sale (because on closer inspection some vendors did not dip correctly), there is a new arrangement in place for animals which fail to clear at Gracemere Saleyards after this year’s sale. We draw your attention to the following rule (as per clause 17 of the Conditions of Entry):

“In the event of a bull failing to clear for ticks at Gracemere Saleyards following the sale, the vendor will be responsible for all associated reasonable costs in relation to feeding and dipping due to the failure to clear the tick inspection”.

7. CQLX (Gracemere Saleyards)

Gracemere saleyards are now operated privately & **all functions are conducted by CQLX**. Agents only conduct the physical selling & there are no longer any contractors employed. As such CQLX have introduced a number of new management controls which must be abided by.

Please **read the attached CQLX documentation** carefully.

Only **livestock feed** supported by a **NSQA Stock Feed Approval** Statement (certifying the feed is chemical free), which has been **presented** to the Saleyard Administration Office before the feed enters the saleyard complex is permitted.

No bedding material may be brought onto the saleyards complex (options in this area are presently being discussed). Vendors may purchase their hay (and feed if they wish) from CQLX.

Penalties and clean up costs will be imposed should a breach occur.

An NSQA feed approval form is attached **for completion by your feedstuff supplier**.

CQLX employs a stringent **OH & S policy**. Please read the attached form carefully, **complete the declaration and lodge it with your NVD**

Bull Washing is only permitted in 4 pens adjacent the scales, 3 pens on the eastern end of the complex & **only up until 6pm Sunday for the concrete pens 1-20**.

For security reasons the saleyards have adopted a **lockdown** following commercial sales, meaning the yards will not be unlocked until 6 am Saturday 11th. If you are arriving between 5pm Friday and 6am Saturday you will not be able to unload until approximately 6am. The yards will remain unlocked at night after that.

Bull Deliveries will only be given by CQLX & only in daylight hours.

8. Forum & Vendors Meeting

The pre-sale **Forum** will no longer be held due to past lack of interest.

A **Vendors Meeting** will be held in the grandstand immediately upon completion of the sale.

9. Documentation Lodgement / Dates

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| 14/7/10 | Tick Fever vaccination (60 days prior to sale) |
| 24/7/10 | Catalogue inclusions to the Office |
| 3/8/10 | ACV testing commencement |
| 5/8/10 | Check Tick treatment Options |
| 9/9/10 | ACV certificates, on property scanning & weight results to Office. |

Saleyard Arrival

Health treatment Declaration (if applicable),

To be lodged with Agents

NQSA Fodder declaration)	
NVD,)	All to be
Tick Treatment Declaration)	lodged at CQLX office
CQLX OH&S Declaration lodged at CQLX office)	

Animals will be excluded from selling through the auction ring if:

- All their documentation is not received by the deadlines
- The documentation lodged is incomplete
- Tick treatments & dates treated are not in accordance with the procedures listed in either Option “1” or Option “2”.
- They are not clearly paint branded & tagged with the corresponding Droughtmaster Eartag.

10. Advertising

We will shortly be advising the advertising programme for the sale, but please be thinking about placing your bulls on the website & your advertisement in the QCL liftout and using any warm sunny days to be taking photos so that you are ready to provide them.

Last year only 50% of vendor’s advertised in the QCL liftout/wrap, which reflects rather poor support considering it is the vendor’s sale. Let’s do more for ourselves this year. Similarly less than 30% of bulls were on the website, which presale recorded 26,000 visitors for an average time of 13 minutes, so if your bulls were not there, perhaps they were behind the eight ball from the start.

11. Feedback

All Memos will shortly be posted to the Sale Website for future reference.

Any Feedback you can provide to the committee which will assist in the success of the sale is most welcome as we are just a few volunteers.

Droughtmaster National Committee