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Dear Kentucky Beef Farmer:

The Expected Progeny Differences (EPD) Guidelines for the CAIP Beef Genetics program have gone through a major change and close attention should be paid to the updated guidelines before purchasing your bull in 2019 and beyond!

Several of the major breeds have gone through changes in how they compute EPDs over the past year which has impacted many of the values. Besides making these changes, we decided that during this transition year we would take the opportunity to update the guidelines, in general, so that we can hopefully maintain some consistency over the coming years. These changes may cause a few short term headaches, but in the long run they are in the best interest of the program. The good news is that EPDs continue to develop and improve with improved technologies such as genomic testing. These are the things that cause change, but remember these tools are by far the best available for making selection decisions and they keep getting better.

One other note, if your breed is listed in red on the guidelines sheet then it has not been updated, yet. I am waiting on the information from the breed association and will make the changes as soon as possible. If your breed is in red, please check back later before purchasing your bull.

If you have questions or suggestions for improving the Beef Genetic Improvement program please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darrh Bullock".

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