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Tennessee Charolais Breeders:

This letter is to update and clarify eligibility of registered Charolais bulls regarding TAEP EPD Accuracy requirements which was not addressed in the letter dated September 30, 2016.

***Backsolution EPDs (BKS) for an AICA registered bull with performance and contemporary data from NCE is acceptable for the minimum accuracy requirement subject to the \$1,200 max reimbursement for Charolais bulls for 2016-17 TAEP Genetics.***

Please consider the timeline below to submit data and registration information for NCE EPDs. Bulls born 1/1/16 – 4/1/16 should wean 8/1/16 – 11/1/16.

**Data submission to AICA:** Registration, performance and contemporary group data for CE, BW and WW submitted to AICA for NCE calculation by **November 15, 2016**

**AICA NCE release:** NCE calculations should be released to public January 2017 for which bulls should have Backsolution EPDs (BKS) for CE, BW and WW EPDs on bulls with performance and contemporary data (true NCE EPDs); January is the target date for TAEP approvals and also the earliest date that these bulls would pass a BSE in order to sell as satisfactory potential breeders.

**Bull sales:** Most of these qualifying bulls should pass a BSE and be turned out by June 1, 2017

**Data submission to AICA:** YW and ultrasound data can be submitted to AICA between January and August 1, 2017. Breeders who did not submit data prior to November 15, 2016 can submit CE, BW, WW and DNA during this timeframe. ***Bulls needing to qualify on YW may qualify by the August 15 NCE.***

**TAEP Genetics Reimbursement deadline:** September 1, 2017

**TAEP 2017-18 Program:** Eligible purchases can begin October 1, 2017

TAEP EPD Requirements are posted at [www.tn.gov/taep](http://www.tn.gov/taep) under Producer Programs in Genetics. The first page of this document is attached to provide further clarification. I can be reached directly at 615-837-5382 or [Livestock.Genetics@tn.gov](mailto:Livestock.Genetics@tn.gov) regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ryan Betzelberger'.

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