

BROWN SWISS CATTLE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE USA

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Brown Swiss Evaluation of Sires for Type (BEST)

Following are the rules and procedures for random type classification for progeny of a Brown Swiss young sire and their contemporaries. This program is to supplement the regular classification program to provide young sires with a type proof at an earlier date rather than would normally occur. This may be used to score herds which would not normally score, would not be scored prior to the submitting of data for the next sire summary run, or the scoring of grade Brown Swiss for the sire summary use.

Rules and Procedures for BEST

1. The applicant must submit an application and a \$50 application fee to the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association (BSCBA). Applications must be submitted 45 days prior to scheduled tours to ensure those daughters (herds) are included in the regular tours.
2. BSCBA will prepare a list of all registered daughters of the young sire. This list will be made available to the applicant within 30 days of receipt of application.
3. If the applicant does not wish to score all eligible daughters, BSCBA will select a random sample of herds containing daughters from the above list. The number selected shall equal not less than 50% of all living daughters that have calved or 20 daughters, whichever is less. Normally, herds containing daughters will be scored during regular scheduled tours unless otherwise requested by the applicant. In any herd scored, all registered or grade daughters of the bull must be scored.
4. The applicant must furnish or arrange to have furnished to BSCBA a Dairy Records Processing Center (DRPC) herd inventory (DHIA test sheet including registration numbers) for these selected herds 30 days prior to the scheduled month of the regular tour. Normally, the herdcodes and directions to the farm will suffice.
5. BSCBA shall randomly select among other contemporary animals in the various herds enough contemporaries to validate genetic evaluations. Contemporaries must have sire identification and should be in the same general range of age and season of calving as the young sire daughters when possible. The following guidelines will be used when selecting contemporaries for one herd:

No. Daus. In Herd	No. Contemporaries To Select
1	5-6
2	7-8
3	9-10
4	11-12
5	13-14
6 or more	15

6. The applicant shall obtain the cooperation and permission of the owners of the animals and notify them of the time of the scheduled classification at their farm when notified by BSCBA. BSCBA will send a tour schedule to each cooperating BEST herd.
7. BSCBA shall furnish the official classifier herd inventory data similar to information as herds on the regular classification program. BSCBA will schedule the classification in cooperation with the applicant, herd owners and classifier. The classifications will be scheduled in conjunction with previously scheduled area tours if possible. If not, special arrangements will be made to have these herds classified.

8. Grade (unregistered) daughters of this sire may be classified under this program under the following guidelines:
 - A. To be included, a grade daughter and her herdmates must be coded as Brown Swiss on the DHI herd inventory. The daughter and her herdmates must be identified with their birth date, calving date and sire ID.
 - B. Breeders are encouraged to enter grade daughters in the Brown Swiss identity enrollment program to provide a better permanent record of the sires daughters.
 - C. Information on registered, grade and identified grade daughters will be included in the genetic evaluation.
9. **FEES**
 - A. An application fee of \$50 is required for each young sire enrolled to accompany the application.
 - B. The regular group type classification fees will pertain if the herd can be included with a regular group classification tour. The fee shall be \$12 for each daughter of the bull as well as contemporary herdmates as assigned by BSCBA, with a minimum of \$100 per herd.
 - C. Herds unable to be included in an already planned group tour will be charged at the rate of \$125 per diem plus all travel and living expenses of the classifier. This is in addition to the \$12 per animal classified. The \$100 per herd minimum will be waived.
 - D. All classification fees will be calculated and billed to the applicant following the classification.
 - E. Any herd owner wishing to classify the remainder of his herd at the same time may do so by making application to the BSCBA. The fee shall be \$12 per animal scored and will be billed to the herd owner. Any animal that has freshened at least once must be presented for classification.
10. Any point not covered in these rules shall be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary-Treasurer of BSCBA in accordance with the rules of BSCBA's regular type classification program. His decision will be final.

APPLICATION -- BROWN SWISS EVALUATION OF SIRES FOR TYPE

I hereby make application and enclose the \$50 application fee for a random classification of the daughters of the Brown Swiss bull:

 (Name (Registration Number))

I hereby understand and agree with all rules and procedures as outlined on the enclosed form.

 (Applicant) ()
(Phone)

 (E-mail address)

 (Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

 (Signature) (Date)