

Newsletter 2:1

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Dear Beef Genomics Program Participant

Clarification on the number of animals to be tested, Newsletter 2 refers;

Unprecedented drought

The unprecedented drought that we are experiencing is going to make it difficult for many producers to AI animals as is requested in your plan this season. As with all hurdles we need to work out a practical way to overcome this hurdle. If you are unable to do an AI program this year then it is not a catastrophe. However, you will need to put yourself in a position to see if you can do it in the next year's breeding season (winter or summer). Your principles need to remain the same however ie;

- Choose the cows that will be part of the genomics program this year
- Identify the weaners that you intend to send to the feed station (*preferably 12, of which 6 will be slaughtered for data collection, and 6 will return to the farm.*)
- If your society plan is to slaughter 6 weaners ensure that you identify the 5 - 6 that will be slaughtered

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