**Recent Changes to Scrotal Circumference Minimum Standards**

At the most recent Annual Conference of the Western Association of Bovine Practitioners (WCABP) in Saskatoon in January 2013, Dr. Barth presented suggested changes to the minimum scrotal circumferences. Dr. Barth is a theriogenologist at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine who has a special interest in bull fertility. The more modern and progressive system (Table 1) has separated 15 month old bulls, rather than grouping them in 15-20 month old group. Also, there are changes in the breed groupings and minimum scrotal circumferences. This information has been based on data collected and actually favors the bulls. The new information is summarized below in Table 1. The information in Table 2 is presented for comparison.

TABLE 1. Suggested Minimum Scrotal Circumference (cm) **New System**

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| **Age (Months)** | **Simmental, Angus, Charolais, Gelbvieh, Pinzguaer, Br. Swiss/Braunvieh** | **Hereford, Shorthorn, Maine Anjou, Red Poll, South Devon, Holstein** | **Speckle Park, Salers, Tarentais** | **Limousin, Blonde d’Aquitaine, Galloway** | **Texas Longhorn** |
| 12 | 32 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 |
| 13 | 33 | 32 | 31 | 30 | 29 |
| 14 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 31 | 30 |
| 15 | 34.5 | 33.5 | 32.5 | 31.5 | 30.5 |
| 16-20 | 35 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 31 |
| 21-30 | 35 | 35 | 34 | 33 | 32 |

TABLE 2. Suggested Minimum Scrotal Circumference (cm) **Old System**

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| **Age (Months)** | **Simmental, Gelbvieh, Pinzguaer, Br. Swiss/Braunvieh** | **Charolais, Angus, Maine Anjou, Red Poll, South Devon, Holstein** | **Hereford, Salers, Tarentais Shorthorn** | **Limousin, Blonde d’Aquitaine, Galloway** | **Texas Longhorn** |
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| 14 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 31 | 30 |
| 15-20 | 35 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 31 |
| 21-30 | 36 | 35 | 34 | 32 | 32 |