



# Bohaty Farm Bulletin

## March 2009

### Bohaty's 17th Annual Open House & Sale



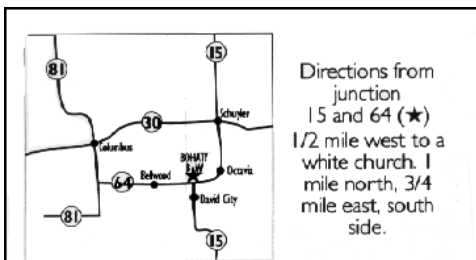
*Find the Best Bull For your herd at  
Bohaty's Open House*

Its time for our annual open house and sale. Mark your calendars for April 18, 2009. Approximately 61 purebred and full blood registered British White yearling herd bulls and females are for sale. Lunch begins at 11:30 at the farm with the sale starting at 1:00. As in years past, we will be having a quiet auction. Females will sell first followed by bulls. Sale order will be determined by the animal with the most buyer interest selling first in each category. Twenty-eight bulls have been listed in the catalogue. All bulls will be semen checked three weeks prior to the sale. We will be selling 14 open heifers, 6 spring bred heifers, and 13 fall bred heifers. Cattle may be viewed Friday or the morning of the sale or by appointment. Trailer parking will be available here at the farm.

Catalogues are available for preview at <http://www.britishcattle.com> or call us and we'll mail one to you. Check our web site often for updates to the catalogue.

Anyone interested in visiting with other cattlemen coming to our sale are invited to meet with us for dinner at the Runza Restaurant party room in David City on Friday evening at 6:30 PM. Come join us for food & conversation. This will be an excellent opportunity for British White enthusiasts to visit with like minded folk. Runza is located on Highway 15 just south of the stoplight on the west side of the street.

See map below for directions to the farm & for more information contact Walter or Nancy.



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## Intern at Bohaty's Farm

Nancy & I would like to tank Darryl Heinlein from Conroe, TX for helping out at our farm this past spring for a few days. He wanted to learn how we operated our farm and how we handle our British Whites. Although Darryl arrived after we had finished working our cows and calves and sending them to pasture, he did get involved with putting up temporary electric fencing and rotating our cows and calves on permanent pasture and moving our grass fed steers to a different paddock with annual forages.

## We Get Mail

### David Stewart TN

I thought I'd send you a few pics. I worked the calves yesterday. Got them tattooed, wormed and vaccinated. They were as gentle as they could be.

### Leonard Schlagel CO

Well another fair is over. Steer was 1st in his class. I am sending 5 steers to CSU test in Nov 2008.

### Hugh Bell MN

Food was delicious—  
Guests were enjoyable—  
Cows were beautiful—  
Couldn't ask for more for a wonderful day.

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## Guidelines for Buying a Herd Bull

Spring is here and cattle producers are busy making sire selections for their herd. According to Dr Doug Parrett from the University of Illinois Extension "bulls supply half of the genetics for each calf born and when replacement heifers are retained, the bull's impact is magnified to up to 87% of the influence on the genetic makeup of future calf crops". Therefore, it is critical to select a bull that will improve your herd.

**Start by determining the strengths & weaknesses** of you present herd, considering cost per # of calf

weaned per cows exposed to bulls, calving intervals and/or yearling weights.

Dave Nichols of Nichols Farms in IA offers some sound advice, "select herd bulls from a program like yours or like you would like yours to be, then choose a bull that excels in traits you want in your herd."

**How long has the breeder been in business?** The average time a purebred breeder stays active is short (2-7 years), so if a breeder has stayed in business for many years it attests to his ability to produce phenotypically sound cattle that

will probably work for your herd.

**Does the breeder provide you with reliable information about his cattle?** Only buy from a breeder you trust to provide honest records of birth, weaning and yearling weights. A reputable breeder knows what he expects from his herd and how he plans to achieve his goals and will gladly explain them to potential buyers. He will also answer your questions and help you select the best bull to meet your herd needs.

## Bohaty's British Whites Program

Our ongoing goal for our British White herd is to raise bulls and replacement heifers that are moderate in frame with a mature weight of 1100 to 1350 pounds for cows and 1800-2000 pounds for bulls. We are breeding for easy fleshing cattle with a wide muzzle and a large heart girth. Structural soundness is necessary for our cattle to freely range for forages. Our cattle are also

evaluated for their disposition and eliminated from the herd if not satisfactory.

Our bulls are rigidly culled for muscling and masculinity. Breeding soundness Evaluations are performed on all our bulls prior to our sale.

We follow a vaccination program recommended by our veterinarian, including spring and fall vaccinations for 7-way Clostridium, 4-way Respiratory (IBR, BVD

(types 1&2), PI3, and BRSV), and One-Shot Pasteurella as well as fall worming for the calves.

Our cow herd receives spring & fall worming & lice control as well as Preg-Guard 10 in the spring. We will gladly explain our herd health program to you in detail if asked.

We gladly help our customers determine which bull might be best for their herd development.