

CENTRAL TEST STATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rodger K. Johnson, Secretary

The Central Test Station Committee met November 29, 1981 at the Hyatt House, Des Moines, Iowa. Ed Hubly, Chairman, coordinated a general discussion regarding breeder participation, testing costs, boars offered for sale and boars' selling prices.

Oklahoma Test Station testing cost is 350 dollars for a pen of three boars plus an 11 percent sales charge. North Carolina charges 250 dollars for a pen of two boars plus a 10 percent sales charge. Missouri charges 175 dollars per boar. University of Tennessee makes available testing facilities and charges breeders 130 dollars per boar for services

Breeder participation varies at the various test stations. However, the breeders usually respond to those stations which have successful sales.

A brochure is desired to explain the benefits of central testing. The materials should emphasize testing merits other than the sales value. There is a need for a NSIF leaflet on how to handle a newly purchased boar. An editorial committee of Ed Hubly, Bob Casey, Robert Christine, Paul Flint, and Ron Juhl were appointed to develop needed materials and revise existing brochures. "Why Test?" is available from the NSIF Secretary's office.