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Greetings AWA Members,

Over the last couple of months we have been working diligently to get Digital Beef fully functional for the membership. We have completed the data transfer from ABRI, updated data from GeneSeek, moved the Herdbook over to Digital Beef, made available the mating predictor, gone paperless with certificates etc.

We are now ready to move forward with the next phase. Over the last several weeks the office has been working the bugs out of submitting testing orders through Digital Beef. We are now at a point which we feel comfortable in switching this process over to Digital Beef. Instead of downloading the order form from the AWA website and completing, now you will be filling out the order form within Digital Beef. In order to do so, you must first record that animal within the system so that it recognizes that the animal exists. **The animal does not need to be registered to have testing done; but must be in the system for it to be recognized for testing.** We will include and post help tutorials on how to complete both these tasks.

Please take time to review the new testing order form and process over the next few weeks. We will be moving exclusively to this order process starting on December 4th.

To help navigate through your herd easier, please update the status of your animals. Steps on how to update your herd have been previously sent and can be found on the AWA Website under Digital Beef Tutorials.

Management functions within Digital Beef like Pasture Management, Breeding Groups, Embryo Inventory etc are up and running for your use. Another tip, most data entry pages have a help tab at the top right corner. Click on this help and it will give definitions and steps needed to complete the form.

Please submit all questions with regards to Digital Beef to the newly provided support@wagyu.org.

Regards,

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Wagyu refers to all Japanese beef cattle.
"Wa" means Japanese and "gyu" means cow. 和牛

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