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Gambling on a Mystery Bull

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That mystery bull will be worth it! After all, I can buy him by the pound instead of by the head. He'll be the deal of the day. No need for health history. I'll take my chances. How bad could trichomoniasis be? Vibrio isn't spread that easily is it? He would look sick if he had one of those diseases wouldn't he?

That mystery bull will be worth it. After all, I can buy him by the pound instead of by the head. He'll be a cheap cow freshener. No need for a semen check. I'm sure he won't have any problems breeding my cows. He'll settle them surely... most likely... eventually... hopefully. I can make it with a few... or some... or a lot of open cows. I'm not dead set on paying off that bank note this year anyway.

That mystery bull will probably be worth it. After all, I can buy him by the pound instead of by the head. He'll be a bargain. No need for fancy genetics. So what if another bull might produce heavier calves for me. His calves will bring good money even if they are dinks. I'll do alright with a mystery bull. So what if my neighbors do better with their performance-backed bulls. My surprise sire will keep things interesting. Profit is not everything.

That mystery bull will be worth it won't he? After all, I can buy him by the pound instead of by the head. I've got enough cash on me to pay for him. No need to wonder why he's for sale with no information. So what if he's supposed to go for slaughter. He looks like he has a few more calves in him. I can just tell. After all, he has four good legs and two good eyes. That's good enough, right? If he weren't reproductively sound I could tell by looking, right?

That mystery bull will be worth a gamble. After all, I can buy him by the pound instead of by the head. He won't break the bank. No need for a bull with some condition on him. So what if I'm going to turn him out to breed right away. He'll pick up weight after the breeding season. I'm sure he's thrifty enough to make it until then. He's got to earn his keep, right? No need to wonder why he's thin, is there?

That mystery bull will be worth taking a chance on. After all, I can buy him by the pound instead of by the head. They don't get more inexpensive than this. No need to know his pedigree. His solid coat is just the right color for my next calf crop. He'll breed true for his coat color, right? There's no way he'd be a mongrel. He's the breed I think he is, isn't he? Did I mention that surprises keep things interesting?

That mystery bull will be worth a roll of the dice. After all, I can buy him by the pound instead of by the head. He's a steal. No need to pass on him just because he's a little jumpy. How bad tempered could he really be? I have health insurance.

That mystery bull will be worth the risk, right? After all, I can buy him by the pound instead of by the head. He's a low budget bull. No need to make sure he's still a bull. I don't need to check for rubber bands. That doesn't happen, does it?

This mystery bull won't turn out like the last mystery bull I bought, right? So what if I bought that last bull by the pound instead of the head. I could have lost more money than I did on him. What happened with him couldn't possibly happen twice on the same farm, could it? Hmm... these mystery bulls are just that... mysteries. Did I mention that I don't actually like surprises?

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