



November 9, 2023

RE: 84 Day Test Results

Dear Consignor,

On November 8th, the bulls concluded day 84 on test, which represent the first 28 days on pasture after the 56-day feed efficiency test. As temperatures cool down, feed intakes begin to increase along with the ADG of bulls. As you can see in the included datasheets, the bulls have gained at a rate of 4.43 lb/d during the last 28 days. The overall average daily gain after 84 days on test is 3.87 lb/day, which is 0.20 lb/d greater than that of last year at this point in the test and ranged from 1.67 to 5.60 lb/day.

The enclosures are the results for the whole group ranked by test index after 84 days on feed. The test index is simply the average daily gain (ADG) and the weight per day of age (WDA) added together. The index ratio is a comparison of each individual bull to the average index for the group. A ratio of 100 is average. This index will be used for the final rankings at the end of the test. The rankings may change during the next 28 days; however, as we approach the end of the test, the impact of the remaining days on feed on the overall average results is much less. The final test results will be sent after the bulls are weighed on December 5 and 6 concluding their 112 days on test. Please start marketing your bulls and informing potential buyers that the **Florida Bull Test Sale will be on January 20, 2024.**

We do plan to have internet bidding available at the sale again this year. Cattle in Motion, LLC (<http://www.cattleinmotion.com/>) will be providing the internet sales service for the Bull Test. Feel free to let potential buyers know that they must set up an account prior to the sale to bid by internet. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself, or David Thomas at 850-526-1621. Additional Bull Test Information, as well as past test results, can be seen at our website: <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test/>

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicolas DiLorenzo
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