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RE: Update on Bull Test and Starting Weights

Dear Consignor,

The 2019/20 Florida Bull Test has started, marking the 20th anniversary of this event! A new addition to the Florida Bull Test is the installation of twelve 72-inch fans in the Feed Efficiency Facility, which will greatly increase cattle comfort during the hot summer months. Despite the heat, the bulls have adapted well to the facilities and appear to be gaining well as a group. All bulls have remained healthy with no apparent health concerns at this point. At arrival on July 23, the bulls averaged 788 lb. During the three weeks from arrival to initiation of the test, the bulls gained 3.99 lb/day and now average 872 lb.

The enclosure is a summary of all the bulls listed in ranking order from those with the greatest average daily gain (ADG) to those with the lowest ADG since arriving for the bull test. All subsequent reports will rank bulls according to their bull test index, which will include ADG and weight per day of age (WDA).

We will be sending you another update after the bulls are weighed on September 11 representing their first 28 days on test. Please start marketing your bulls and informing potential buyers that the bull test sale will be on January 18, 2020.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself, Don Jones, 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,

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