



August 13, 2020

RE: Update on Bull Test and Starting Weights

Dear Consignor,

The 2020/21 Florida Bull Test has started, marking the 21th anniversary of this event! Undoubtedly, this has been a difficult year, and we are very grateful to be able to start the Florida Bull Test in the middle of the challenges imposed by the current COVID-19 situation. We sincerely appreciate the patience and cooperation of the consignors in safely delivering all 103 bulls that were enrolled in the test.

Despite the heat, the bulls have adapted well to the facilities and appear to be gaining well as a group. The installation of twelve 72-inch fans in the Feed Efficiency Facility last year has greatly increased cattle comfort during the hot summer months. In general, bulls have remained healthy with no apparent health concerns at this point. At arrival on July 21, the bulls averaged 837 lb. During the three weeks from arrival to initiation of the test, the bulls gained 3.01 lb/day and now average 900 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 9, 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 16, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, Tina Gwin, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "NDL", is placed above the typed name of the sender.

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