



August 11, 2022

RE: Update on Bull Test and Starting Weights

Dear Consignor,

The 2022/23 Florida Bull Test has started, marking the 23rd anniversary of this event!

The delivery process for the bulls was smooth and we sincerely appreciate everyone's cooperation with that. We have a total of 96 bulls from 20 different consignors. Despite the heat, the bulls have adapted well to the facilities and appear to be gaining well as a group. In general, bulls have remained healthy with no apparent health concerns at this point, with a few exceptions. At arrival on July 19, the bulls averaged 812 lb. During the three weeks from arrival to initiation of the test, the bulls gained 2.60 lb/day and now average 875 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 7, 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 14, 2023.

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 read "NDL", is placed above the typed name of the sender.

Dr. Nicolas DiLorenzo
Professor
Florida Bull Test Coordinator