



August 16, 2023

RE: Update on Bull Test and Starting Weights

Dear Consignor,

The 2023/24 Florida Bull Test has started, marking the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 116 bulls from 23 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 25, the bulls averaged 792 lb. During the three weeks from arrival to initiation of the test, the bulls gained 4.12 lb/day and now average 882 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 13, 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 20, 2024.

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