



September 10, 2020

RE: 28 Day Test Results

Dear Consignor,

We have concluded the first 28 days of the 2020-21 Florida Bull Test and we are off to a great start. Despite the heat, the bulls have adapted well to the facilities and appear to be gaining very well as a group. Overall, the bulls are consuming 20.52 lb of feed per day on a dry matter basis. For the first 28 days of the test, all bulls have had an average daily gain of 3.06 lb/day, but ranged from -1.57 to 4.82 lb/day. The average ADG for this first 28 days is 0.55 lb/d lesser than that of last year's Florida Bull Test after 28 days on feed, which is probably the result of a reduced feed intake compared with that for day 28 in the 2019-20 Florida Bull Test.

The enclosures are the results presented in two formats: 1) the whole group ranked on the test index; and 2) based on feed efficiency. 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. On the second sheet, three forms of feed efficiency are represented: feed to gain (F:G), gain to feed (G:F), and residual feed intake (RFI). The bulls are ranked by RFI, where a negative RFI represents more efficient bull and a positive RFI represents a less efficient bull. The rankings will likely change significantly during the next 28 days. I will be sending you another update after the bulls are weighed on October 7 representing their first 56 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 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 positioned above the typed name of the sender.

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