



September 13, 2021

RE: 28 Day Test Results

Dear Consignor,

We have concluded the first 28 days of the 2021-22 Florida Bull Test and we are off to a great start. We have sorted out some issues related to the malfunctioning of the chute scale, and we are now back in business with a brand-new set of load bars. Overall, the bulls are consuming 23.27 lb of feed per day on a dry matter basis. For the first 28 days of the test, the bulls have had an average daily gain of 3.21 lb/day but ranged from -1.51 to 5.23 lb/day. This ADG is 0.15 lb/d greater than that of last year's Florida Bull Test after 28 days on feed.

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 6 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 15, 2022.

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".

Dr. Nicolas DiLorenzo  
Professor  
Florida Bull Test Coordinator