



October 7, 2020

RE: 56 Day Test Results

Dear Consignor,

On October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, the bulls were weighed, which concluded the feed efficiency portion of the test. The bulls were turned out to their paddocks where they will remain for the duration of the test. Compared with previous years at the end of the first 56-d period, the bulls have gained exceptionally well, with an average daily gain of 3.67 lb/day, ranging from 1.37 to 5.53 lb/day (ADG were 3.18, 3.05, 3.32, and 3.23 lb/d for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 tests, respectively). Overall, the bulls are consuming 23.96 lb of feed per day on a dry matter basis.

Enclosed are the results presented in two formats: 1) all bulls ranked on the test index; and 2) all bulls ranked on feed efficiency. The test index is the sum of the average daily gain (ADG) and the weight per day of age (WDA). The index ratio is a comparison of each individual bull to the average index for the group, with a ratio of 100 being 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 a more efficient bull, and a positive RFI represents a less efficient bull. The rankings will likely change significantly during the next 28 days. An update will be sent out after the bulls are weighed on November 4<sup>th</sup>, representing the first 84 days on test. Please start marketing your bulls and informing potential buyers that the bull test sale will be held on January 16, 2021. Given the current situation with COVID-19, we are uncertain as to whether we will be able to have our 2021 Florida Bull Test Sale in our traditional format or conducted online only. We will continue to monitor the situation and a decision will be made as we get closer to the end of the test. We will inform all buyers and consignors as soon as we have more information.

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 viewed 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  
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