



November 5, 2020

RE: 84 Day Test Results

Dear Consignor,

On November 4, the bulls concluded day 84 on test. This weight period represents the first 28 days on pasture that follow the 56-day feed efficiency test. As temperatures cool down, feed intakes begin to increase along with the ADG of bulls. As you can see in the datasheets included in this mail, during the last 28 days the bulls have gained at a rate of 3.86 lb/d. The overall average daily gain after 84 days on test is 3.73 lb/day, which is 0.29 lb/d greater than that of last year at this point in the test, and ranged from 2.08 to 5.02 lb/day.

The enclosures are the results for the whole group ranked by test index after 84 days on feed. 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. The rankings may change during the next 28 days; however, as we approach the end of the test, the impact of the remaining days on feed on the overall average results is much lesser. I will be sending you the final test results after the bulls are weighed on December 1 and 2, concluding their 112 days on test. Please start marketing your bulls and informing potential buyers that the **Florida Bull Test Sale will be on January 16, 2021.**

As discussed in our last committee meeting, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will have to restrict the in-person attendance to the Bull Test Sale to a total of 50 people inside the pavilion in order to be in compliance with the University regulations in these special circumstances. Thus, only preregistered buyers will be allowed inside the Beef Unit pavilion, and mandatory mask wearing, and social distancing will be enforced. In order to register as a buyer to attend the sale in person, call 850-526-1613. Viewing of bulls prior to the sale will be available by appointment, beginning on January 4, 2021. Call 850-526-1621 to make an appointment to view the bulls. Please share this information with prospective buyers.

We do plan to have internet bidding available at the sale again this year. Cattle in Motion, LLC (<http://www.cattleinmotion.com/>) will be providing the internet sales service for the Bull Test. Feel free to let potential buyers know that they must set up an account prior to the sale to bid by internet. 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 placed below the word "Sincerely,".

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Florida Bull Test Coordinator