



December 2, 2020

RE: Final Test Results

Dear Consignor,

We have completed the 21st Florida Bull Test. All bulls were returned to the pasture today after the second day weighing to obtain the final weight on test. Typically, we would conduct the first round of breeding soundness examinations at this point, but we had to delay the testing until next Tuesday, so we will update the results on our website by Wednesday, December 9. The average daily gain (ADG) for the bulls after the 112-day test was 3.73 pounds per day and ranged from 4.91 to 2.31 pounds per day. This is a record final ADG over the last 10 years of the Florida Bull Test! The weight per day of age (WDA) averaged 3.06 pounds per day and ranged from 3.79 to 2.21 pounds per day. The enclosures are the results presented in two formats: the first is the whole group ranked on the test index and the second is ranked by breed. 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 was used for the final rankings at the end of the test.

Once results are updated, bulls that have passed the breeding soundness exam have the word "PASS" under "BSE Status", whereas those that have the designation of "DEF" have not yet passed the breeding soundness exam and will undergo a second breeding soundness exam in early January. Bulls may be eliminated from the sale for poor structural soundness, disposition, or failure to meet an index of 90. Consignors should plan to pick bulls that have a final index ratio of 89 or less, before December 23, 2020. In addition, bulls that fail the second test will not be eligible for the sale and should be picked up by January 11, 2021. Also, please be aware that our offices will be closed between December 25, 2020 and January 1, 2021. Lastly, if you have not paid the remaining balance for your consignment please do that before picking up your bulls.

Bull Test Committee members and consignors are invited to attend the meeting to be held on Thursday December 10 from 6 to 7:30 pm CT. ***This meeting will be held at the Beef Unit Pavilion, where the sale takes place (4925 Highway 162, Greenwood, FL), instead of at our usual location in the main building,*** to allow for better social distancing. At this meeting we typically discuss the catalog format as well as all issues pertaining the upcoming sale in January.

You should receive sale catalogues in the mail shortly. Feel free to hand these out to prospective buyers and if you would like additional copies please contact our office (850-526-1611). Please start marketing your bulls and informing potential buyers that the **bull test sale will be on January 16, 2021**. As discussed previously, 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 compliant with the University regulations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, only preregistered buyers will be allowed inside the Beef Unit pavilion with mandatory mask wearing and social distancing 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,



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