



December 1, 2022

RE: Final Test Results

Dear Consignor,

We have completed the 23rd Florida Bull Test. All bulls were returned to the pasture today after the second day weighing to obtain the final weight on test and after conducting the first round of breeding soundness examinations. The average daily gain (ADG) for the bulls after the 112-day test was 3.81 pounds per day and ranged from 5.92 to 2.32 pounds per day. The weight per day of age (WDA) averaged 3.13 pounds per day and ranged from 4.01 to 2.17 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 "UNSAT" indicate an unsatisfactory evaluation and thus have failed the evaluation. Bulls with the designation "DEF" under "BSE Status" 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 up bulls that have a final index ratio of 89 or less, before December 22, 2022. In addition, bulls that fail the second test will not be eligible for the sale and should be picked up by January 9, 2023. Also, please be aware that our offices will be closed between December 25, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Lastly, if you have not paid the remaining balance for your consignment, please do that before picking up your bulls.

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 14, 2023**. 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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