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2014/2015 Florida Bull Test Sale

Scheduled for January 17, 2015 at the NFREC Beef Unit in Marianna, FL

The 15th Florida Bull Test was conducted at the University of Florida North Florida Research and Education center in Marianna. There were 103 consignments from 33 consignors from Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and North Carolina. There were 46 Angus, 4 Braford, 4 Brahman, 10 Charolais, 2 Hereford, 3 Red Angus, 16 SimAngus, and 18 Simmental consignments born between August 15 and December 31 of 2013. Bulls were delivered in late July and initiated their 112-day test on August 19, 2014. The last day of test was December 10, 2014. In addition, a hallmark of the FL Bull Test is that individual feed intake is assessed to establish feed efficiency. At completion of the test the entire group of bulls averaged 3.38 pounds of gain per day, but ranged from 2.21 to 4.59 pounds per day.

Activities with the Bull Test conclude with a sale on Saturday, January 17, 2015. Only bulls meeting specific benchmarks are eligible for the sale. In addition, bulls are inspected for structural soundness and disposition and must pass a breeding soundness exam to qualify for the sale. Additional information, such as actual performance data, expected progeny differences (EPDs), and carcass ultrasound data is available for bull buyers to aid in the selection of excellent quality bulls to purchase.

For more information on the Florida Bull Test, including pictures of all bulls, visit the web page at http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/fl_bull_test, or telephone 850-394-9124. Catalogs for the sale are available by request. Note: the Research Station office will be closed from December 25 to January 1.