

# 2009 CLEMSON BULL TESTING PROGRAM

Item	Clemson Bull Test	Edisto Forage Bull Test
Test Manager	Gary L. Burns	Landis A. Hiers
Station Capacity	84 bulls	84 bulls
Birth Dates	<u>Senior Bulls</u> - Sept 1 - Oct 31, 2007 <u>Junior Bulls</u> - Nov 1 - Dec 31, 2007	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2008
Birth Weights	Actual birth weights - required	
Weaning Deadline	<b>Aug 1, 2008</b>	<b>Oct 15, 2008</b>
Min. Adj. 205 Wean Weight	Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn - <b>575 lbs</b> All Other Breeds - <b>625 lbs</b>	
Min. Adj. 205 Wean Weight Ratio	93 within weaning contemporary group – ET bulls accepted with birth date of recip	
Horned, Polled or Polled/Scurs	Bulls of all breeds must be polled or dehorned and healed before delivery	
Pre-Delivery Vaccinations Deadline	<b>Aug 1, 2008</b>	<b>Oct 15, 2008</b>
Pre-Delivery (Weaning) Herd Health Requirements	<u>Vaccinations</u> - IBR, PI <sub>3</sub> , BVD, BRSV [ <i>Modified Live Virus</i> vaccine] - 5-way Leptospirosis - 7-way Blackleg (Clostridials) - Pasteurella haemolytica <u>Dewormed &amp; Treated for grub and lice control</u>	
Nomination Form & Fee Due	<b>Aug 1, 2008</b>	<b>Oct 15, 2008</b>
Nomination Fee	<b>\$100 per bull</b>	
Nominations Accepted Priority	<i>1st - South Carolina breeders</i> - by date received <i>2nd - Out-of-State breeders</i> - by date received, if space available	
Signed Registration Certificates Due	<b>Oct 1, 2008</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2009</b>
Delivery Day	<b>Aug 26, 2008</b>	<b>Nov 17, 2008</b>
Delivery Day - Entry Fee	<b>\$150 per bull</b>	
Delivery Day - Minimum WDA	<b>2.50 lbs/day</b>	
Delivery Day - Health Papers	<b>1 - Clemson Bull Testing Program Health Certificate</b> <b>2 - State Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for ALL bulls</b> <b>3 - All bulls must have negative Brucellosis and persistent BVD tests</b>	
Warm-up Period	14 days	0 days
0-days Weight - (On-Test)	Sept 8 & 9, 2008	Nov 17 & 18, 2008
28-days Weight	Oct 7, 2008	Dec 16, 2008
56-days Weight	Nov 4, 2008 - <i>Seniors –Ultrasound &amp; Scrotal</i>	Jan 13, 2009
84-days Weight	Dec 2, 2008	Feb 10, 2009
112-days Weight	Dec 29 & 30, 2008 - ( <i>Off-Test</i> ) - <i>Juniors – Ultrasound &amp; Scrotal</i>	Mar 10, 2009 – <i>Ultrasound &amp; Scrotal</i>
140-days Weight		Apr 7, 2009
168-days Weight		May 4 & 5, 2009 - ( <i>Off-Test</i> )
Adjusted Yearling Weight	365-Days	452-Days
Minimum Sale Requirements - <i>within breed-age group</i>	Average Daily Gain Ratio - 85 Weight per Day of Age Ratio - 90 Adjusted Yearling Weight Ratio - 90 Adjusted 365-Day Yearling Scrotal Circumference - 30 cm. Pass Screening Committee Evaluation Pass Breeding Soundness Exam	
Sale Order	<b>Index = ADG + WDA – highest to lowest across breeds and age groups</b>	
Sale Day	<b>Feb 7, 2009</b>	<b>Oct 10, 2009</b>

# Other Bull Test Information

## Entry Requirements

1. All consignors must be members of the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association.
2. Breeders' herds must be enrolled in their respective breed association performance records program.
3. Breeders may consign as many bulls as desired – provided space is available.
4. All bulls must have a performance registration certificate.
5. All bulls must be registered purebreds or registered hybrids (Balancer, SimAngus, etc.).
6. Recommended - Not Required - minimum Adjusted 205-Day Weaning Hip Height:  
Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Senepol and Shorthorn - 44.0 in. (5.1 Frame Score)  
All Other Breeds - 46.0 in. (6.1 Frame Score)
7. Suggested - bulls should NOT be vaccinated for Haemophilus somnus unless you currently have a problem with this disease in your herd and your veterinarian recommends you should vaccinate for it.
8. Warts and Ringworm - Bulls with a wart or ringworm on delivery day will be rejected.
9. Tattoos - All bulls must have a legible tattoo or brand before delivery.
10. All bulls must pass age verification by mouthing upon an official challenge.

## Sale Requirements

1. If signed registration certificates are not provided to the Bull Testing Program Coordinator on time, a consignor's bulls will be sold at the end of the sale regardless of other ranking.
2. All bulls must pass an independent Screening Committee's evaluation of muscling, structural soundness, disposition, frame size, genetic defects and sheath.
3. Bulls failing to meet any of the requirements will not sell.
4. All bulls sell under their respective breed association guarantees.

## General Rules

1. All bulls must complete the test unless removed by the test manager for sickness, injury or bad disposition.
2. Consignors may not withdraw bulls before completion of the test for any reason.
3. A breeder may withhold bulls from his consignment to take home, but only after the test has been completed. Notification of such must be given by the off-test date.
4. Once the sale begins, consignors cannot No Sale bulls.
5. If a consignor withdraws a cataloged bull on sale day before the sale starts, he will still be charged all sale expenses for that bull.
6. Liability - Each bull is the property of the consignor until sold. While all reasonable care will be taken, neither the management, Clemson University nor the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association assume responsibility for injury or loss of bulls.
7. Insurance - If consignors want their bulls insured while at the test station, they must do so on their own and at their own expense. The test station, Clemson University and South Carolina Cattlemen's Association do not insure bulls.

## Fees & Costs

1. Nomination Fee - This fee will be applied toward test costs. If a breeder fails to deliver a consigned bull, the nomination fee will be forfeited. If a bull is rejected prior to or at delivery, the nomination fee will be refunded. Nomination fee checks should be made payable to: **SC Cattlemen's Association.**
2. Entry Fee - This will be applied toward test costs. Entry fee checks should be made payable to: **SC Cattlemen's Association.**
3. Test Costs - Test costs are prorated equally among bulls.
4. Vet Expenses - Herd health and medication costs will be prorated among bulls.
5. Sale Expenses - Actual costs (ads, catalog, postage, ring service, arena rent, tent rental, etc.) will be prorated equally among the bulls in the sale + auctioneer fee of 1% of sale price + South Carolina Cattlemen's Association fee at 1.5% of sale price.

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