



2010 CLEMSON BULL TESTING PROGRAM

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TO: Interested Purebred Breeders

FROM: Dr. Larry W. Olson - Ext. Animal Scientist & Bull Testing Program Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2010 Clemson Bull Testing Program Nominations

Enclosed are the calendar, requirements, health certificates and nomination forms for the 2010 Clemson Bull Testing Program - Clemson Bull Test and Edisto Forage Bull Test.

2010 Clemson Bull Test - Consignors should complete the nomination forms and send in their nominations with the \$100 per bull nomination fee, as soon as possible. If you know which bulls you will be nominating, do not wait on their weaning weights before sending in the nominations. Weaning weights can be added later. For an ET bull, the recipient's birth date needs to be provided. It is very important to provide the actual birth weight, weaning date and weaning weight for each bull..

Minimum Sale Price – A minimum sale price of \$1,200 has been set for all bulls in both bull sales. Bulls that do not bring the minimum price will be “no sales”. In order to prevent people from waiting until after the sale to buy a cheap bull, no sale bulls will not be sold after the sale. Consignors must pick up their no sale bulls after the sale or have the test manager ship them directly to slaughter the following week.

Nomination deadlines are set early enough to give consignors time to receive official notification of acceptance or rejection of their bulls before going to the expense of brucellosis test, persistent BVD test and health papers (CVI).

2010 Clemson Bull Test - Nominations Due - August 1, 2009

2010 Edisto Forage Bull Test - Nominations Due - October 15, 2009



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Public Service Activities

2010 CLEMSON BULL TESTING PROGRAM

Item	Clemson Bull Test	Edisto Forage Bull Test
Test Manager	Gary L. Burns	Larry W. Olson
Station Capacity	84 bulls	84 bulls
Birth Dates	<u>Senior Bulls</u> - Sept 1 - Oct 31, 2008 <u>Junior Bulls</u> - Nov 1 - Dec 31, 2008	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2009
Birth Weights	Actual birth weights - required	
Weaning Deadline	Aug 1, 2009	Oct 15, 2009
Min. Adj. 205 Wean Weight	Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn - 575 lbs All Other Breeds - 625 lbs	
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	Aug 1, 2009	Oct 15, 2009
Pre-Delivery (Weaning) Herd Health Requirements	<u>Vaccinations</u> - IBR, PI ₃ , BVD, BRSV [<i>Modified Live Virus</i> vaccine] - 5-way Leptospirosis - 7-way Blackleg (Clostridials) - Pasteurella haemolytica <u>Dewormed & Treated for grub and lice control</u>	
Nomination Form & Fee Due	Aug 1, 2009	Oct 15, 2009
Nomination Fee	\$100 per bull	
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	Oct 1, 2009	Jan 1, 2010
Delivery Day	Aug 25, 2009	Nov 16, 2009
Delivery Day - Entry Fee	\$150 per bull	
Delivery Day - Minimum WDA	2.50 lbs/day	
Delivery Day - Health Papers	1 - Clemson Bull Testing Program Health Certificate 2 - State Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for ALL bulls 3 - All bulls must have negative Brucellosis and persistent BVD tests	
Warm-up Period	14 days	0 days
0-days Weight - (On-Test)	Sept 7 & 8, 2009	Nov 16 & 17, 2009
28-days Weight	Oct 6, 2009	Dec 15, 2009
56-days Weight	Nov 3, 2009 - <i>Seniors –Ultrasound & Scrotal</i>	Jan 12, 2010
84-days Weight	Dec 1, 2009	Feb 9, 2010
112-days Weight	Dec 28 & 19, 2009 - (<i>Off-Test</i>) - <i>Juniors – Ultrasound & Scrotal</i>	Mar 9, 2010 – <i>Ultrasound & Scrotal</i>
140-days Weight		Apr 6, 2010
168-days Weight		May 3 & 4, 2010 - (<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	Index = ADG + WDA – highest to lowest across breeds and age groups	
Sale Day	Feb 6, 2010	Oct 9, 2010

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 Index ranking.
2. All bulls must pass an independent Screening Committee's evaluation of muscling, structural soundness, disposition, frame size, genetic defects and sheath.
3. All bulls must pass a breeding soundness exam within 30 days of the sale.
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. If a consignor withdraws a cataloged bull on sale day, he will still be charged all sale expenses for that bull.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Minimum Sale Price – A minimum sale price of \$1,200 has been set on each bull. Bulls that do not bring the minimum price will be “no sales”. Consignors must pick up their no sale bulls after the sale or have the test manager ship them directly to slaughter the following week. This sale policy will be included in the sale catalog and announced at the start of the sale.

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. Sale Expenses - Actual costs (ads, catalog, postage, ring service, arena rent, etc.) will be prorated equally among the bulls in the sale + auctioneer fee of 1% of sale price + South Carolina Cattlemen's Association fee of 1.5% of sale price.

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