



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

To: Interested Purebred Breeders

From: Steve Meadows, Director Clemson Bull Test Program

Subject: 2020 Clemson Bull Test Nominations

The 2020 Clemson University Bull Test is just around the corner and we are very excited. Rules and regulations are listed below. **Please note the change in rules that are highlighted in red.** We will again be utilizing our GrowSafe 6000 system to measure individual feed intake and calculate relative efficiency of individual bulls. Enclosed are the calendar, requirements, nomination form and health certificate for the 2020 Clemson Bull Test. Nomination deadlines are set early enough to give consignors time to receive official notification of pre-test acceptance or rejection of their bulls before going to the expense of, persistent BVD test (all bulls) and health papers (CVI, out of state bulls).

CHANGE IN RULES:

The bull test Advisory Committee met on May 10 and made the following change. Bulls will no longer be ratioed for ADG, WDA and Yearling Weight within breed but will be ratioed by age and breed make up category. British breeds will be ratioed against each other with a Senior and Junior category. Continental breeds will be ratioed together in the same way as well as American breeds/ear breeds will be ratioed against each other. We will still maintain Senior and Junior categories

Early Nomination Deadline – Wednesday **June 19, 2019 (offered to anyone who has consigned bulls to the Clemson test in the past 2 years)**

2020 Clemson Bull Test-Nominations Due-July 15,2019

Item	Requirement / Information
Test Manager	
Station Capacity	80 bulls
Birth Dates	Senior Bulls -September 1 -October 31, 2018 Junior Bulls – November 1- December 31, 2018
Birth Weights	Actual birth weights -required
Weaning Deadline	July 24, 2019
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/Identification	Bulls of all breeds must be polled or dehorned and healed before delivery. All bulls must have legible tattoos. If tattoos are not legible, bulls will be sent home.
Pre-Delivery Vaccinations Deadline	August 1, 2019
Pre-Delivery (Weaning) Herd Health Requirements	Vaccinations -IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV [Modified Live Virus vaccine] -5-way Leptospirosis -7-way Blackleg (Clostridials) - Pasteurella haemolytica Dewormed & Treated for grub and lice control
Nomination Form & Fee Due	July 15, 2019 Deadline
Nomination Fee	\$100 per bull (NON REFUNDABLE IF BULL/S ARE PRELIMINARY ACCEPTED AND NOT DELIVERED) Substitutions allowed if they meet minimum entry requirements.
Nominations Accepted Priority	Early Nomination Period (Consigned bulls in previous 2 yrs) then, 1st -South Carolina breeders -by date received 2nd -Out-of-State breeders by date received, if space available
Signed Registration Certificates Due	AT DELIVERY!!!!
Delivery Day	August 6,2019
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 out of state bulls 3 –All bulls must have negative persistent BVD test
Warm-up Period	14 days
0-days Weight -(On-Test)	August 20, 2019
28-days Weight	September 17, 2019
56-days Weight	October 15, 2019 - <i>Seniors –Ultrasound & Scrotal</i>
84-days Weight	November 12, 2019
112-days Weight (Off-Test)	December 10, 2019 - <i>Juniors – Ultrasound & Scrotal</i>
Adjusted Yearling Weight	365-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 (combination of feed efficiency and gain)
Sale Day	February 1, 2020 Snow Date February 5, 2020

Other Bull Test Information

I. 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, Sim-Angus, etc.).
6. **Bulls with a wart or ringworm on delivery day will be rejected.**
7. **All bulls must have a legible tattoo or brand before delivery.**
8. All bulls must pass age verification by mouthing upon an official challenge.
9. **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)
10. **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.

II. 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 health.
3. All bulls must pass a breeding soundness exam within 30 days of the sale.
4. Bulls failing to meet any of the requirements will not sell.
5. All bulls sell under their respective breed association guarantees.
6. **"Elite Brand" eligibility. We will recognize bulls with a brand that represents the outline of the state of South Carolina that meet stringent requirements. Bulls must ratio 102 across the board on ADG, WDA and Yearling Weight. The minimum scrotal circumference will be 34 cm measured and adjusted to 365 days of age. A screening committee will have final say on "elite brand " eligibility. Meeting minimum performance elite brand criteria does not constitute automatic branding.**

III. 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. Upon completion of the test, a breeder may withhold bulls from his consignment to take home. Notification of withholding must be given by the off-test date.
4. If a consignor withdraws a cataloged bull on sale day or is a "NO SALE BULL", consignor will still be charged all sale expenses for that bull.
5. **Liability** -Each bull is the property and responsibility of the consignor until sold, at which time the new owner shall assume full responsibility and liability for said bull. While all reasonable care will be taken, neither the management, Clemson University nor its Board of Trustees, officers, agents, employees, volunteers or representatives assume responsibility for any injury, damage 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 and Clemson University DO NOT insure bulls.**

7. **Minimum Sale Price** – A minimum sale price of \$1750 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 pay to have the test manager maintain and ship the bulls directly to slaughter the following week. This sale policy will be included in the sale catalog and announced at the start of the sale. "No Sale" bulls that are cataloged and go through the ring will be charged full sales cost.

IV. 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:

Clemson University.

2. **Entry Fee** -This will be applied toward test costs. Entry fee checks should be made payable to: **Clemson University.**

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.

5. **"No Sale" Expenses** - Consignor continues to be responsible for all costs incurred by Clemson related to maintenance of a "no sale" bull, including any transportation costs and arrangements after the sale.

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