

General Rules and Requirements Edisto Forage Bull Test – 2021

Entry Requirements

1. Breeders' herds must be enrolled in their respective breed association performance records program.
2. Breeders are not limited to the number of bulls they may submit for consideration – available space will dictate total number of participants.
3. All bulls must have a registration certificate. **REGISTRATION NUMBER FOR BULL IS REQUIRED ON DELIVERY DAY**
4. All bulls must be registered purebreds or registered hybrids (Balancer, SimAngus, etc.).
5. Tattoos -All bulls must have a legible tattoo or brand before delivery.
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)

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.

Sale Requirements and General Rules

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 within 45 days of coming off test.
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 be sold at the bull test.
5. All bulls sell under their respective breed association guarantees.
6. Clemson reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any bull(s) in the Forage Bull Test and Sale for any reason including, but not limited to failure to comply with the entry requirements, recommendation of the sale committee, defects of soundness, disease, conformation, quality or disposition.
7. Consignors may not withdraw bulls before completion of the test for any reason.
8. 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. Any bulls removed after July 1 without previous arrangements with the Bull Test Coordinator will be charged all sale and testing fees.
9. If a consignor withdraws a cataloged bull on sale day, consignor will still be responsible for and charged ALL sale expenses for that bull.

10. **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 during the test and sale, neither the management, employees, volunteers, Clemson University nor the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association assume responsibility for any injury, damage or loss of bulls.
11. **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.
12. **Minimum Sale Price** – A minimum sale price of \$2000 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. Consignors are responsible for any and all costs incurred regarding their “no sale” bull.

Fees & Costs

1. **Entry Fee** - \$300 Entry Fee per bull. This fee is due upon delivery of the bull(s) at check in. This will be applied toward test costs. Entry fee checks should be made payable to **Clemson University**
2. **Test Costs** -Test costs are prorated equally among bulls.
3. **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
4. All sale bulls will receive a Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE) and Trichomoniasis Test if needed, these fees will be included in the sale expenses.

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For the most up-to-date current information please visit the website at:

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/>

Item	Requirement / Information
Station Capacity	90 bulls
Birth Dates	Senior bulls – December 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020 Junior bulls – February 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020
Birth Weights	Actual birth weights -required
Weaning Deadline	November 1, 2020
Required Min. Adj. 205 Wean Weight	Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn -575 lbs All Other Breeds -625 lbs
Min. Adj. 205 Wean Weight Ratio	90 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	November 1, 2020
Pre-Delivery Herd Health Requirements	Vaccinations -IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV [Modified Live Virus vaccine] 5-way Leptospirosis 7-way Blackleg (Clostridials) Pasteurella haemolytica – WE CANNOT STRESS THIS ONE ENOUGH Dewormed **** PI-BVD testing will be done on-site****
Nominations Due	November 1, 2020
Nominations Accepted Priority	1st – Consignors who have consigned the last two years or more 2nd - By date received, if space available
Signed Registration Certificates Due	January 1, 2021 – REG NUMBERS DUE AT DELIVERY
Delivery Day	December 1, 2020
Delivery Day -Entry Fee	\$300 per bull
Delivery Day -Minimum WDA	2.00 lbs/day
Certificate of Veterinary Inspection	All out of state bulls must comply with current SC and Federal Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements and adhere to rule regarding federal and SC Animal Disease Tracking Regulations. Those rules follow this page.
Warm-up Period	14 days
0-days Weight -(On-Test)	December 15, 2020
28-days Weight	January 12, 2021
56-days Weight	February 9, 2021
84-days Weight	March 9, 2021
112-days Weight	April 6, 2021
140-days Weight	May 4, 2021
168-days Weight (Off-Test)	June 1, 2021
Adjusted 452d scrotal circumference	All bulls must have an 452d adjusted scrotal circumference of at least 30 cm
Minimum Sale Requirements - <i>within breed-age group</i>	Pass Screening Committee Evaluation Pass Breeding Soundness Exam and be Trichomoniasis Negative(if needed) Ratio of 85 or higher on WDA and ADG across all bulls regardless of breed
Sale Order	Index = ADG + WDA – highest to lowest across breeds and age groups
Sale Day	October 9, 2021