

**APPLICATION FORM
54th CALHOUN BULL EVALUATION**

ENTRY & DELIVERY DATES

Birth Dates: Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2022
Entry Deadline: June 1, 2023
Delivery Date: July 10, 2023
Sale Date: Dec. 1, 2023

Name or Ranch _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

No. Entries Requested _____ Breed(s) _____

Email _____

Premise ID No.: _____

Send application to: Calhoun Bull Evaluation
1282 SR 53 Spur SW, Suite 200
Calhoun, GA 30701
706-624-1403

Make checks payable to GCA Bull Test Account (\$50 per bull).

**APPLICATION FORM
66th TIFTON BULL EVALUATION**

ENTRY & DELIVERY DATES

Birth Dates: Dec. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023
Entry Deadline: September 1, 2023
Delivery Date: October 5, 2023
Sale Date: March 6, 2024

Name or Ranch _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

No. Entries Requested _____ Breed(s) _____

Email _____

Premise ID No.: _____

Send application to: Tifton Bull Evaluation
2360 Rainwater Road
Tifton, GA 31793-5766
229-386-3683

Make checks payable to GCA Bull Test Account (\$50 per bull).

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2023-2024
GEORGIA BULL EVALUATION CENTERS**

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY AND NOMINATION

Nominations are made by filling out and sending in the appropriate form in this brochure. **A \$50 nomination fee for each bull must accompany this entry form.** Nominations must be post-marked by the entry deadline. Bulls must also meet the following requirements in order to qualify for the test.

- A. All bulls must be tested with a low-density genomic panel or higher for genomic enhanced EPDs (GE-EPDs) and parentage. Every bull must have both their sire and dam parentage qualify prior to the final weigh day to be sale eligible. Most AI sires have likely been tested. If further assistance is needed, please contact the Test Station or your breed association.
- B. All bulls must be registered. Purebred, fullblood, or hybrid bulls will be accepted (for ex., Gelbvieh Balancer, Lim-Flex, SimGenetics).
- C. A bull must weigh 2.5 pounds per day of age when delivered to the station. A reasonable transit weight loss will be permitted.
- D. All bulls must have an official 205-day weight from a state BCIA, PRI, or a national breed association. This must be presented at delivery time. If data has not been returned to you from your association, be sure to bring the actual weaning weights and the actual weaning weight dates with you at delivery.
- E. Bulls should be structurally sound and show evidence of good growth potential.
- F. It is recommended that bulls be a frame score 4 or higher (See frame chart in brochure).
- G. Bull's birth weight is required.
- H. There is a limit of approximately 160 bulls at each Evaluation Center. If met by in-state bulls, then no out-of-state bulls will be accepted. If limit is exceeded by in-state bulls, then consignors will be asked to reduce the number of head individually consigned.
- I. Consignors must be members of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association.
- J. Embryo transfers must be designated as such.
- K. Bulls must have legible tattoo or brand.

- L. **THE ORIGINAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE MUST ACCOMPANY BULLS AT TIME OF DELIVERY. IT SHOULD BE SIGNED AND READY TO TRANSFER.**
- M. It is highly recommended that you furnish a NAIS Premise Identification Number.

HEALTH

- A. Georgia is brucellosis-free and tuberculosis-free; therefore, brucellosis and tuberculosis tests are not necessary. However, all bulls must be in good health. Out of state consignors should contact their local or state veterinarian for an interstate permit and any additional health requirements. Program management will reserve the authority to turn any bull(s) away due to potential problematic health concerns upon arrival.
- B. **Bulls must be vaccinated with two doses of a product containing the following antigens administered a minimum of 21 days prior to delivery: BRSV, IBR, BVD 1 & 2, and PI3; Also, 5 serovars of Leptospirosis, a vaccine containing Mannheimia haemolytica toxoid, and Histophilus Somni. A 7 or 8-way Clostridial.**
- C. After arrival at the test station, bulls will be tested for Persistently-infected - BVD. Any bulls found to be positive will be removed from the program.
- D. If you want horned bulls dehorned, have them dehorned and HEALED before delivery.

DELIVERY FORM

A delivery form on which you summarize the bull's birth, performance, pedigree, and health information will be sent to you and must be completed for each bull. Bulls will not be accepted without completed form and their signed, original registration certificates.

FEEDING

The ration fed will be adequate for good growth and development.

COST

Estimated cost will be announced before delivery date. 2/3 of the fee will be due upon delivery. Consignors will be invoiced for the remaining 1/3 at a later date.

LIABILITY

Test station personnel will make every effort to safeguard the health of the animals and to obtain competent veterinary services when necessary, but will not be responsible for loss by fire, theft, injury, sickness, death, or in any other way.

REPORTS

All bulls will be fed for an approximate 21-day warm-up period prior to the start of the official test. Each

performance of all animals after each 28-day period.

REMOVAL OF ANIMALS

Bulls will be removed from the test only after the test ends or as a result of chronic conditions impairing the usefulness of the bull. Owner will be notified when to remove the bulls in such a case.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SALE

- A. All bulls must be pedigree free or tested free from the following genetic defects/conditions: Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM), Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH), Contractural Arachnodactyly (CA), Developmental Duplication (DD), Osteopetrosis (OS), Sodium Channel Neuropathy (SCN), Dwarfism, and any other new defect or condition that may negatively affect performance, or that is potentially lethal, in order to be eligible for the sale. Producers may provide documentation from the appropriate breed association or they may provide test results. This documentation should be provided upon arrival at the test station. The carrier status of all bulls for new identified genetic traits or conditions not listed above will be disclosed to buyers via the sale catalog.
- B. Bulls should be in approximately the top two-thirds on a combination of rate of gain and WDA in each breed group.
- C. Unruly or unsound bulls will not be sold. Structural soundness of bulls will be examined at delivery and near the end of test (Day 56).
- D. Scrotal circumference must be at least 30 cm. for all breeds at one year of age.
- E. Bulls must pass a BSE in order to sell.
- F. Bulls that do not have official breed or state 205-day weights and ratios will not be sold.
- G. **Consignors selling partial interest in a bull must notify the station manager by the final weigh day.** Any bull selling less than full ownership and/or full possession must be designated as such in the sale catalog.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A. The Bull Test Committee reserves the right to have any bull mouthed to verify age.
- B. The Bull Test Committee reserves the right to have any bull blood typed and/or DNA tested to verify parentage.
- C. **Consignors intending to take their bulls home must let the station manager know before 5PM the day after bulls are weighed off test.**
- D. Consignors are prohibited from selling non-sale eligible bulls at sale site until sale has concluded.
- E. The sale floor will be set at \$2,500.

SALE CATALOG

All bulls selling will have a 205-day and 365-day weight listed as well as gain on test and weight per day of age. All bulls selling will have gain ratios calculated for ADG on test and for 365-day weight within age group and breed. Other

information to be included in the catalog includes yearling hip height, birth weight, yearling scrotal circumference, performance EPDs, carcass EPDs (when available) and ultrasound measurements for ribeye area, backfat, and marbling (percent fat in REA).

SALE ORDER

Sale order of bulls will be based on the combination of the average daily gain on test and the weight per day of age at the end of the test across breeds.

PREPARATION FOR SALE

No grooming, clipping, etc., will be permitted by consignors. Test station personnel will be responsible for getting bulls clean and presentable for sale.

SALE EXPENSES

Sale expenses will be divided equally among bulls selling.

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Bull Hip Height (Inches) Frame Score

| Age in Months | Frame Score | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 5 | 33.5 | 35.5 | 37.5 | 39.5 | 41.6 | 43.6 | 45.6 | 47.7 | 49.7 |
| 6 | 34.8 | 36.8 | 38.8 | 40.8 | 42.9 | 44.9 | 46.9 | 48.9 | 51.0 |
| 7 | 36.0 | 38.0 | 40.0 | 42.1 | 44.1 | 46.1 | 48.1 | 50.1 | 52.2 |
| 8 | 37.2 | 39.2 | 41.2 | 43.2 | 45.2 | 47.2 | 49.3 | 51.3 | 53.3 |
| 9 | 38.2 | 40.2 | 42.3 | 44.3 | 46.3 | 48.3 | 50.3 | 52.3 | 54.3 |
| 10 | 39.2 | 41.2 | 43.3 | 45.3 | 47.3 | 49.3 | 51.3 | 53.3 | 55.3 |
| 11 | 40.2 | 42.2 | 44.2 | 46.2 | 48.2 | 50.2 | 52.2 | 54.2 | 56.2 |
| 12 | 41.0 | 43.0 | 45.0 | 47.0 | 49.0 | 51.0 | 53.0 | 55.0 | 57.0 |

2023-2024 Bull Test Advisory Committee

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PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

- A. To record differences in ability of bulls to gain in a uniform environment.
- B. To provide breeders with a sound scientific basis for selecting bulls with ability to gain weight rapidly and to make such bulls available to cattlemen.
- C. To serve as an educational demonstration of the value of records of performance.

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