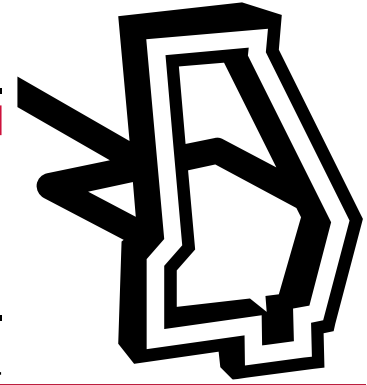


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2024-25 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Calhoun Bull Test Calendar		Tifton Bull Test Calendar	
Accepted Birth Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, 2023	Accepted Birth Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dec. 1 2023 – Feb. 29 2024
6/1/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Entry deadline	9/2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Entry deadline
7/8/24 (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivery day	10/3/24 (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivery day
7/29-7/30/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>On-Test Weights</u>	10/22-10/23/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>On-Test Weights</u>
8/27/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>28 Day Report</u>	11/19/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>28 Day Report</u>
9/24/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>56 Day Report</u>	12/17/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>56 Day Report</u>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Carcass Ultrasound	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Carcass Ultrasound
10/21-10/22/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Off-Test Report</u>	1/14-1/15/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Off-Test Report</u>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Breeding Soundness Exams	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Breeding Soundness Exams
12/5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar	3/4/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course
12/6/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">55th Annual Sale 12:30 p.m.	3/5/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">56th Annual Sale 12:30 p.m.

*Detailed calendar can be found at ugabeef.com/bulltest

PURPOSE AND HISTORY

HISTORY:

The Georgia Bull Evaluation program was developed in 1958 by Dr. Byron Southwell at the Coastal Plains Experiment Station in Tifton, GA. The Calhoun program began in Calhoun at the Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center. To date, the Georgia program is the longest running bull evaluation program in the Eastern United States. In 1994, the Tifton program moved to its current location in Irwinville, GA.

The Georgia Bull Evaluation Program is designed to address the following objectives:

1. To record differences in ability of bulls to gain in a uniform environment.
2. 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.
3. To serve as an educational demonstration of the value of records of performance.
4. To provide beef cattle producers with unique information about their sires for decision making and management purposes.
5. Develop bulls which are source identified and genetically verified.
6. Demonstrate the benefits of cooperative efforts involving cattle producers, animal health professionals, Georgia County Extension Agents, the UGA Animal and Dairy Science Department, the UGA Diagnostic Lab and College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Georgia Cattlemen's Association.

LOCATIONS

GPS:

Tifton Bull Evaluation Center – Irwinville
2347 GA HWY 32 W
Chula, GA 31733

Mailing:

Tifton Bull Evaluation Program
2360 Rainwater Rd
Tifton, GA 31793

GPS:

Calhoun Bull Evaluation Center – Rome
714 Bells Ferry Rd
Rome, GA 30161

Mailing:

Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program
1282 Highway 53 Spur SW - Suite 200
Calhoun, GA 30701

Location where bulls are developed is based off the animals birthdate(s).

BULL EVALUATION MANAGEMENT

Calhoun Bull Evaluation Management Jason Duggin Katie Hammond Karen Rapp Travis Turnquist Shawn McCary Dawson Boswell Tyler Bagwell Eddie Smith Michael Tucker	UGA Bull Test Advisory Committee Johnathan Wells - Chair & Chair-Elect Bob Neligan Barry Cronic John Cook Jr. Rodney Hilley Rick Wood Melvin Porter
Tifton Bull Evaluation Management Jason Duggin Davy Rooks Grace Nyhuis	
Georgia Cattlemen's Association Dale Sandlin	
UGA Department of Animal & Dairy Science Lawton Stewart Pedro Fontes	

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility for Entry and Nomination

Nominations are made by filling out and sending in the application form in this brochure. A \$50 nomination fee for each heifer must accompany this application form. The nomination fee will be applied toward the cost of evaluation. Nominations must be received by the entry deadline. Heifers must also meet the following requirements:

- 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, Ultrablack, 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.
- 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 bull(s) 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.

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

Health

- A. 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 active or potential problematic health concerns upon arrival (e.g. active ringworm, warts, & or pinkeye).**
- B. All consignors must return upon delivery a provided vaccine worksheet.
- C. The following preconditioning should be completed at least 30 days prior to delivery:
 - Dehorned and healed
 - Weaned and started on feed
 - Dewormed - It is recommended that a combination of an injectable ivermectin-type dewormer and white paste dewormer be used. If a combination is not used, a white paste dewormer is preferred over an injectable product. Pour-on dewormers should be avoided.
 - Vaccinated and boosted for:
 - 5 Way Respiratory & Reproductive (IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, & Lepto/Vibrio).
 - 7 or 8-Way Clostridial.
 - 5 serovars of Leptospirosis, a vaccine containing Mannheimia haemolytica toxoid. Histophilus Somni is recommended but not required.

Deworming & Vaccination Example Products

	Boehringer Ingelheim	Zoetis	Merck	Elanco
Dewormer - Injectable	LongRange	Dectomax	N/A	Cydectin
Dewormer - Paste	Synanthic	Valbazen	SafeGuard/Panacur	N/A
5-Way – Repro & Res	Pyramid 5 Presponse with Citadel VL5 or Express FP 5 VL5	Bovi-Shield Gold FP5 VL5	Bovilis Vista 5 L5	Titanium 5 L5 HB
Clostridial	Caliber 7	UltraChoice 7	Vision 7	N/A
Mannheimia Bacterin Toxoid	Presponse SQ	One Shot	N/A	Nuplura PH

*Specific dewormers & vaccines used and the dates each were given should be recorded on the vaccine worksheet.

**PLEASE CONSULT YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE USING A MLV VACCINE ON BULL CALVES NURSING PREGNANT COWS.

- D. This health program is of highest importance. Immunity is established only if calves are vaccinated with minimum stress. For best protection, the above series of vaccinations and boosters needs to be completed at least 30 days prior to arrival.
- E. Consignors must turn in the vaccination verification worksheet at the time of delivery. They are encouraged to work with their county agents to collect this information. Additionally, consignors are encouraged to develop and maintain a strong working relationship with their local veterinarian to establish and implement an effective herd health program.
- F. After arrival at the test station, bulls will be tested for Persistently Infected - BVD. Any bull found to be positive will be removed from the program immediately. It is strongly recommended that any PI- BVD positive animal be sent to a slaughter market by the owner.

Delivery Form

- Soon after the entry deadline you will receive a delivery form on which you must summarize the bull's birth, performance, pedigree, and health information. The delivery form must accompany bull(s) at delivery. Bull(s) will not be accepted without a completed form.

Nutrition

- The ration will consist of a supplement designed for optimum growth and development and free-choice hay. The supplement will be developed based on the current year's feed prices to provide the least-cost ration to maximize gain. The diets will be offered in feed bins to allow unlimited intake. The hay is procured through a bidding system prior to the start of each year's program based on specific nutritional guidelines.

Program 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 the 56-weigh date. Payment is to be received by off test weights. This cost does not include sale expenses.

Liability

- 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, or death in any other way. Consignors are encouraged to evaluate risk management options for their individual bulls.

Reports

- All bulls will be fed for an approximate 21-day warm-up period prior to the start of the official test. Reports will be produced every 28 days once the official on-test begins: On-Test, 28 days, 56 days, & 84 days (off-test).

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.

Consent of Data Collection

- Bulls may be used for collection of data in research projects that will be approved by the University of Georgia Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Unless studies are designed to be observational (i.e., the use of data that can be collected as part of the existing program), approval must be obtained from the Bull Test Advisory Committee. Any study conducted must involve minimal risk and designed that all bulls are managed under the same protocol (i.e., no bull will receive a treatment or have a sample collected that another bull does not). Information collected from these studies will be used for educational purposes and/or published with individual animal and owner identification remaining confidential.

Sale

Eligibility

- 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, 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.

- Bulls should be in approximately the top two-thirds on a combination of rate of gain and weight per day of age in each breed group.
- 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).
- Scrotal circumference must be at least 30 cm. for all breeds at one year of age.
- Bulls must pass a BSE in order to sell.
- Bulls that do not have official breed or state 205-day weights and ratios will not be sold.
- 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

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

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.

Sale Expenses

- Sale expenses include, but are not limited to, auctioneer cost, online bidding (if used in that specific year), facility rental, special assignments, and incidental expenses. Total sale expenses are subtracted from the sale price and consignors will receive a check for the balance.

Sale Payments

- All sale proceeds will be paid to consignors through ACH payment only. Consignors must provide a voided check upon bull delivery. Programmatic personal will help to facilitate with consignors upon bull check-in.

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.

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Nomination Form

Important Dates, Entry Deadlines, & Mailing Addresses

Calhoun Program:

Birth Dates: Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, 2023

Entry Deadline: June 1st, 2024

Delivery: July 8th, 2024

Sale Date: December 6th, 2024

Make check out and mail to:

Calhoun Bull Evaluation

1282 Highway 53 Spur SW - Suite 200

Calhoun, GA 30701

Tifton Program:

Birth Dates: Dec. 1, 2024 – Feb. 29, 2024

Entry Deadline: Sept. 2nd, 2024

Delivery: Oct. 3rd, 2024

Sale Date: March 5th, 2025

Make check out and mail to:

Tifton Bull Evaluation

2360 Rainwater Rd

Tifton, GA 31793

Farm Name: _____

Consignor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Location Selection & Number of
Bulls Per Location (write in
box)**

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Breed: ___Angus ___Simangus ___Simmental ___Hereford ___Charolais

___Red Angus ___Black Hereford ___Other Breed: _____

Please make sure your membership with the Georgia Cattlemen's Association is current.

Nomination fee of \$50 per animal is due with this nomination form at the deadline. This fee will be applied to the total program cost per animal. Delivery packet and total cost will be mailed to you upon acceptance into the program ahead of delivery.