

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

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This column features the performance leaders in central bull tests hosted across the country.

## Alabama BCIA Announcement

The schedule for the 51st annual Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (BCIA) bull test has been announced. Nominations for the test were due June 6.

The 84-day test is conducted at the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center near Cullman, Ala., and will feature bulls born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2022. Bulls will be fed a full-gain ration.

The bulls will be received July 11. On-test weights will be recorded Aug. 8, and final weights are scheduled to be collected Oct. 31. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Dec. 9, hosted at the Cullman Stockyards.

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## Calhoun Bull Evaluation Announcement

The University of Georgia Extension has announced the schedule for its 2023-2024 Calhoun Bull Evaluation. Nominations were due June 1, and eligible bulls were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2022.

The bulls will be received at the test station July 10 and weighed on test July 31-Aug. 1. Interim weights will be collected Aug. 29 and Sept. 26, and final weights will be collected Oct. 23-24.

There will be a Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar Nov. 30, and the test sale will be hosted Dec. 1. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or [jduggin@uga.edu](mailto:jduggin@uga.edu),

or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-CalhounBT>.

## Calhoun HERD Program Report 4 (April 3)

The University of Georgia (UGA) has concluded its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Calhoun, Ga., for heifers born Dec. 2021 to Feb. 2022. The heifers were evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition, and fed a ration to gain 1.5-1.75 pounds (lb.) per day. The heifers represent 16 consignors, and were synchronized and bred by artificial insemination (AI) Feb. 27, then exposed to a clean-up bull. The main AI sire was GAR Sure Fire, but heifers closely related were bred to Baldrige Marksman D274.

When weights were recorded March 28, the 99 heifers' average weight was 887 lb., and their average WDA was 1.94 lb.

The Calhoun HERD sale was to be hosted May 31.

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## Connors State College Bull Test Announcements

Connors State College has announced the schedules for its Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 bull evaluations, to be hosted at the Connors State College campus at Warner, Okla. The 112-day evaluation is based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration.

The Fall 2023 test will feature

bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2022.

Nominations were due June 15, and the bulls were to be received at the test station July 6-8. On-test weights are scheduled to be recorded July 20, with interim weights scheduled Sept. 14 and Oct. 12. Final weights will be recorded Nov. 9, and the test sale will be hosted Nov. 30.

The Spring 2024 test will feature bulls born Jan.1-March 30, 2023. Nominations are due Nov. 1, and the bulls will be received at the test station Nov. 30-Dec. 2. On-test weights will be collected Dec. 7, and interim weights will be collected Feb. 1 and Feb. 29, 2024. Final weights will be collected March 28, and the test sale will be hosted April 11.

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## Florida Bull Test Announcement

The 2023-2024 Florida Bull Test will be hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla., for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2022.

The ration is formulated with a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day. During the first 56 days of the test, bulls will be fed a total mixed ration with grain byproducts and forage. For the remainder of the test, bulls will receive the same diet in self-feeders,

with a slightly reduced amount of roughage and *ad libitum* access to hay.

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled to be July 25, and initial weights will be recorded Aug. 15-16. Interim weights will be recorded Sept. 13, Oct. 10-11 and Nov. 8. Final weights will be collected Dec. 5-6. The test sale is scheduled to be hosted Jan. 20, 2024. To qualify, bulls must achieve an index ratio of 90, calculated as WDA+ADG.

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## NC BCIP Butner Bull Test Announcement

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test is operated by the NC State University Agricultural Research Service at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory near Bahama, N.C. Bulls eligible for the 112-day evaluation were born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2022, and will be fed a silage-based diet. Nominations were due June 13.

Delivery of the bulls to the test station is scheduled for July 5, and on-test weights will be recorded July 17-18. Interim weights will be observed Sept. 12 and Oct. 10, and final weights will be observed Nov. 6-7.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted Dec. 15. For more information contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

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## Tifton Bull Evaluations Announcement

The University of Georgia

Extension has begun its 65th Tifton Bull Evaluation. Bulls eligible for the test were born between Dec. 1, 2022, to Feb. 28, 2023, and nominations are due Sept. 1.

Bulls will be received at the test station Oct. 5, and on-test weights will be recorded Oct. 24-25. Interim weights will be collected Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, and final weights will be collected Jan. 16-17, 2024.

The Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course is planned to be hosted March 5, and the 66th annual test sale is planned to be hosted March 6, 2023.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-CalhounBT>.

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## NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test Announcement

The NC Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) has begun conducting its Waynesville Bull Test, featuring bulls born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2022. The test is conducted at the Mountain Research Station at Waynesville.

Nominations were due May 31.

Delivery of the bulls was scheduled to be June 21, and initial weights will be collected July 5-6. Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Aug. 30 and Sept. 27, with final weights planned Oct. 24-25.

The test sale will be hosted Dec. 2 at the WNC Regional Livestock Center in Canton. For more information contact Kyle Miller, station manager, at 828-456-3943, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

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## Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Announcement

The Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test will be conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. Entries are

due Sept. 5. The test will feature a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2022, and a junior division featuring bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2023.

Bulls will be received at the test station Oct. 3, to be weighed on test Oct. 23-24. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 2024, and final weights will be collected Feb. 12-13. An open house will be hosted March 17, and the test sale will be hosted March 23.

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## Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test Announcement

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test will be conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa. Nominations were due June 10, and the bulls were scheduled to be delivered to the test station June 27. Bulls in the 112-day evaluation will be fed a silage-based ration to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb., and were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2022.

Initial weights are scheduled to be recorded July 11, and interim weights will be recorded Sept. 5 and Oct. 3. Off-test weights will be recorded Oct. 30-31. An open house is planned for Dec. 3, and the 66th annual test sale will be hosted Dec. 9.

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