

**APPLICATION FORM  
47th CALHOUN BULL EVALUATION**

**ENTRY & DELIVERY DATES**

**Birth Dates:** Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2015  
**Entry Deadline:** June 1, 2016  
**Delivery Dates:** June 27-28, 2016  
**Sale Date:** Dec. 2, 2016

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Name or Farm Name

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Address

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City State Zip

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Telephone

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No. Entries Requested

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Breed

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Premise ID No.:

Send application to: Calhoun Bull Evaluation - NW GA R&E Ctr  
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  
59th TIFTON BULL EVALUATION**

**ENTRY & DELIVERY DATES**

**Birth Dates:** Dec. 1, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016  
**Entry Deadline:** September 1, 2016  
**Delivery Dates:** Sept. 26-27, 2016  
**Sale Date:** March 1, 2017

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Name or Farm Name

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Address

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City State Zip

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Telephone

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No. Entries Requested

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Breed

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Premise ID No.:

Send application to: Tifton Bull Evaluation - UGA/CPES  
2360 Rainwater Road  
Tifton, GA 31793-5766  
229/386-3214 or 229/386-3683

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

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2016-2017  
GEORGIA BULL EVALUATION CENTERS**

Tifton Bull Evaluation Center, Tifton, GA  
Calhoun Bull Evaluation Center, Calhoun, GA

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM**

- A. To record differences in ability of bulls to gain in 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.

**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 received by the entry deadline. Bulls must also meet the following requirements in order to qualify for the test.

- A. All bulls must be registered. Purebred, fullblood, or hybrid bulls will be accepted (for ex., Gelbvieh Balancer, Lim-Flex, SimGenetics).
- B. A bull must weigh 2.5 pounds per day of age when delivered to the station. A reasonable transit weight loss will be permitted.
- C. 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.
- D. Bulls should be structurally sound and show evidence of good growth potential.
- E. It is recommended that bulls be a frame score 4 or higher (See frame chart in brochure).
- F. Bull's birth weight is required.
- G. The maximum number of bulls accepted at Calhoun and Tifton will depend on available space.
- H. Priority for space will be given to Georgia residents. Bulls from other states will be accepted only if space is available.
- 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 and accompanied by a valid health certificate. Non-resident consignors should contact their local or state veterinarian for interstate permit and any additional health requirements.
- B. **Animals must have been vaccinated for BRSV, Pasteurella, 5-way Leptospirosis, 7-way Clostridium, IBR/PI3/BVD and Haemophilus Somnus three weeks or more prior to delivery. A PINKEYE VACCINATION FOR THE MORAXELLA BOVIS STRAIN IS REQUIRED.**
- 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.

**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 cooperator will be given a complete summary of the 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), 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 84).
- D. Scrotal circumference must be at least 30 cm. for all breeds at one year of age.
- E. Bulls must pass a semen evaluation 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 the final weigh day.**
- D. Consignors are prohibited from selling non-sale eligible bulls at sale site until sale has concluded.

## 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

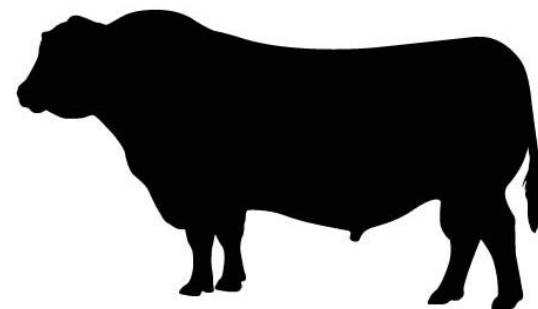
Age in Months	Frame Score								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	33.5	35.5	37.5	39.5	41.6	43.6	45.6	47.7	49.7
6	34.8	36.8	38.8	40.8	42.9	44.9	46.9	48.9	51.0
7	36.0	38.0	40.0	42.1	44.1	46.1	48.1	50.1	52.2
8	37.2	39.2	41.2	43.2	45.2	47.2	49.3	51.3	53.3
9	38.2	40.2	42.3	44.3	46.3	48.3	50.3	52.3	54.3
10	39.2	41.2	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

## 2016-2017 Bull Test Advisory Committee

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