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2009 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program On-Test Report

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To: Interested producers and consignors of the 40th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program

From:  Ted G. Dyer, Extension Animal Scientist – Beef Cattle



RE: 2009 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program On-Test Report

The 40th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program began on July 6th and 7th with the delivery of 105 bulls. During the three week warm-up period two Angus bulls were removed by producers due to NH test results. The weather has been great, this has enabled the bulls to go onto feed well and adjust to the new environment. The bulls remain very healthy with very limited respiratory problems. This is the fifth year that bulls have been tested for Persistently Infected BVD otherwise known as PI-BVD. All 105 bulls were negative for PI-BVD.

I am excited about beginning my first full year with the Bull Test. Special thanks to Phil Worley, Travis Turnquist, Karen Rapp and the crew at the Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center for their guidance and expertise they provide to the overall program. Also, thanks to this year's consignors for another great set of bulls. Presently we have 103 bulls on test with 10 breeds represented.

I would like to thank each of agribusiness sponsors that donated products and assistance with this year's program. Randy Fordham of Fort Dodge Animal Health furnished vaccines and dewormer as well as assisted with bull delivery. Ronnie Able of Intervet Schering-Plough Animal Health furnished vaccines and fly control products. Dr. Ernie Myers of Possum Trot Veterinarian Clinic in Rome, Georgia donated health products for the program. Genex, Inc. – Fort Payne, AL have also donated a free semen collection to the top indexing bull. Please say thanks to these sponsors for their gracious support.

Dr. J. Scott Angle, UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) Dean and Director, and Associate Dean, Dr. Bob Shulstad, continue to demonstrate their commitment to the Calhoun Bull Test by providing half of the funding for one full-time employee. Their assistance is greatly needed and appreciated. Please thank them regarding their support.

As a quick reminder, if you have not provided your registration papers, AMF results (Angus bulls only), or other data that may be missing on your delivery form, please provide by August 20. It is critical that we have all of this information on file as soon as possible.

This report can be accessed electronically by going to www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web/ . Our next weigh day is scheduled for August 25, and as always, you are invited to visit the Bull Test Station any time.

Enclosure