



GEORGIA BULL TEST & HERD PROGRAM

Tifton Bull Evaluation: The 62nd Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale held on March 4th, 2020 sold 83 parentage verified and genomically tested bulls to 56 buyers from Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. Those 83 lots averaged \$2,622 and grossed \$217,600.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation: The 50th Calhoun Evaluation sold 72 lots averaging \$3,021 grossing \$217,500. There were 60 buyers from 7 states.

Regarding both programs: The addition of parentage testing and GE-EPDs was made for the 2019-2020 year. Although there is a continuing learning curve with this technology, the educational benefits for consignors and buyers in Georgia continues to be realized. Buyers and consignors both can have greater confidence with the offering.

The bull test committee met on April 29th. Current members are Barry Cronic, Bob Neligan, Johnathan Wells, Hardy Edwards, Rick Wood, Philip Bridges and Melvin Porter, committee chair.

Tifton HERD: The 22nd Tifton HERD Sale was held via tele-auction due to COVID-19. The 58 bred heifers sold averaged \$1,722 and grossed \$99,850. There were 17 buyers from Georgia and North Carolina.

Calhoun HERD: The Calhoun sale was held May 27 as a tele-auction. (Hope to update numbers after the sale)

The HERD program has incorporated the Igenity Beef genomic test for commercial heifers and GE-EPDs for registered heifers as part of the program for the 2019-2020 year.