

UT Senior Bull Test Sale Scheduled For January

SPRING HILL, TENN.

More than 60 performance tested bulls will soon be sold at the University of Tennessee Bull Test Station, located at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center. The Senior Bull Test Sale is scheduled for January 21, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. CST. It will feature 64 Angus bulls that have recently passed the 84-day gain test and the Breeding Soundness Examination.

According to Dr. David Kirkpatrick, UT Animal Science professor, all bulls in the sale have excelled in the gain test, meeting strict qualifications in average daily weight gain. The class gained an average of 4.38 pounds per day. The high gaining bull averaged a daily gain of 6.00 pounds per day. This SAF Directive sired calf,

utk.edu/Beef/BullTestingProgram.html or at UT Extension offices across the state. For catalogs and additional information, contact Dr. David Kirkpatrick at 865-974-4294 or email at fkirkpat@utk.edu.

The Senior Bull Test Sale is a public auction. Prospective buyers will have the opportunity to bid on these outstanding bulls at the Bull Test Station or at the two TeleVideo sites located at the Knoxville Livestock Center and the 4-H Camp in Greeneville.

The purpose of the Bull Testing Station is to provide a standard, impartial post-weaning gain test that will furnish records that will be useful in breeding programs. The Station also provides a market for completely performance-tested bulls and serves as an educational tool for beef



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consigned by Mathis Angus Farm of Duck River, finished with an adjusted yearling weight of 1294 pounds and a frame score of 6.0. Second place gain honors go to another Hickman County Angus bull consigned by Four Hills Farm of Centerville. This TC Total 410 sired calf gained 5.83 pounds per day and had a 1428-pound adjusted yearling weight with a frame score of 6.8.

Complete test reports and a video are available online at <http://animalscience.ag>.

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The Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center is one of 10 outdoor laboratories operated by UT AgResearch, a division of the UT Institute of Agriculture. In addition to its agricultural research programs, the UT Institute of Agriculture also provides instruction, research and public service through the UT College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the UT College of Veterinary Medicine and UT Extension offices in every county in the state. Δ