

Bull Power Group Begins Fifth Year

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Gorgia's Bull Power Group begins its fifth year with renewed interest in the seedstock business, based on the smallest calf-crop in this country since 1961, an improving economy and better weather conditions than the last five years. Since all those involved in agriculture always have a renewed sense of hope with each new crop, whether it's plant or animal, the Bull Power Group plows ahead with an enthusiasm for better days ahead, producing better bulls for an ever complex and changing commercial cattle industry.

This year – due to the fact that Terry Chandler, who develops our bulls for us, was able to lease a large grass cattle farm, complete with covered feeding facilities – we are able to hand-feed our bulls once per day and the bulls are rotated among three 60-acre pastures and graze on hybrid bermuda, fescue and other native forages daily. Bulls receive about 20 lbs of a high-roughage commodity-based ration daily, and gains have been in the 3- to 3.5-lbs-per-day range since early June. Our goal has always been to properly develop our bulls, since a long and useful life is most important to commercial producers. Bulls travel great distances daily on the farm, located near Ila, Ga., on steep terrain. No doubt, commercial cattlemen should appreciate the way these bulls have been developed!

All the bulls have already tested negative for PI-BVD, will be ultrasounded for carcass traits, passed a semen test, and all EPDs, indexes and gain data, including birth weights, adjusted weaning and yearling weights, plus weight per day of age, will be available. In addition, every bull has been cleared free of genetic defects, either by pedigree or DNA tests.



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In addition to selling 50 Angus, SimAngus, Polled Hereford, Balancer and Chimaine bulls, this year we will offer 80 commercial females from some of Georgia's leading commercial herds. Open heifers ready to breed, bred heifers ready to calve and a few cow-calf pairs will be offered.

The place to be to buy bulls with breed-leading pedigrees and females with known genetic heritage is Partisover Ranch, located in Colbert, Ga. (only 12 miles northeast of Athens) on Friday, Nov. 6. Our sale starts at noon, so come early and enjoy our famous ribeye steak sandwiches. Cattle will be available for viewing on Thursday afternoon. **GC**

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