2015 Annual Greene County Bull Evaluation Clinic

**Cooperator:** Greene County Beef Producers  
**Investigator:** Dr. Steve Copeland/Allen Davis  
**Location:** Hoepfl Farms  
**Operations:** Purebred and Commercial beef herds

**Objective:**
To assist commercial and purebred beef producers in evaluating their herd sires prior to spring breeding season. This allows producers time to replace non fertile bulls with a fertile/productive bull which will settle cows in a short time frame. Many bulls will be in the evaluation clinic prior to being offered for sale in spring purebred production sales across the state. We have numerous purebred cattle producers that market their bulls annually at these sales that require individual data for each bull. This clinic allows them the opportunity to group bulls in a clinic setting to collect data needed at one time and location. Some of our larger producers will have Dr. Copeland to come to their farm to evaluate several of their bulls at their farm.

**Annual Bull Clinic:**
Each year we provide producers the opportunity to bring groups of bulls to one location to conduct an annual performance examine. I will conduct body condition scores, bull structural soundness examine, hip height, and weigh each bull as they are processed. Dr. Steve Copeland will collect semen to conduct fertility test and swab bulls to collect samples for Trichomoniasis. Dr. Copeland will administer a dewormer, Vitamin A, D and E, and Lepto-Vibro Vaccine. This is all included in the fee for the examine.

**Results:**
In 2015, we had eleven producers with 13 bulls participate in the bull evaluation clinic. An additional 15 bulls were evaluated on individual farms in Greene County.

During the annual examine all bulls passed the fertility examine, but two bulls were borderline on body condition. I made recommendations on nutritional management to allow producers to increase body condition for the Spring breeding season. This was the 28th year for the Greene County Bull Evaluation Clinic.