

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

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*This column features the performance leaders in central bull tests hosted across the country. To access a state-by-state listing of central bull tests, visit our Virtual Library online at [www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.html](http://www.api-virtuallibrary.com/CentralBullTests.html). The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.*

## Calhoun Bull Evaluation

112-day final report (Nov. 13)

Bulls were weighed on test July 23 for the 49th Calhoun (Ga.) Bull Evaluation Program. One hundred thirty-two bulls, including 71 Angus, were weighed off test Nov. 13.

Other breeds represented included Hereford, Red Angus, SimAngus, Simmental and percentage Charolais.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 33; owner: Kiker Angus Ranch, John Kiker, Dalton, Ga.; sire: SAV Receptor 4837; ADG: 4.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,480 lb.; SC: 37.5 cm

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 10; owner: Barnett Angus Farm, Wilkes Barnett, Washington, Ga.; sire: MHB Prophet 604; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,448 lb.; SC: 37.5 cm

**ANGUS AVERAGES (71 HEAD)** ADG: 3.56 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,298 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (132 HEAD)** ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,297 lb.

Qualifiers sold in the 49th Calhoun Bull Evaluation Sale Dec. 7. For more information, contact Jason Duggin, Extension animal scientist for the University of Georgia, at 706-624-1403 or [jduggin@uga.edu](mailto:jduggin@uga.edu). Information is available on the test website at <http://beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html>.

## Butner BCIP Bull Test

112-day final report (Nov. 13)

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (NC BCIP) Bull Test was at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory, Bahama, N.C. Bulls went on test July 23-24 and were weighed off test Nov. 13.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 1; owner: Oakview Farms, Bobby Aldridge, Yanceyville, N.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 5.13 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,413 lb.; test index: 119; frame: 6.3; SC: 45 cm

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 52; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,620 lb.; test index: 122; frame: 6.9; SC: 43 cm

**HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS** Lot 58; owner: Shuffler Farm; sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,478 lb.; test index: 124; frame: 7.0; SC: 41 cm

**ANGUS AVERAGES (71 HEAD)** ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,247 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (85 HEAD)** ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,236 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell at the Granville County Livestock Arena, Oxford, N.C., Dec. 21. For more information, contact Gary Gregory, North Carolina State University, at 919-515-4027 or [gary\\_gregory@ncsu.edu](mailto:gary_gregory@ncsu.edu); Bryan Blinson, North Carolina Cattlemen's Ass'n, at 919-552-9111; or Station Manager Greg Shaeffer

at 919-471-6872; or visit the test website, [www.cals.ncsu.edu/an\\_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html).

## Tennessee Bull Test

84-day final report (Nov. 27)

Bulls were weighed on test Aug. 21 at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center near Spring Hill, Tenn., for the 2018-2019 Tennessee Senior Bull Test. The bulls were weighed off test Nov. 27.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 107; owner: T&S Farms, Pikeville; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.41 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,430 lb.; frame: 6.1

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 7; owner: Beaty's Double J Farms, Lexington; sire: EXAR Stud 4658B; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.88 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,752 lb.; frame: 5.5

**ANGUS AVERAGES (99 HEAD)** ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,328 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (122 HEAD)** ADG: 4.08 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.

Qualifiers will be sold in the test sale at the center Jan. 25. For more information regarding the test, contact David Kirkpatrick at [fkirkpat@utk.edu](mailto:fkirkpat@utk.edu) or 865-974-7294. The test website is <https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/Pages/BullTestProgram.aspx>.

## 2019 Clemson Bull Test

84-day report (Nov. 14)

Bulls were weighed on test Aug. 21.

**HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 38; owner: Black Crest Farm, Billy McLeod, Sumter, S.C.; sire: VAR Discovery; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 4.07 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,140 lb.

**HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 4; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 6.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 4.20 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,575 lb.; SC: 37.5 cm

**ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (7 HEAD)** ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.83 lb.; wt.: 1,168 lb.

**ANGUS SENIOR AVERAGES (30 HEAD)** ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,349 lb.

Final 112-day weights were taken Dec. 11. Qualified bulls will sell Feb. 2, 2019.

For more information, visit the test website at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/clemson/index.html> or contact Steve Meadows at [smdws@clemson.edu](mailto:smdws@clemson.edu) or call 864-633-9970.

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## Wardensville (W.Va.) Bull Test

Start test (Nov. 20)

Bulls were delivered to the Wardensville (W.Va.) Bull Evaluation Center in late October to go on test Nov. 20 for the 2018 West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program. The test is a forage-based program with a target average daily gain (ADG) of 3.25 lb.

Bulls eligible for the program were born Jan. 20-March 28, 2018. One hundred and fifty-one Angus bulls, representing 18 consignors, were weighed on test averaging 787 lb. with an average weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.81 lb. The test also includes 10 Hereford bulls, three Charolais bulls as well as 13 Simmental bulls.

Intermediate weights were taken Dec. 19 and Jan. 16. The bulls will be weighed off the 86-day test Feb. 13-14. Qualifying bulls will be sold at the Reymann Memorial Farm at

Wardensville March 28.

For more information, contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or [kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu). The test website is [www.wardensvillebulltest.com](http://www.wardensvillebulltest.com).

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## Southern (W.Va.) Bull Test

27-day report (Dec. 5)

The Southern West Virginia Bull Evaluation and Replacement Heifer Development Program was established more than 30 years ago. The Southern Bull Test is a component of the West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program and sponsored by the WVU Cooperative Extension, WVU Division of Animal and Nutritional Sciences, West Virginia Department of Agriculture as well as the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association.

Bulls were delivered Oct. 10 to the Green Mesa Farm, Henderson, W.Va., to go on test Nov. 8. The 92-day test is a forage-based test with a target average daily gain (ADG) of 3.25 lb.

Bulls eligible for the program were born Dec. 25, 2017-Feb. 28, 2018. Of the 86 bulls on test, 82 Angus bulls are consigned by 12 owners. They averaged 775 lb. going on test.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 137; owner: Meckley Farms, Sistersville, W.Va.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 6.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 167; WDA: 2.73 lb.; wt.: 803 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 111; owner: Benjamin Hays, Gandeeville, W.Va.; sire: EXAR Resistol 6534B; ADG: 3.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 93; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,066 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (82 HEAD)** ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 879 lb.

Another intermediate weight was taken Jan. 3. The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 8. Qualifying bulls will be sold March 30.

For more information, contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or [kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu).

[mail.wvu.edu](http://mail.wvu.edu). The test website is [www.southernwvbulltest.com](http://www.southernwvbulltest.com).

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## Tifton Bull Evaluation

56-day report (Dec. 4)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 8-9 for the 61st Tifton (Ga.) Bull Evaluation Program.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 92; owner: Wil-Mil Farms, Leesburg; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 6.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,235 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE)** Lot 100; owner: Hubert Hightower, Monticello, Fla.; sire: AAR Ten X 7008 SA; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,135 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (68 HEAD)** ADG: 4.80 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (127 HEAD)** ADG: 4.65 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.

Another interim weight was collected Jan. 1. Final weights will be taken Jan. 28-29. Qualifying bulls will sell March 6 at the 61st Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale. A beef cattle seminar will be hosted the evening prior to the sale.

For more information, contact Jacob Segers, Extension animal scientist, at [jacobs@uga.edu](mailto:jacobs@uga.edu) or 229-386-3214. Information is also available on the test website at <http://beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html>.

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## OPSU Bull Performance Test

56-day report (Dec. 1)

Seventy-eight bulls are on test at Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU), Goodwell. Through the half-way mark of the 112-day test, the bulls posted an ADG of 4.57 lb. and a WDA of age of 3.11 lb. The test features a junior and a senior division

**HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 10-2; owner: Clarence Frey, Mulhall, Okla.; sire:

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TC Dollar Up 5154; ADG: 6.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,095 lb.

**HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 12-3; owner: William Gilmore, Canyon, Texas; sire: JAF 545 Tradition; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 4.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,235 lb.

**HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 22-1; owner: Terry Sedlak, Kingfisher, Okla.; sire: TL Banker 5053; ADG: 7.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 2.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 90; wt.: 1,173 lb.

**HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 17-3; owner: OPSU, Goodwell; sire: GAR Trust K113; ADG: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,352 lb.

**TOP-GAINING JUNIOR ANGUS PEN** 22-2, -3 and -4; owner: Terry Sedlak; sires: EXAR Ten X 5718H, OSU Final Answer 4225 and TL Banker 5053; avg. ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; avg. WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 96; avg. wt.: 936 lb.

**TOP-GAINING SENIOR ANGUS PEN** 20-1, -2 and -3; owner: Larry Weinkauff, Ponca City, Okla.; sire: GAR Profit E604; avg. ADG: 5.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; avg. WDA: 3.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; avg. wt.: 1,142 lb.

**JUNIOR AVERAGES (37 HEAD)** ADG: 4.21 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.

**SENIOR AVERAGES (41 HEAD)** ADG: 4.89 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.

The test will conclude Jan. 26, and the top 70 bulls will sell in the 67th Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale set for Feb. 18 in the England Activity Building, University Farm, Goodwell.

For more information contact Gwen Martin, OPSU, at 580-349-1500 or [gwen@opsu.edu](mailto:gwen@opsu.edu).

## Pennsylvania Bull Test

28-day report (Nov. 27)

Bulls were delivered to the Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa., Oct. 9 to go on test Oct. 30. Bulls eligible for the test were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2018

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 131; owner: Voight Family Farm, James Voight, Fredericksburg; sire: RB Absolute Advantage; ADG: 7.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 157; WDA: 3.80 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,196 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 109; owner: Beulah Land & Cattle, Mike Kline, McVeytown; sire: Deer Valley Old Hickory; ADG: 6.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 4.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 133; wt.: 1,038 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (97 HEAD)** ADG: 4.84 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 898 lb.

Additional interim weights were collected Dec. 25 and Jan. 22. Final 112-day weights will be taken Feb. 19. Qualifying bulls will sell March 29. Approximately 100 bulls will be sold. A test index will be calculated within breed as follows: (20% breed terminal index EPD ratio) + (50% ADG ratio) + (30% adjusted 365-day weight ratio). The individual's index divided by the breed average index will provide the index ratio.

For more information, contact Greg Hubbard, station manager, at [gghubbard@pa.gov](mailto:gghubbard@pa.gov) or 814-238-2527. Information is also available on the test website, [www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/bulltesting.aspx](http://www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/bulltesting.aspx).

## MCA/MSU Bull Test

26-day report (Nov. 21)

To be eligible for the Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA)/Michigan State University Bull Evaluation, bulls must have been born Sept. 1, 2017-March 31, 2018. Bulls were delivered to Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich., Oct. 12-13 to go on test Oct. 26.

**HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 54; owner: Highbanks Angus, Nashville, Mich.; sire: WAR Southside D001 B018; ADG: 6.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 940 lb.

**HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS** Lot 3; owner: R-Value Farms, Rosebush, Mich.; sire:

SydGen Exceed 3223; ADG: 5.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,105 lb.

**HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 29; owner: CFC Angus, Kalamazoo, Mich.; sire: WCC Prestige W114; ADG: 6.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 2.89 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,285 lb.

**HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS** Lot 25; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 5.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,080 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (97 HEAD)** ADG: 4.84 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 898 lb.

Additional interim weights were collected Dec. 21 and Jan. 18. Final 112-day weights will be taken Feb. 15. Qualifying bulls will sell March 16 in the 31st Annual Bull Sale. An open house will be hosted March 2, prior to the sale.

For more information, contact Dan Buskirk, test coordinator at [buskirk@msu.com](mailto:buskirk@msu.com) or 517-432-0400; or Bryan Plank, station manager, at [brianplank@rocketmail.com](mailto:brianplank@rocketmail.com) or 989-506-2061. Information is also available on the test website at [www.mibulls.com](http://www.mibulls.com).

## IBEP Winter 2018 Bull Test

On-test report (Nov. 20)

Fifty-eight producers consigned 184 bulls and 15 sire groups to the Indiana Bull Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2018 Winter Test at Bedford, Ind. There are 135 Angus bulls on test. Bulls were delivered Oct. 20 to go on test Nov. 20.

The test includes bulls born Nov. 1, 2017-April 30, 2018. Parentage verification is required for both sire and dam. Bulls had to be either polled or dehorned prior to delivery.

The bulls averaged 798 lb. going on test and recorded an average ADG of 1.75 lb. during the warm-up period. The Angus bulls averaged 800 lb. going on test with a warm-up ADG of 1.76 lb.

The bulls are fed in groups of about 25 per half-acre lot. They are fed a total mixed ration (TMR) in two phases. The first phase includes approximately 59% silage, 24% dried distillers' grains with solubles (DDGS), 7.1% rolled corn and 5.3% soybean meal.

Interim weights were taken Dec. 18 and will be taken Jan. 22 and Feb. 19, with off-test weights collected March 25. Qualifying bulls will sell at the test sale April 18 at the Springville Feeder Auction and remote video sites. The sale index is based on the bull's within-breed percentile rankings weighted 30% ADG, 20% WDA, 7.5% intramuscular fat, 7.5% ribeye area/hundredweight (cwt.), 20% calving ease direct EPD (CED) and 15% weaning weight EPD.

For more information, contact Terry Stewart, secretary-treasurer, at [tstewart@purdue.edu](mailto:tstewart@purdue.edu) or 765-494-0138; Brad Shelton, station manager, at [sheltonb@purdue.edu](mailto:sheltonb@purdue.edu) or 812-279-8554; Nick Minton, beef systems specialist at [nminton@purdue.edu](mailto:nminton@purdue.edu) or 812-279-4330; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and web site, at [dlofgren@purdue.edu](mailto:dlofgren@purdue.edu) or 765-494-6439. Information is also available on the test web site at <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/Pages/default.aspx>.

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## IBEP Summer 2019 Bull Test Announcement

The schedule for the IBEP Summer 2019 Test has been announced.

Entry deadline:	April 8
Delivery:	April 30
Start Test:	May 21
28-day weights:	June 18
63-day weights:	July 23
91-day weights:	Aug. 20
Test concludes:	Sept. 23
Sale:	Oct. 19

For more information, contact Stewart at [tstewart@purdue.edu](mailto:tstewart@purdue.edu) or 765-494-0138, Shelton at [sheltonb@purdue.edu](mailto:sheltonb@purdue.edu) or 812-279-8554, Minton

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## ICA Bull Evaluation

The Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) bull and heifer evaluation program includes three evaluations to qualify bulls for three ICA sales hosted across the state: Bloomfield, Dunlap and Knoxville. The top 75% of the evaluated bulls and replacement heifers in each breed that meet criteria earn ICA's "Symbol of Excellence" and sell at the sales.

The Bloomfield sale features bulls from the 112-day Bloomfield Test conducted at Amstutz Cattle Co., Bloomfield, and a 117-day Fall Test hosted at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2017, went on the Fall Test Oct. 18. Interim weights were collected Dec. 28, and the bulls will be weighed off test and scanned by ultrasound Feb. 12.

Bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018 went on test for the Bloomfield Test on Oct. 22. Interim weights were collected Dec. 29, and the bulls will be weighed off test and scanned by ultrasound Feb. 11.

The Bloomfield ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 18 at the Bloomfield Livestock facility.

Dunlap Test — Bulls born Jan. 15-April 15, 2018, went on test Oct. 22 for the 112-day test. Interim weights were collected Dec. 29, and the bulls will be weighed off test and scanned by ultrasound Feb. 11. The Dunlap ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 29 at the Dunlap Livestock facility.

Knoxville Test — Bulls born Feb. 1-April 30, 2018, went on test Nov. 26. Interim weights for the 112-day test will be collected Feb. 5, and the

bulls will be weighed off test March 11. The Knoxville ICA Bull Sale is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 3 at the Knoxville Livestock facility.

Heifer evaluations are hosted with both the Bloomfield and Dunlap programs.

For more information, contact Matt Deppe at [matt@iabeef.org](mailto:matt@iabeef.org) or 515-296-2266, or visit the test website at <https://www.iacattlemen.org/bullheiferevaluationprogram.aspx>.

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## Midland Bull Test

The Midland Bull Test (MBT) has announced its 2019 test schedule. To be eligible for the test, Angus bulls must have been born Dec. 15, 2017-April 15, 2018. The test annually features about 1,100 bulls from 200 consignors, representing 32 states.

Group 1, including fall-barn bulls, Red Angus and half of the Angus bulls went on test Oct. 11-12. Weights were collected Dec. 7 and Jan. 10. Final weights for the 120-day test will be taken Feb. 7-8.

Group 2, featuring the remaining Angus bulls, Salers, Simmentals, South Devon and Hereford, went on test Nov. 5-6. Interim weights were taken Jan. 4 and will be taken on Feb. 4, with final weights taken March 5.

All bulls on test at Midland are efficiency tested with a 49-day test done using a GrowSafe System within the 120-day testing period.

Only the top 70%-80% of the bulls will sell, determined by the MBT ADG ratio and the MBT 365-day ration in their respective classes. Angus bulls will sell April 5

For more information, contact Steve Williams by text 406-321-7046 or email [bulls@midlandbulltest.com](mailto:bulls@midlandbulltest.com). Or visit [www.midlandbulltest.com](http://www.midlandbulltest.com) for more info. 