

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.htm. 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. 10)

Bulls were weighed on test July 22 following a 21-day warm-up period for the University of Georgia Calhoun Bull Test. To be eligible for the 112-day test, bulls must have been born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2019.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 44; owner: Bridges Angus LLC, Lexington, Ga.; sire: Sydgen Enhance; ADG: 5.61 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,633 lb.; SC: 37.0 cm; test index: 9.35

HIGH-WDA ANGUS SELLING Lot 19; owner: Meldon Farm, Jefferson, Ga.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 4.02 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,398 lb.; SC: 40.0 cm; test index: 8.14

ANGUS AVERAGES (77 HEAD) ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,355 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (101 HEAD) ADG: 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,340 lb.

The text index consists of the sum of the weight per day of age (WDA) and the average daily gain (ADG).

The 51st Annual Calhoun Bull Test Sale was scheduled for Dec. 4. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/PT-Calhoun>.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

112-day final report (Nov. 3)

Bulls were weighed on test July

14 for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test, conducted at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va.

The 112-day test features bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2019. The bulls were fed a silage-based ration for a target ADG of 3.5 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 52; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 154; wt.: 1,545 lb.; SC: 41.0 cm; frame: 6.7; station index: 130; sale index: 106

ANGUS AVERAGES (85 HEAD) ADG: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (106 HEAD) ADG: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,263 lb.

The test sale was scheduled to be hosted Dec. 12. For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu. Information is also available on the test website at <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

Tifton Bull Test

28-day report (Nov. 10)

The University of Georgia Extension is currently in its 63rd year of conducting the Tifton Bull Evaluation Program. A total of 122 bulls, including 70 Angus, were weighed on test Oct. 12-13. The bulls were born Dec. 1-Feb. 29, 2020.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 33; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Johnathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: Bridges Foretold; ADG: 6.86

lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,215 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 50; owner: Barcron Cattle Co., Barry Cronin, Canon, Ga.; sire: SAV Raindance 6848; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,060 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (70 HEAD) ADG: 4.51 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,032 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (122 HEAD) ADG: 4.45 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,007 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled Dec. 8 and Jan. 7. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 1-2. A Beef Cattle Short Course is planned for March 2, and the test sale will be hosted March 3.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/PT-Calhoun>.

Tifton HERD Program

37-day report (Nov. 11)

The University of Georgia is conducting its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The heifers are evaluated based on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. Twenty producers have consigned 106 heifers to the program.

They have been fed a ration of hay plus a supplement designed for optimum growth and development to gain 1.50 lb.-1.75 lb. per day.

The heifers averaged 734 lb. at delivery Oct. 5 and 831 lb. Nov. 11. Their average ADG is 2.65 lb. and

their average WDA is 2.10 lb.

The heifers have been heat-synchronized and were scheduled to be bred by artificial insemination (AI) Dec. 14, then exposed to cleanup bulls for 45 days beginning Dec. 22.

Qualifying heifers will sell in the Tifton sale April 20. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at ugabeef.com.

UBIA Performance Bull Test 28-day report (Nov. 17)

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) is conducting its Bull Performance Test at Kenison Farms Feedlot, Levan, Utah.

The 112-day test is based on a roughage-based ration, and features divisions for growth and low-birth-weight (LBW) Angus bulls, as well as a junior and senior division. Junior bulls were born Jan. 1-March 20, 2020. Senior bulls were born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2019.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 223; B&R Livestock, Bear River City, Utah; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; wt.: 1,315 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 41; Bear Canyon Angus, American Fork, Utah; ADG: 5.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 160; wt.: 840 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (14 HEAD) ADG: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,107 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (141 HEAD) ADG: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 841 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Dec. 15 and Jan. 12. Final weights are to be recorded Feb. 9, and the test sale will be hosted March 20.

For more information visit the test website at ubiabulls.com, or contact C. Kim Chapman at 435-893-0474, 435-893-0493 (fax) or kim.chapman@usu.edu.

Clemson University Bull Test 84-day report (Nov. 10)

Fifty-three Angus bulls were among 78 bulls weighed on test Aug. 18 for the 2021 Clemson University Bull Test. The 112-day test is conducted at the Piedmont Experiment Station, near Pendleton, S.C. The bulls are consigned by 22 producers in four states, and separated into a senior and a junior division. Bulls in the senior division were born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2019; bulls in the junior division were born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2019.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 21; owner: Panther Creek, John Smith, Pink Hill, N.C.; sire: DL Dually; ADG: 7.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,650 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Broadway Cattle Farm LLC, Chuck Broadway, Monroe, N.C.; sire: Byergo Blackstone 6325; ADG: 7.38 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 4.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,745 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 64; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 6.4 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,350 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 78; owner: Edisto Pines Farm, Todd Edwards, Leesville, S.C.; sire: GAR Ashland; ADG: 5.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,300 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (43 HEAD) ADG: 5.70 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,429 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (9 HEAD) ADG: 5.19 lb.; WDA: 3.50 lb.; wt.: 1,227 lb.

Final weights will be recorded Dec. 8. The test sale will be hosted Feb. 6, 2021. For more information contact director Steve Meadows at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clemson.edu, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/bt-Clemson>.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program 28-day report (Nov. 20)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) weighed bulls on test for the 33rd annual MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. The evaluation is conducted at the Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

Bulls are divided into four pens for the test by age, weight and contemporary groups. The pen containing the oldest bulls is classified as the senior division, with bulls in the other three pens classified as the junior division. Bulls are fed a high-roughage ration with a target ADG of 3.25 lb. per day.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 25; owner: Bordner Farms; Sturgis, Mich.; sire: GAR High Security JSF 4005; ADG: 6.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.08 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,210 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 22; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: Baldrige Colonel C251; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,145 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 11; owner: Michigan State University; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,020 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 14; owner: Michigan State University; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 3.65 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,105 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 35; owner: Dawson Farms LLC, Hanover, Mich.; sire: Stevenson Big League 70749; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,185 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 4.92 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,116 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 4.07 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 900 lb.

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Interim weights will be recorded Dec. 18 and Jan. 15, with final weights recorded Feb. 12. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 20.

For more information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu, or visit the test website at mibulls.com.

Florida Bull Test

84-day report (Nov. 4)

The 2020 Florida Bull Test is hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Marianna, Fla. The test features bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2019.

Delivered July 21, the bulls were weighed on test Aug. 11-12. They are being fed for a target ADG of 3.5 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 1966; owner: Williams Angus, Newton, Ala.; sire: EXAR Grit 3498B; ADG: 5.00 lb.; WDA: 3.42 lb.; test index: 8.42; test index ratio: 125; wt.: 1,510 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 1987; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeenh, Fla.; sire: Byergo/Double GG Blackstone; ADG: 4.52 lb.; WDA: 3.81 lb.; test index ratio: 124; wt.: 1,390 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.63 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,250 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.73 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.; wt.: 1,213 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be recorded Dec. 1-2. The test sale will be hosted Jan. 16, 2021. For more information visit the test website at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

112-day final report (Nov. 10)

Bulls were weighed on test July 21 at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory for the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test.

The bulls were born Aug. 15-Nov.

15, 2019, and were received at the test station July 8. They are being fed a corn silage-based ration with protein and energy added to balance the ration to 12% crude protein and 70% total digestible nutrients (TDN).

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 16; owner: Overcash Angus, Dennis Overcash, Mooresville, N.C.; sire: Sydgen Enhance; ADG: 5.17 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.59; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,458 lb.; frame: 6.5; SC: 40 cm

ANGUS AVERAGES (45 HEAD) ADG: 3.96 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,261 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (53 HEAD) ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.; wt.: 1,247 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for Dec. 18 at the Granville County Livestock Arena at Oxford, N.C.

For more information contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

Univ. of Tennessee Bull Development and Evaluation Program

84-day final report (Nov. 18)

Seventy-five Angus bulls were among the bulls tested at the Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center at Spring Hill, Tenn. The test featured bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2019, and was based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 67; owner: Mills Angus Farms; Cookeville; sire: Connealy Plus 0221; ADG: 6.01 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,675 lb.; frame: 8.0

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 106; owner: Harris Bros. Cattle Co.; Mount Juliet; sire: Deer Valley Patriot 6151; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 158; wt.: 1,438 lb.; frame: 6.6

ANGUS AVERAGES (70 HEAD) ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,360 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for Jan.

14. For more information contact Kevin Thompson at 931-486-2129 or kthomp44@utk.edu; or Matt Backus at 931-270-2240 or wbackus1@utk.edu. Information is available online at <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/bull-test-program>.

IBEP Winter 2020 Bull Test

On-test report (Nov. 17)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter 2020 Bull Test is being conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford. The 86th IBEP Performance Test features bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2020. The bulls are fed a ration balanced for a target ADG of 3.25 lb.

Bulls from 51 cooperators were weighed on test Nov. 17. The 138 Angus bulls averaged 810 lb. All 186 bulls averaged 800 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Dec. 15, Jan. 19 and Feb. 16. Bulls will be weighed off the 120-day test March 22. Those qualifying will sell in the test sale April 17 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

For more information contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330; Brad Shelton, station manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and website, at dlofgren@purdue.edu or 765-494-6439. Information is available on the test website, <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Western Illinois University Bull Test 30-day report (Nov. 30)

Western Illinois University is conducting its 2021 Bull Test, featuring bulls born Dec. 15, 2019-March 15, 2020. Twenty-nine Angus bulls were among those

weighed on the 90-day test Oct. 29-30.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Owner: Kuhle Angus, Hazel Green, Wis.; sire: EWA Peyton 642; ADG: 5.25 lb.; WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,282 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Owner: Washburn Angus, Onley, Ill.; sire: Byergo/Double GG Blackstone; ADG: 3.00 lb.; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,236 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (29 HEAD) ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.

Interim weights will again be recorded Dec. 28. The bulls will be weighed off test Jan. 28-29, 2021.

The test sale is scheduled for March 12. For more information contact Keela Trennepohl at 805-440-8421 or km-trennepohl@wiu.edu, or visit www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/.

OPSU Beef Cattle Performance Testing Program 56-day report (Dec. 5)

Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) is conducting its 69th annual bull test, the oldest continuous bull test in the United States. The 112-day test, conducted at OPSU near Goodwell, Okla., features a junior and a senior division. Bulls are fed a targeted-gain, roughage growing ration with 13% crude protein. Hay is provided ad lib.

Bulls in the senior division were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2019. Junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2020. Bulls were received Sept. 19 and weighed on test Oct. 10.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 2-2; owner: B&M; sire: B&M Upshot 304; ADG: 5.89 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 15-2; owner: OPSU; sire: GAR 5050 New Design 8763; ADG: 5.89 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 15-1; owner: Jared Bates, Perkins, Okla.; sire: EXAR Monumental 6056B; ADG: 5.84 lb.

HIGH-GAINING PEN OF SENIOR BULLS Owner: Cody Barrington, Lawton, Okla.; avg. ADG: 4.44 lb.

HIGH-GAINING PEN OF JUNIOR BULLS Pen 6; owner: Bob Chaffin; ADG: 4.84 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.

An interim weight will be recorded Jan. 2. Final weights are scheduled to be recorded Jan. 30, and the test sale will be hosted Feb. 22.

For more information please contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen.martin@opsu.edu.



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