

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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This column features the performance leaders in central bull tests hosted across the country.

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

112-day final report (Nov. 8)

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test is operated by the NC State University Agricultural Research Service at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory near Bahama, N.C. Bulls enrolled in the 112-day evaluation were born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2021, and were fed a silage-based diet.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 39; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 4.9 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; wt.: 1,470 lb.; index: 117; frame: 5.0; SC: 35 cm

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 11; owner: Oakview Farm, Bobby Aldridge, Yanceyville, N.C.; sire: Cox Excaliber 8590; ADG: 4.5 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; wt.: 1,570 lb.; index: 121; frame: 7.2; SC: 39 cm

ANGUS AVERAGES (43 HEAD) ADG: 3.7 lb.; wt.: 1,297 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (70 HEAD) ADG: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,293 lb.

The test sale was scheduled to be hosted Dec. 16. 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/>.

Clemson Bull Test

84-day report (Nov. 8)

The 112-day Clemson University Bull Test features a senior division consisting of bulls born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2021, and a junior division with bulls born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2021. As a new requirement this year, all bulls must be tested with a low-density genomic panel or higher for genomic-enhanced EPDs and parentage-verified by breed association.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 26; owner: Panther Creek Farms, Pink Hill, N.C.; sire: Sitz Stellar 726D; ADG: 5.49 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,450 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 2; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.; sire: Kessler's Commodore 6515; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,420 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (22 HEAD) ADG: 4.66 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,397 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 46; owner: Calvin A. Winter, Jr., Thomasville, Ga.; sire: Crawford Guarantee 9137; ADG: 5.06 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,295 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Calvin A. Winter, Jr.; sire: GVC-Adel 205FB; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.74 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,300 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (12 HEAD) ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,228 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be collected Dec. 6. Qualifying bulls will sell Feb. 4, 2023. For more information, contact Steve Meadows at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clemson.edu, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/bt-Clemson>.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

112-day final report (Nov. 1)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test was conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa. Bulls in the 112-day evaluation were fed a silage-based ration to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb., and were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2021.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 83; owner: Legacy at Pine Hill Farm, Anne and Steve Jones, Forest, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; wt.: 1,380 lb.; test index: 118; sale index: 102; frame: 6.4; SC: 37.5 cm

ANGUS AVERAGES (86 HEAD) ADG: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,269 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (130 HEAD) ADG: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,266 lb.

The 65th annual test sale was planned to be hosted Dec. 10. For

more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

Florida Bull Test

84-day report (Nov. 2)

The 2022-2023 Florida Bull Test is being hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla., for bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2021.

The ration is formulated with a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day. During the first 56 days of the test, bulls were fed a total mixed ration with grain byproducts and forage.

For the remainder of the test, bulls will receive the same diet in self-feeders, with a slightly reduced amount of roughage and *ad libitum* access to hay.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) ANGUS Lot 2158; owner: Currid Family Farms, Phillip James Currid, Defuniak Springs, Fla.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.51 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,100 lb.; index ratio: 112

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 2193; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeelah, Fla.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.90 lb.; wt.: 1,590 lb.; index ratio: 111

HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) ANGUS Lot 2191; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeelah, Fla.; sire: GB Fireball 672; ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 3.60 lb.; wt.: 1,485 lb.; index ratio: 112

OVERALL AVERAGES (94 HEAD) ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,184 lb.

The evaluation was scheduled to conclude Nov. 29-30. The test sale will be hosted Jan. 14, 2023. To

qualify, bulls must achieve an index ratio of 90, calculated as WDA+ADG.

For more information contact Nicolas DiLorenzo at 850-526-1615 or ndilorenzo@ufl.edu, David Thomas at 850-525-1620 or davidall@ufl.edu, or Olivia Hill at 850-526-1621 or oliviahh@ufl.edu; or visit the test website at <http://nfred.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

Manitoba Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 29)

The Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n is conducting its bull evaluation at the Manitoba Bull Test Station near Douglas, Man., Canada. The test station has been in operation for more than 50 years.

Nominations were due Sept. 30, and the bulls were received at the test station Oct. 5-9.

Thirty-eight Angus bulls representing 14 producers were among the 122 bulls weighed on test Oct. 29. The average WDA at the start of the evaluation for all bulls was 3.11 lb. The Angus bulls had an average WDA of 3.32 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Dec. 24 and Jan. 21, 2023. Final weights will be collected Feb. 18-19. The test sale will be hosted March 25.

There is also a division featuring younger bulls born after April 1, 2022. After being received Nov. 19-23, they will be weighed on-test Dec. 23-24. Interim weights will be collected Jan. 21, Feb. 18 and March 18, and the evaluation will conclude with final weights observed April 15-16.

For more information contact the test station at 204-763-4696 or

bulltest@mynetset.ca, or visit the test website at www.manitobabulltest.com.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program

28-day report (Nov. 18)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) are conducting their 35th annual bull evaluation at a new location near Remus, Mich. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1, 2021-March 31, 2022.

The bulls were delivered to the test station Oct. 7. They are divided into two age groups, with a junior and a senior division. The bulls are being fed a roughage-based ration designed to allow for a 3.2-lb. average daily gain (ADG).

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 1; owner: R Value Farms, Rosebush, Mich.; sire: Poss Maverick; ADG: 6.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 154; WDA: 3.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,320 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 30; owner: KB Angus, Kevin Beckington, Merritt, Mich.; sire: Wilks Regiment 9035; ADG: 3.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 90; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,460 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Hutchings-Kenyon Angus, Dennis Hutchings, Bellevue, Mich.; sire: EWA Peyton 642; ADG: 5.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,010 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Dawson Farms, Hanover, Mich.; sire: Wilks Regiment 9035; ADG: 5.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.94 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,055 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.07 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,348 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 3.83 lb.;

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WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 924 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.89 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,023 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be observed Dec. 16, and Jan. 13, 2023; with final weights scheduled Feb. 10.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted March 18. For more information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu, or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com.

Tifton Bull Evaluations

28-day report (Nov. 22)

The University of Georgia Extension has begun its 65th Tifton Bull Evaluation. Bulls eligible for the test were born between Dec. 1, 2021, to Feb. 28, 2022, and were received at the station Oct. 6.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 47; owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Jonathan Wells, Rayles, Ga.; ADG: 7.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 153; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,175 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 54; owner: Barcon Angus; sire: SAV Jesse James 0968; ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,060 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (48 HEAD) ADG: 4.71 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 983 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (95 HEAD) ADG: 4.60 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 976 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Dec. 20. Final weights will be collected Jan. 17-18.

The Beef Cattle Short Course will be Feb. 28, and the test sale will be hosted March 1, 2023.

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

Tifton HERD Program

Report 2 (Nov. 9)

The University of Georgia has begun its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The evaluation features heifers born Sept.-Nov. 2021, representing 29 producers.

During the HERD program, the heifers are evaluated based on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. The heifers will be synchronized and bred by artificial insemination (AI), then exposed to a clean-up bull for at least 45 days. The main AI sire will be GAR Sure Fire, but heifers closely related to Sure Fire will be bred AI to Baldrige Marksman D274.

The ration consists of hay plus a supplement designed for growth and development, and the heifers will be fed to gain 1.5-1.75 lb. per day.

Nov. 9, the 146 heifers weighed an average of 836 lb., with an average ADG of 2.90 lb. and an average WDA of 2.15 lb.

Weights will also be collected Dec. 12 and March 8, 2023. The Tifton HERD sale is planned for April 18.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-CalhounBT>.

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test

On-test report (Oct. 25)

Nominations were due Sept. 5 for the Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test, a 112-day evaluation conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. The test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2021, and a junior division featuring bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2022.

The bulls were received Oct. 4 and weighed on test Oct. 25. Fifty-two Angus bulls, consigned by 17 producers, are among the 115 junior bulls currently on test. The junior Angus bulls weighed an average of 757 lb. at the start of the evaluation, and the overall average weight of the junior bulls was 745 lb. There were a total of 101 senior bulls. Of those 51 were Angus, representing 22 producers. The senior Angus bulls, weighed an average of 956 lb. when initial weights were collected; and overall, the senior bulls weighed an average of 952 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, 2023, and final weights are scheduled for Feb. 14.

The test sale will be hosted March 25, 2023. For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

