

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

## Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale



Bridges Angus Farm, Lexington, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull and overall high-indexing bull at the 2023 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale Dec. 1 in Calhoun, Ga. Pictured (from left) are Phillip Bridges and Callie Bridges, recipients; and Rodney Hilley, bull test advisory committee member, presenting.

## NC BCIP Butner Bull Test Final 112-day report (Nov. 7)

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, 2022, and fed a silage-based diet.

**HIGH-ADG (TIE) AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS** Lot 1; owner: Oakview Farm, Yanceyville; sire: Tehama Patriarch F028; ADG: 4.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; wt.: 1,460 lb.; index: 121

**HIGH-ADG (TIE) ANGUS** Lot 45; owner: Highlands Farm, Morganton, N.C.; sire: Musgrave Exclusive 316; ADG: 4.3; ADG ratio: 123; wt.: 1,275 lb.; index: 116

**OVERALL AVERAGES (53 HEAD)** ADG: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,201 lb.

The test sale was scheduled to be hosted Dec. 15.

For more information contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-

6872, or visit <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

## Connors State College Bull Test 56-day weights

Connors State College is conducting its Fall 2023 bull evaluation, hosted at the Connors State College campus at Warner, Okla. The 112-day evaluation is based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration.

The test features bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2022.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 3; owner: Cliff Springs Ranch, Rhett Strain, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: EXAR War Horse 8881B; ADG: 4.9 lb.; wt.: 1,235 lb.

## 84-day weights (Oct. 12)

**HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA (TIE) ANGUS** Lot 9; owner: Lee Angus Ranch, Austin Lee; ADG: 5.0 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,335 lb.

**HIGH-WDA (TIE) ANGUS** Lot 3; owner: Cliff Springs Ranch; sire: EXAR War Horse 8881B; ADG: 4.2 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,315 lb.

The test sale was scheduled to be hosted Nov. 30.

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## Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

### Final 112-day report (Oct. 30)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test is conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa. The bulls were fed a

silage-based ration to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb., and were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2022.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 10; owner: Quaker Hill Farm, Charles, Lee and Charlie Rosson, Louisa, Va.; sire: KCF Bennett Summation E802; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; wt.: 1,425 lb.; frame: 6.6; test index: 119

**HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS (TIE)** Lot 15; owner: Soldiers' Hill Angus Farm, Dennis Pearson, Warrenton, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; wt.: 1,560 lb.; frame: 6.4; test index: 122

**HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS (TIE)** Lot 57; owner: Little Windy Hill Farms, Doug Hughes, Max Meadows, Va.; sire: Mill Brae Identified 4031; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; wt.: 1,630 lb.; frame: 6.1; test index: 122

**ANGUS AVERAGES (107 HEAD)** ADG: 3.79 lb.; wt.: 1,266 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (163 HEAD)** ADG: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,261 lb.

The 66th annual test sale was planned to be hosted Dec. 9.

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## Florida Bull Test

### 84-day report (Nov. 8)

The 2023-2024 Florida Bull Test is hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla., featuring bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2022.

The ration is formulated with a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day. During the first 56 days of the test, the 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 ANGUS** Lot 2273; owner: Moriah Hill Farm, Woodstock, Ala.; sire: SAV Rainfall 6846; ADG: 5.12 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,530 lb.; index: 8.64; index ratio: 124

**HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS** Lot 2299; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeenan; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.94 lb.; WDA: 3.91 lb.; wt.: 1,635 lb.; index: 8.85; index ratio: 127

**OVERALL AVERAGES** ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,208 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be collected Dec. 5-6. The test sale will be hosted Jan. 20, 2024.

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## **IBEP Winter 2023 Bull Test Initial report (Nov. 14)**

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) is now conducting its Winter 2023 evaluation. The 125-day test features a junior and senior division, and a roughage-based ration targeting 3.25-3.5 lb.

Bulls enrolled in the test were born Oct. 1, 2022, to March 30, 2023.

Nine of the 13 senior division bulls are Angus. All senior bulls weighed an average of 1,016 lb. at the beginning of the evaluation.

The junior division consists of 153 bulls, of which 105 are Angus.

Interim weights will be collected Dec. 12, Jan. 16 and Feb. 13. Final weights will be observed March 17-18, and the 93rd IBEP Bull Sale is set to be hosted April 13.

For more details, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at

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## **Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n**

### **On-test report (Oct. 28)**

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.

Twenty-two senior Angus bulls are among the 90 bulls on test. Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Dec. 23, as well as Jan. 20, 2024. The evaluation will conclude with final weights collected Feb. 17-18.

There is also a division of younger bulls, which is scheduled to be weighed on-test Dec. 22-23. Interim weights will be collected Jan. 20, Feb. 17, and March 16. The junior division will be weighed off-test April 15-16.

In addition, the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n is conducting a heifer evaluation featuring 25 heifers, of which five heifers are Angus.

The test sale is set to be hosted March 23.

For more information contact station manager Cam Wood at 204-856-6568, the test station at [bulltest@mynetsat.ca](mailto:bulltest@mynetsat.ca) or 204-763-4696, or visit the test website at [www.manitobabulltest.com](http://www.manitobabulltest.com).

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## **Tifton Bull Evaluation 28-day report (Nov. 21)**

The University of Georgia (UGA) Extension is conducting its 66th Tifton Bull Evaluation, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2022, to Feb. 28, 2023.

**HIGH-ADG ANGUS** Lot 94; owner: Bridges Angus Farm, Phillip Bridges, Lexington; ADG: 6.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 173; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,110 lb.

**HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 95; owner: Bridges Angus Farm; ADG: 5.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,130 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES** ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; 981 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES** ADG: 3.56 lb. Interim weights were scheduled to be collected Dec. 19, and final weights will be recorded Jan. 16-17, 2024.

The Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course is planned to be hosted March 5, and the 66th annual test sale is set for March 6, 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>.

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## **Tifton HERD Program Report 2 (Nov. 9)**

The University of Georgia is also conducting its 2023-2024 Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The evaluation features 137 heifers representing 23 consignors.

The heifers, born Sept.-Nov. 2022, are being evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. They will be synchronized and bred by artificial insemination (AI) to GAR Sure Fire, or Baldrige Marksman for heifers closely related to GAR Sure Fire. The heifers are scheduled to be pasture exposed to cleanup bulls beginning Dec. 19.

When interim weights were recorded Nov. 8, the heifers weighed an average of 833 lb. Weights are also planned to be recorded Dec. 11, and final weights will be recorded March 13.

The Tifton HERD sale is planned to be hosted April 16.

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

