

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Compiled by Shauna Rose Hermel, Angus Beef Bulletin editor

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. The listing includes contact information, links to test websites, current test schedules and dates of upcoming tests.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation

John Kiker, Kiker Angus Farms, Dalton, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull at the 2018 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test & Sale Dec. 7, 2018, in Calhoun, Ga. KAF Receptor 7054 is a September 2017 son of SAV Receptor 4837. He posted an ADG of 4.96 pounds (lb.), with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,628 lb.



Pictured (from left) are John Kiker, consignor; Kristy Arnold, Georgia Cattlemen's Ass'n president; and Katie Hammond, University of Georgia Northwest Research and Education Center.

2019 Clemson Bull Test

112-day final report (Dec. 12)

This 112-day test features divisions for senior (born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2017)- and junior (born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2017)-age bulls. Nominations were due mid-July, and bulls were delivered Aug. 7 to be weighed on test Aug. 21 after a 14-day warm-up period. Bulls were fed utilizing a GrowSafe 6000 System® to measure individual feed intake and calculate relative efficiency of individual bulls.

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 38; owner: Black Crest Farm, Billy McLeod, Sumter, S.C.; sire: VAR Discovery; ADG: 5.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 4.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,250 lb.; 365-day adj. SC: 38 cm; 365-day adj. frame score: 5.0; test index: 10.05

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 4; owner: Shuffler Farm, Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, N.C.;

sire: KCF Bennett Southside; ADG: 7.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 4.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,700 lb.; 365-day adj. SC: 36.5 cm; 365-day adj. frame score: 5.3; test index: 12.16.

ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (7 HEAD) ADG: 4.68 lb.; WDA: 4.10 lb.; wt.: 1,249 lb.

ANGUS SENIOR AVERAGES (30 HEAD) ADG: 5.36 lb.; WDA: 3.97 lb.; wt.: 1,448 lb.

Qualified bulls sold Feb. 2, 2019.

For more information, contact Steve Meadows, extension animal scientist and test director, at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clemson.edu. Information is also available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/clemson/index.html.

Edisto Forage Bull Test

On-test report (Dec. 18)

Sixty-one bulls, including 32 Angus bulls representing 18 consignors,

were weighed on test Dec. 18 following a 21-day warm-up period. The 168-day forage test features divisions for senior-age (born Dec. 1, 2017-Jan. 31, 2018) and junior-age (born Feb. 1-March 31, 2018) bulls. Nominations were due Nov. 1, and bulls were delivered Nov. 27 to the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C.

Going on test, the bulls averaged 787 lb. and 326 days of age for an average weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.41 lb. They averaged 48.1 inches (in.) for adjusted hip height.

The remaining schedule for the test is as follows:

28-day weights:	Jan. 15
56-day weights:	Feb. 12
84-day weights:	March 12
112-day weights:	April 9
140-day weights:	May 7
Test concludes:	June 4
Sale day:	Oct. 12

For more information, contact Scott Sell, livestock/forages agent and bull test coordinator, at 912-682-9590 or gsell@clemson.edu. Information is also available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/index.html.

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Wardensville (W.Va.) Bull Test

30-day report (Dec. 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 fifty-one Angus bulls representing 18 consignors were weighed on test and averaged 787 lb. The test includes 10 Hereford bulls, three Charolais bulls and 12 Simmental bulls.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 153; owner: Richard V. Snuffer & Sons, Surveyor, W.Va.; sire: RS Surveyor 1422; ADG: 5.83 lb.; ADG ratio: 149; WDA: 3.29 lb.; wt.: 1,017 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 122; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va.; sire: SydGen FATE 4689; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,001 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 202; owner: River Front Cattle Co., Buckhannon, W.Va.; sire: HA Cowboy Up 5405; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS PEN Pen 9; owner: Richard V. Snuffer & Sons; sires: RS Surveyor 1422, Granger Great Falls 053, PA Fortitude 2500 and Wagners' Game Plan 840 903; avg. ADG: 4.61 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 118; avg. WDA: 2.90 lb.; avg. wt.: 898 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (151 HEAD) ADG: 3.90 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.; wt.: 904 lb.

Another intermediate weight was taken Jan. 16. The bulls were weighed off the 86-day test Feb. 13-14. Qualifying bulls will be sold at the Reymann Memorial Farm at Wardensville on March 28.

For more information, contact

Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu. The test website is www.wardensvillebulltest.com.

Southern (W.Va.) Bull Test

56-day report (Jan. 3)

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 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.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 185; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner, W.Va.; sire: SAV Ten Speed 3022; ADG: 5.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 111; owner: Benjamin Hays, Gandeeville, W.Va.; sire: EXAR Resistol 6534B; ADG: 4.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.62 lb.; wt.: 1,214 lb.

HIGH-ADG HERD GROUP Four Bulls; owner: Meckley Farms, Sistersville, W.Va.; sires: Meckley's Secret Answer Z862, AAR Ten X 7008 SA, Yon Hoover Dam A290 and Yon Future Force Z77; avg. ADG: 4.78 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 119; avg. WDA: 2.96 lb.; avg. wt.: 940 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (81 HEAD) ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,001 lb.

The bulls were 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. The test website is www.southernwvbulltest.com.

Tifton Bull Evaluation

84-day report (Jan. 1)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 8-9 for the 61st Tifton (Ga.) Bull Evaluation Program. The bulls posted an average ADG of 3.79 lb. during the last 28 days, for an average cumulative ADG of 4.36 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 110; owner: Hill Angus Farm, Gary Hill, Hendersonville, N.C.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.65 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,430 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 71; owner: Wolf Creek Farms, Decatur, Ga.; sire: GAF Impression 405; ADG: 4.90 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,200 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 80; owner: Indian Hill Farm, Steve Deal, Statesboro, Ga.; sire: Baldrige Bronc; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.71 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,355 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 90; owner: Wil-Mil Farms, Henry Griffin, Leesburg, Ga.; sire: KCF Bennett Absolute; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,355 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 109; owner: Hill Angus Farm; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,365 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (68 HEAD) ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,199 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (127 HEAD) ADG: 4.35 lb.; WDA: 3.37 lb.; wt.: 1,216 lb.

Final weights were 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 or 229-386-3214. Information is also available on the test website, www.beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation

56-day report (Dec. 21)

To be eligible for the Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA)/ Michigan State University (MSU) 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: 5.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,065 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 3; owner: R-Value Farms, Rosebush, Mich.; sire: SydGen Exceed 3223; ADG: 3.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,185 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 29; owner: CFC Angus, Kalamazoo, Mich.; sire: WCC Prestige W114; ADG: 5.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 2.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,410 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 25; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,195 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.31 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 1,019 lb.

Another interim weight was collected Jan. 18. Final 112-day

weights were 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 or 517-432-0400; or Brian Plank, station manager, at brianplank@rocketmail.com or 989-506-2061. Information is also available on the test website, www.mibulls.com.

UBIA Bull Test

Mid-test report (Dec. 18)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 23 for the Utah Beef Improvement Association Bull Test conducted at the Kenison Feedlot near Levan, Utah. Junior-division bulls were born January-March 2018. Senior-division bulls were born September-December 2017.

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HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 59; owner: Larsen Angus, Maben Larsen, Holden; sire: Sitz Investment 660Z; ADG: 4.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 159; wt.: 1,060 lb.; sale index: 149

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Gardner Ranch Angus, Wes Gardner, Mountain Home; sire: Coleman Game Day 428; ADG: 4.36 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; wt.: 1,090 lb.; sale index: 126

ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (104 HEAD) ADG: 2.89 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (18 HEAD) ADG: 3.11 lb.

Another interim weight was collected Jan. 14, and the bulls were weighed off test Feb. 11-13.

The 2019 UBIA Performance Bull Test Sale will be March 16 at Producers Livestock Market, Salina, Utah. For more information, contact C. Kim Chapman, extension animal scientist at Utah State University, at kim.chapman@usu.edu or 435-893-0474. The test website is www.ubiabulls.com.

IBEP Winter 2018 Bull Test

28-day report (Dec. 18)

Fifty-eight producers consigned 184 bulls and 15 sire groups to the Indiana Bull Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2018 Winter Test at Bedford, Ind. Bulls were delivered Oct. 30 to go on test Nov. 20. Currently, there are 133 Angus bulls among the 183 on test.

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

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 17; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara C2; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 950 lb.; test index: 130.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 110; owner: Able

Acres, Wingate, Ind.; sire: SAV Pedigree 4834; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.68 lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,265 lb.; test index: 122.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS SIRE

GROUP Three bulls; owner: KB Angus, Kevin Beckington, Merritt, Mich.; sire: Baldrige Bronc; avg. ADG: 4.60 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 111; avg. WDA: 3.12 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 105; avg. wt.: 987 lb.; avg. test index: 109.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS SIRE GROUP Three bulls; owner: Graber Angus, David Graber, Montgomery, Ind.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; avg. ADG: 3.75 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 90; avg. WDA: 3.17 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 107; avg. wt.: 975 lb.; avg. test index: 97.

ANGUS AVERAGES (133 HEAD) ADG: 4.15 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 916 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (183 HEAD) ADG: 4.09 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 913 lb.

Interim weights were taken Jan. 22 and Feb. 19, with off-test weights to be taken 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 (CED) EPD and 15% weaning weight EPD (birth weight EPD will be used if the bull does not have a CED EPD).

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 web site, at dlofgren@purdue.edu or 765-494-6439. Information is also available on the test web site at www.ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/.

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 Minton at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330, Shelton at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554, or Lofgren at dlofgren@purdue.edu or 765-494-6439. Or visit the test web site at www.ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/.

Nebraska Bull Test

60-day report (Dec. 18)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 18-19 for the Nebraska Bull Test & Sale. The bulls are being fed at Rohde Farms (Shane and Jill), located east of Ansley, Neb. The 120-day test features bulls born Jan. 1, 2018-March 31, 2018.

HIGH-ADG CE ANGUS Lot 24; owner: Reiter Angus, Chris & Amber Reiter, Miller; sire: S Whitlock 179; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,250 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 77; owner: Macholan Angus, Keaton Macholan, Linwood, Neb.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 5.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,292 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Jim Boyles Angus, Mason City; sire: SAV Ten Speed 3022; ADG: 4.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,032 lb.

HIGH-WDA CE ANGUS Lot 26; owner: Reiter Angus; sire: S Whitlock 179; ADG: 5.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,264 lb.

GROWTH ANGUS AVERAGES (81 HEAD) ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,078 lb.

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (40 HEAD) ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,064 lb.

Another intermediate weight was taken Jan. 17. The bulls were weighed off test Feb. 15-16. Qualifying bulls will be sold at the Central Nebraska Commission Co. at Broken Bow, Neb., March 27.

For more information about the test, contact Mick Phillips, manager, at 308-764-2378 or micolin@nebnet.net. The test website is www.nebraskabulltest.com.

Southwest Virginia Bull Test

56-day report (Dec. 18)

Bulls were delivered Oct. 1 to Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville, Va., for the Southwest Virginia Bull Test. The bulls went on test Oct. 22-23 after a 21-day warm-up period. The test features both junior and senior divisions.

In the junior division (born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018), the 74 Angus bulls averaged 711 lb. going on test for an average WDA of 2.83 lb. Overall, the 140 junior-age bulls averaged 733 lb. for an average WDA of 2.88 lb.

In the senior division (born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2017), the 52 Angus bulls averaged 972 lb. going on test for an average WDA of 2.70 lb. Overall, the 88 senior-age bulls averaged 984 lb. for an average WDA of 2.73 lb.

At the half-way point, leaders were as follows:

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 101; owner: Pratt Cattle Co., Jason and Paige Pratt, Atkins; sire: 44 Teammate; ADG: 5.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 3.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,145 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 91; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Lee Duckworth, Afton, Tenn.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 3.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,140 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Cassell Angus Farm, Jason Cassell, Independence; sire: Deer Valley Old Hickory; ADG: 5.36 lb.; ADG ratio:

136; WDA: 3.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; wt.: 1,365 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 41; owner: Dawson Farms, Wayne Persinger, Alderson, W.Va.; sire: Angus Hill 6108 All In 813b; ADG: 3.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,185 lb.

ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (73 HEAD) ADG: 3.61 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 911 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (139 HEAD) ADG: 3.51 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 929 lb.

ANGUS SENIOR AVERAGES (52 HEAD) ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,192 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (88 HEAD) ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 1,198 lb.

Eighty-four day weights were taken Jan. 15, and the bulls were weighed off test Feb. 11-12. Qualifying bulls will sell at public auction March 23.

For more information, contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, Virginia Tech, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Brian & Kayla Umberger, owner/manager, Mountain Spring Farm, at 276-620-1194 or sepc1194@gmail.com. Information is also available on the test website at www.bcica.apsc.vt.edu.

Wisconsin Bull Test

On-test report (Dec. 3-4)

Forty-nine Angus bulls were among 92 total bulls delivered Nov. 5 to the University of Wisconsin Platteville Pioneer Farm for the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) Central Bull Test. This year's test, which began Dec. 3-4, features bulls of six breeds consigned by 22 breeders.

Bulls are being fed a roughage-based total mixed ration (TMR) for the duration of the 100-day test. Balanced to provide 0.54 Mcals of energy per pound of feed, 50% of the total dietary nutrients (TDN) is derived from corn silage and hay. The bulls are given *ad libitum* access for a

targeted ADG of 3.2 lb.

To be eligible for the test, bulls had to be born between Jan. 1 and April 15, 2018.

A growth index will determine the bulls that qualify for the sale. It will be weighted 60% ADG ratio + 20% 365-day ratio + 20% WDA ratio.

Interim weights were taken Jan. 8 and Feb. 7, and the bulls will be weighed off test March 13-14. Qualifying bulls will sell at public auction at the University farm April 6 at the WBIA annual Performance Selected Bull Sale.

For more information, contact the WBIA, PO Box 955, New Glarus, WI 53574; 1-800-297-5747 or wbia@tds.net; or Alicia Prill Adams, station manager, at 608-342-1119 or prillada@uwplatt.edu. Information is also available on the test website at www.wisconsinbeef.com.

Manitoba Bull Test

56-day report (Dec. 27)

Bulls were delivered to the Manitoba Bull Test Station at Douglas Oct. 1-5 to go on test Oct. 29-30. The 135 bulls had an average WDA of 3.16 lb. going on test. The station is owned and operated by the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association. It has been in operation for more than 50 years.

Bulls eligible for the test were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2018.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 43; owner: Blue Gentain, Norman Bednar, Vita; sire: unavailable; ADG: 5.00 lb.; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 949 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 52; owner: Anthony Stadnyk, Vita; sire: Wulfs Absolute 262B; ADG: 3.29 lb.; WDA: 3.87 lb.; wt.: 1,119 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 54; owner: Anthony Stadnyk; sire: Wulfs Absolute 262B; ADG: 3.93 lb.; WDA: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,093 lb.

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HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 56; owner: Anthony Stadnyk; sire: S Whitlock; ADG: 4.27 lb.; WDA: 3.85 lb.; wt.: 1,259 lb.

ANGUS* AVERAGES (64 HEAD) ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (133 HEAD) ADG: 3.60 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

*Note that the Angus averages include both red and black Angus; however, we noted the leading black Angus bulls.

Eighty-four-day weights were collected Jan. 22, and final 112-day weights will be taken Feb. 18-19. Qualifying bulls will sell March 30. Visitors are welcome at the station all year round.

For more information, contact Tyler Winters, station manager, at bulltest@mynetset.ca or 204-851-1165 or 204-763-4696. Information is also available on the test website, www.manitobabulltest.com.

47th WIU Bull Test

60-day report (Jan. 3)

Bulls were delivered to the Western Illinois University (WIU) test center Oct. 11-12 to go on test Nov. 1-2. The WIU Performance Bull Test is a 90-day test. The ration has been updated to use fiber instead of starch (corn) as an energy source. It is formed into a pellet with chelated minerals, vitamins and yeast and fed in self-feeders. The bulls are also provided *ad libitum* access to grass hay.

Bulls eligible for the test were born Dec. 15, 2017-March 15, 2018; have a recorded birth weight and weigh a minimum of 550 lb. at delivery.

At the 60-day mark, there were 26 Angus bulls among the 49 total bulls on test.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 203; owner: Tri-K Angus, Blackwater, Mo.; sire: Quaker Hill Manning 4EX9; ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 130.4;

WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,200 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (26 HEAD) ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.

Final weights were collected Jan. 31-Feb. 1. The test index is calculated as 70% of the ADG ration, 15% of the adjusted marbling ratio and 15% adjusted ribeye area (REA) ratio.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the 47th Annual WIU Bull Test Sale at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the WIU Livestock Center in Macomb, Ill.

For more information, contact Keela Trennepohl, WIU assistant professor of animal science and bull test manager, at km-trennepohl@wiu.edu or 805-440-8421.

Information is also available on the test website, www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/.

Tucumcari Bull Test

60-day report (Dec. 22)

Bulls were delivered to the test center Oct. 13 to go on test for the 2018 Tucumcari (N.M) Bull Test Oct. 22-23. The test, featuring 156 bulls from 23 cooperators, is a 120-day test for bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2018.

Based on body weight, the bulls were divided into two groups, with Group A consisting of bulls weighing 675 lb. or more. The 16 heaviest calves were placed in the test's small GrowSafe pen and the remaining 64 head were placed in the large GrowSafe pen. Bulls in Group B were to be placed in the GrowSafe pens at the 60-day mark. All cattle stay with their respective feeding group throughout the 120-day test. Feed efficiency ratios will be determined based on their performance within breed and assigned group.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 20-4; owner: Schmitt Angus Ranch, Lewis, Colo.; sire: unavailable; ADG: 4.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 156; WDA: 3.11 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,016 lb.; F:G: 5.85; RFI 1.74.

HIGH-WDA AND BEST RFI ANGUS Lot 18-1; owner: Sanchez Angus, Belen, N.M.; sire: Miller Eagle Eye 410; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 994 lb.; F:G: 4.54; RFI -3.82.

The bulls were weighed again Jan. 18 for a 90-day report, then weighed off test Feb. 25-26. The top 80% of the bulls will be eligible for the sale, based on an index ranking and screening for breeding soundness, injury, structure and disposition. A preview of the bulls will begin at 10 a.m. MST, and the sale will begin at 1 p.m. March 6 at the New Mexico State University Ag Science Center. The sale will be broadcast through Superior Livestock Auction.

For more information, contact Marcy Ward, test director, at 575-644-3379 or maward@nmsu.edu. Information is also available on the test website, www.tucbulltest.nmsu.edu/.

WCA Bull Test

Mid-test report (Dec. 27)

Seventy Angus bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018, were placed on test at the Beus Feedlot near Pasco, Wash., Oct. 27 for the 26th Annual Washington Cattlemen's Ass'n (WCA) Bull Test. They averaged 809 lb.

The WCA Bull Test is a 120-day test, with mid-term weights collected at about 60 days. At the 60-day mark, seven Angus bulls had gained more than 5 lb. per day, and nine bulls posted a WDA of more than 3.50 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 246; owner: Burkholder and Unruh, Warden, Wash.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.85 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 236; owner: Cambra Livestock, Yakima, Wash.; sire: GAR-EGL-Protege; WDA: 3.95 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (70 HEAD) ADG: 4.04 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,019 lb.

Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 23. Qualifying bulls will sell March 20 at the Bonina Sale Facility at Eltopia, Wash. A pre-sale social and breeders' forum is planned the evening before.

For more information about the test, contact Lorren Hagen at 509-936-4380 or hagencattleandhay@gmail.com. The test website is www.washingtoncattlemen.org.

Pennsylvania Bull Test

56-day report (Dec. 25)

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, 2018-April 15, 2018.

The program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture with Penn State

University, the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Ass'n and state breed associations as cooperators. The testing facility houses 30-50 bulls in each of five pens for the 112-day official gain test. Bulls are provided access to a mixed ration consisting of corn silage, cracked corn, cracked roasted soybeans and a mineral/vitamin supplement. The TMR is fed free-choice and will typically be 13% crude protein and 72% TDN.

At the 56-day mark, the leaders were as follows:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 132; owner: Weaverland Valley Farms, Brady Ebersole, New Holland; sire: Baldrige Bronc; ADG: 6.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 147; WDA: 4.01 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,365 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 109; owner: Beulah Land & Cattle, Mike Kline, McVeytown; sire: Deer Valley Old Hickory; ADG: 5.21 lb.; ADG ratio:

119; WDA: 4.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; wt.: 1,135 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (97 HEAD) ADG: 4.37 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,007 lb.

Additional interim weights were collected 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 or 814-238-2527. Information is also available on the test website, www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/bulltesting.aspx.

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Florida Bull Test

112-day final report (Dec. 4-5)

The North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC) at Marianna, Fla., annually hosts the Florida Bull Test.

Bulls were delivered to the center July 24 to go on test Aug. 14-15. They were fed a grain- and forage-based diet with free access to hay for a targeted gain of 3.5 lb. per day. The bulls were weighed off test Dec. 4-5.

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 1725; owner: Windy Hill Angus, Boaz, Ala.; sire: SAV Sensation 5615; ADG: 4.67 lb.; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,623 lb.; test index ratio: 127.

ANGUS AVERAGES (51 HEAD) ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,284 lb.

Qualifying bulls sold Jan. 19 at the NFREC Beef Cattle Unit.

For more information, contact the NFREC Beef Cattle Unit, 4925 Hwy. 162, Greenwood, Fla. at 850-526-1611 or visit the test website, www.nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test/.

Hinds Community College Bull Test

55-day report (Dec. 11)

Hinds Community College (HCC), Raymond, Miss., annually hosts a 112-day bull test.

Bulls were delivered to the center Oct. 2 to go on test Oct. 16. The bulls were divided into two age groups with Group A containing bulls born Sept. 30-Nov. 7, 2017, and Group B containing bulls born Nov. 25, 2017-Feb. 13, 2018. The bulls were weighed Dec. 11 for a 55-day progress report.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA GROUP A ANGUS Lot 19; owner: Monogram Farms, Roland Preuss, Terry, Miss.; sire: Monogram Resource 625; ADG: 6.45 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,315 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA GROUP B ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Monogram Farms; sire: Monogram Consensus 9363; ADG: 5.82 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1205 lb.

ANGUS GROUP B AVERAGES (8 HEAD) ADG: 3.42 lb.; WDA: 2.73 lb.; wt.: 920 lb.

OVERALL GROUP B AVERAGES (33 HEAD) ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 2.68 lb.; wt.: 923 lb.

ANGUS GROUP A AVERAGES (7 HEAD) ADG: 4.62 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,199 lb.

OVERALL GROUP A AVERAGES (20 HEAD) ADG: 3.80 lb.; WDA: 2.68 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 7. For more information contact Kenneth Banes, farm manager, at 601-260-7850 (cell) or Lisa Whatley, office manager, at 601-857-3351 or lwhatley@hindsc.edu.

St. Croix Bull Test

28-day report (Dec. 14)

Bulls were delivered to the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Nov. 3 and began on the test Nov 16. Bulls eligible for the test were born Jan. 1-April 30, 2018.

Bulls on test are Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Simmental, Normande and South Devon.

The program is under the general supervision of the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Board of Directors with the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) under contract to furnish facilities, feeding and management for the bulls.

The UWRF testing facility houses 70 bulls in two pens for the 120-day official test. The bulls compete in two groups, Angus in one group and all other breeds in another group. Bulls are fed a high-forage diet that allows them to express their true genetic potential. Using a TMR, bulls are fed a ration of haylage, high-moisture corn, corn silage and dry hay balanced with mineral and protein. Provided free-choice, the ration will be at least 50% forages and no more than 40% carbohydrates.

At the 28-day mark, the leaders were as follows:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 4-4; owner: J-M Ranch Angus, Poynette, Wis.; sire: CTS Remedy 1T01; ADG: 6.21 lb.; ADG ratio: 135.

ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 4.60 lb.; wt.: 914 lb.

NON-ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 805 lb.

Additional interim weights were scheduled for Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. Final 120-day weights will be taken March 15.

Bulls with the highest Sale Index will sell April 20 at the UWRF Mann Valley Farm, River Falls Wis. The sale index will be calculated within breeds at 75% ADG and 25% WDA.

For more information, contact Rick Case, chairman, at scase@centurytel.net or 608-337-4841; or Allan Drinkman, vice chairman, at info@pinehillangus.com or 715-781-1752. Information is also available at the test website: www.scvbt.com.

SIU Bull Test

28-day report

The Southern Illinois University (SIU) Beef Evaluation Center is a part of the University Farm system that was created to test the gaining ability and feed efficiency of bull calves over a selected test period. It can house up to 72 bulls and offers two different age divisions.

Colten Collier, senior agriculture research technician, reports the nutritional and health status of the bulls during the first 28 days of the test has been great, although a couple bulls had some difficulty learning the gate system.

HIGH-ADG AND BEST-F/G (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Eagle River Angus, Princeville, Ill.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 6.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 120 lb.; F/G: 3.45 lb.; F/G ratio: 122; wt.: 1,050 lb.

BEST-F/G (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 5; owner: Gajewski Farms, Ashley, Ill.; sire: Baldrige Titan A139; ADG: 6.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 111 lb.; F/G: 3.44 lb.; F/G ratio: 122; wt.: 885 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND BEST-F/G SENIOR ANGUS Lot 64; owner: Betzold Farms, Nokomis, Ill.; sire: Betzold Denver B521; ADG: 8.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 141 lb.; F/G: 3.67; F/G ratio: 138; wt.: 1,380 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (20 HEAD) ADG: 5.79 lb.; F/G: 4.22 lb.; wt.: 952 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (8 HEAD) ADG: 6.31 lb.; F/G: 5.07 lb.; wt.: 1,273 lb.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 1. For more information contact Collier at 618-697-0404 or colliercattle8@siu.edu; or Greg Osman, gregory.osman@siu.edu or 618-499-0608. Visit the test website at www.bulltest.siu.edu/index.php.

MBCIA Bull Test

56-day report (Jan. 5)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) conducts its annual bull test at Foundation Feeders Inc., Spring Grove, Minn. Ron Holty, Foundation Feeders' owner and nutritionist, reports that weather has been a challenge during the early part of the test, but the bulls look good and are doing well.

The bulls were weighed on test Nov. 9.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 5; owner: Brice Conover, Baxter, IA; sire: Basin

Payweight; ADG: 4.87 lb.; WDA: 2.85 lb.; wt.: 980 lb.; test index: 122.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 36; owner: Freeburg Ridge Farm, Caledonia; sire: SAV Renown; ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.; test index: 106.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 33; owner: Reese Angus Farms, Hancock, Minn.; sire: HA Cowboy Up 5405; ADG: 2.41 lb.; WDA: 3.55 lb.; wt.: 1,055 lb.; test index: 94.

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Tri K Cattle Co., Waverly, Iowa; sire: Mogck Bullseye; ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 3.35 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.; test index: 124.

OVERALL AVERAGES (56 HEAD) ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 973 lb.

The bulls will be weighed for a 105-day progress report Feb. 21 and off test March 16. Qualifying bulls will be sold at Jackson, Minn. For more information contact Holty at 507-498-5839 or ronholty@gmail.com, or visit the test website at www.foundationfeedersinc.com. 