## **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.

#### Nebraska Bull Test 60-day report (Dec. 15)

The Nebraska Bull Test is now conducting its 120-day bull evaluation at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb. The bulls, born Jan. 1-March 31, 2020, started on test Oct. 15-16 and will be fed a ration designed for a 3.5-pound (lb.) average daily gain (ADG). Twenty-one ranches have consigned 120 Angus, 10 Red Angus and two SimAngus bulls to the test.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 70; owner: Lylester Ranch, Martell; sire: SCC Tenacity 8102; ADG: 6.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,130 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 5; owner: Boyle Angus, Mason City; sire: E&B Plus One; ADG: 5.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,330 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Jan. 15, with final 120day weights to be recorded Feb. 11-12. The test sale will be hosted March 23 at Broken Bow Livestock, Broken Bow, Neb.

For more information contact Jay Nordhausen, manager, at 308-289-1548 or jnordhausen@ogallalalive. com, or visit the test website at www. nebraskabulltest.com/.

#### Edisto Forage Bull Test

Larry Olson, Clemson Extension beef specialist and founder of the Edisto Forage Bull Test, passed away Dec. 29, 2021. He was the spearhead of the Edisto Bull Test program for many years and was passionate about helping producers across the state. To read his obituary online, go to *https://bit.ly/ABB-Olson*.

#### Edisto Forage Bull Test On-test report (Dec. 21)

The Edisto Forage Bull Test is unique in that it is one of the only university-sponsored tests based on grazing only for the entire 168-day evaluation, with no grain or silage added. Conducted at the Edisto Research and Education Center near Blackville, S.C., it features divisions for senior bulls (born Dec. 1, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021) and junior bulls (born Feb. 1-March 31, 2021).

Forty-two Angus bulls are among the 76 bulls being evaluated. Overall, the bulls averaged 709 lb. when weighed on test Dec. 21 after a 14-day warm-up period.

Interim weights will be recorded Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 12, and May 10, 2022. Final 168-day weights are scheduled to be recorded June 7, and qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 8, 2022.

For more information contact Scott Sell at 912-682-9590 (cell), 803-284-3684 (fax) or gsell@clemson.edu, or visit the test website at *https:// www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/ edisto/.* 

Florida Bull Test 112-day final report (Dec. 1) The 2021 Florida Bull Test is hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 2030; owner: Currid Family Farm, Defuniak Springs; sire: 44 Payweight 6502; ADG: 4.82 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,418 lb.; index: 8.21; index ratio: 122

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 2096; owner: Hubert Hightower, Waukeenah; sire: Sydgen Enhance; ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.66 lb.; wt.: 1,595 lb.; index: 7.92; index ratio: 117

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.54 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,296 lb.

The test sale is planned for Jan. 15, 2022. 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://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/ florida-bull-test.* 

### MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program 56-day report (Dec. 17)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) are now conducting their 34th annual bull evaluation at the Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

The bulls were born Sept. 1, 2020-March 31, 2021, and are being fed a high-fiber, moderate-energy ration designed to allow for a 3.4-lb. ADG. Fifteen of the Angus bulls are in the senior division, and 42 comprise the junior Angus division. HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 32; owner: Jerz Angus Farms, Decatur, Mich.; sire: KW Safeway 2020; ADG: 5.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.38 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,570 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 23; owner: Dawson Farms LLC; sire: E&B Plus One; ADG: 5.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,100 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 45; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: GAR Home Town; ADG: 4.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 92; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,335 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 34; owner: Longcore Cattle, Cedar Springs, Mich.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,680 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 14; owner: Voogt Farms, Marne, Mich.; sire: VF Fortessimo 816; ADG: 4.60 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,290 lb.

**OVERALL SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES** ADG: 4.60 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,335 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 4.00 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,017 lb.

Additional weights are scheduled to be observed Jan. 14, with final weights scheduled Feb. 10-11. An open house will be hosted March 5, and the test sale will be March 19.

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 Evaluation

56-day report (Dec. 21)

The University of Georgia Extension is now conducting its 64th Tifton Bull Evaluation. Bulls in the full-gain, 84-day test were born between Dec. 1, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2021.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 97; owner: Hill Angus Farm, Gary Hill, Hendersonville, N.C.; ADG: 6.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 4.03 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,420 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 67; owner: Barcron Cattle Co., Barry Cronic, Cannon, Ga.; sire: SAV Rainfall 6846; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 4.05 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,340 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (59 HEAD) ADG: 4.70 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.; wt.: 1,135 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (109 HEAD)** ADG: 4.57 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,107 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be observed Jan. 18-19.

Davy Rooks began as facilities manager for the test Jan. 3, as Mike Keeler takes on a new role at the University of Georgia's Tifton campus. Rooks is transferring from the UGA Grazing Unit at Alapaha.

There will be a Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course March 1, and the test sale will be hosted March 2.

For more information contact Francine Henry or Grace Nyhuis at 229-386-3683 or gracen@uga.edu, or visit the test website at *ugabeef.com/ bulltest*.

#### OPSU Beef Cattle Performance Testing Program

56-day report (Dec. 4)

Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) is now conducting its 70th annual Bull Performance Test. Bulls in the 112-day evaluation are fed twice daily a targeted-gain, roughage growing ration with 13% crude protein (CP). Hay is provided ad lib.

The bulls had an ADG of 4.79 lb., and the average weight per day of age (WDA) was 3.15 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 19-3; owner: Terry Sedlak, Kingfisher, Okla.; sire: Double G Discovery 6633; ADG: 6.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,056 lb.; index: 120

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 12-4; owner: Mike Frey, Kingfisher, Okla.; sire: KA High Weigh Bull; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 90; WDA: 3.91 lb.; wt.: 1,141 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 18-4; owner: Al Rutledge; sire: Sydgen Enhance; ADG: 6.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 2.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 93; wt.: 1,275 lb.; index: 114

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 15-1; owner: Raleigh Jones, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: EXAR War Horse 88818; ADG: 5.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 129; wt.: 1,649 lb.; index: 126

HIGH-ADG PEN OF JUNIOR BULLS Pen 19; four bulls; owner: Terry Sedlak; sires: EXAR Jet Black 95388B, Double G Discovery 6633 and EXAR Guru 8719B; ADG: 5.78 lb.

HIGH-ADG PEN OF SENIOR BULLS Pen 16; four bulls; owner: OPSU; sires: CF Acclaim 519, BPF Special Focus, and SAF Brilliance 8077; ADG: 5.82 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (56 HEAD) ADG: 5.14 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled to be recorded Jan. 1, and final weights are scheduled for Jan. 29. The test sale will be hosted Feb. 21. For more information contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen.martin@opsu. edu.

#### Western Breeders' Ass'n Bull Test 60-day report (Dec. 27)

The Western Breeders' Ass'n LLC (WBA) bull test is conducting its 2021-2022 Bull Test, hosted at Beus Livestock, Pasco, Wash. The bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2021, and are being fed a full-gain ration during the 120-day test. Eighty-three Angus bulls are among the 122 bulls weighed on test.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot: 67; owner: Bishop Cattle Co., Parma, Idaho; sire: E&B Plus One; ADG: 5.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 3.39 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,184 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot: 41; owner: Wright Cattle Co., Selah, WA; sire: Byergo Continued on page 50 Black Magic 3348; ADG: 4.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,294 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (83 HEAD) ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,014 lb.

Final weights will be observed Feb. 26, 2022. The test sale will be March 16. For more information contact Mike Wright at 509-961-0603 or visit the test website at *www.wballc.org*.

#### **IBEP Winter 2021 Bull Test** 28-day report (Dec. 14)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program is now conducting its 2021 winter test at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind. The test features a forage-based diet with total mixed ration fed daily for a target ADG of 3.25 lb.-3.50 lb. per day. The bulls currently being evaluated were born Oct. 1, 2020-March 30, 2021. Bulls are assigned a test index formulated as 60% ADG ratio + 40% WDA ratio.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS (TIE) Lot 15; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Rick Rotert family, Freetown, Ind.; sire: GAR Ashland; ADG: 6.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,125 lb.; index: 127

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS (TIE) Lot 122; owner: Larry Winemiller, Washington, Ill.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.43 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,135 lb.; index: 127

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 48: owner: Brown Family Farms, Doug Brown, Rockville, Ind.; sire: SAV Raindance 6848; ADG: 5.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,230 lb.; index: 122

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING GET OF SIRE Three bulls; owner: Rolling Acres Angus;

sire: GAR Ashland; avg. ADG: 5.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; avg. WDA: 3.13 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; avg. wt.: 1,050 lb.; avg. index: 120

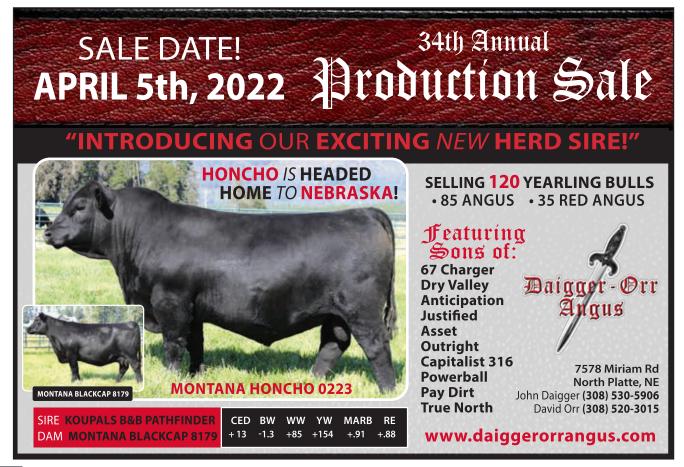
HIGH-WDA GET OF SIRE Three bulls; owner: Brown Family Farms; sire: SAV Raindance 6848; avg. ADG: 5.10 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; avg. WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; avg. wt.: 1,035 lb.; avg. index: 116

ANGUS AVERAGES (124 HEAD) ADG: 4.33 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 951 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (174 HEAD)** ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 952 lb.

Interim weights will also be observed Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. The bulls will be weighed off test March 20, and the test sale will be hosted April 16 at the Springville Feeder Auction Market.

For more information contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-



4330. Information is available online at *https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/*.

#### **UBIA Performance Bull Test** Mid-test report (Dec. 14)

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

The test is based on a roughagebased ration, and features a junior and a senior division. Of the 136 junior bulls, 82 are Angus bulls. The senior division consists of 16 Angus bulls.

The ADG provided represents the first-quarter to mid-test period gain, not the gain from the start of the test.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 156; owner: Maddox Ranch, Riverdale, Calif.; ADG: 6.61 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 23; owner: Bruce Fullmer, Panguitch, Utah; ADG: 6.43 lb.; wt.: 945 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled to be recorded Jan. 11, and off-test weights will be recorded Feb. 7-9. The test sale is scheduled to be hosted March 19.

For more information visit the test website at *www.ubiabulls.com*, or contact McKay Erickson at 435-463-9002 or mckay.erickson@usu.edu.

#### Tifton HERD Program Third report (Dec. 10)

The University of Georgia is conducting its 23rd annual Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton for heifers born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2020. On Dec. 10, all 145 heifers weighed 863 lb. on average, with an average ADG of 2.09 lb. and an average WDA of 2.03 lb.

#### HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA REGISTERED

ANGUS Lot 162; owner: Eddie Bradley, Hiawassee, Ga.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 2.70 lb.; WDA: 2.47 lb.; wt.: 1,145 lb. HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA COMMERCIAL STRAIGHTBRED ANGUS Lot 136; owner: Meldon Farm, Melvin Porter, Jefferson, Ga.; ADG: 3.10 lb.; WDA: 2.47 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.

The heifers were synchronized and artificially inseminated (Al) Dec. 13, then exposed to clean-up bulls. The heifers will be examined to

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determine pregnancy status March 9. The Tifton HERD sale will be hosted April 19, 2022.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at *ugabeef.com*.

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