

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

IBEP Winter 2023 Bull Test

28-day report (Dec. 12)

The 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 pounds (lb.).

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

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 140; owner: KB Angus; sire: GAR Home Town; ADG: 5.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,192 lb.; index: 121

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (10 HEAD) ADG: 4.46 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,099 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (14 HEAD) ADG: 4.28 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,136 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 109; owner: Wynn's Angus Farm; sire: SAV Scale House 0845; ADG: 5.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 157; WDA: 3.06 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 902 lb.; index: 134

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 91; owner: Willer Timber Ridge; sire: Mead R1867 Weigh Up V518; ADG: 5.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.93 lb.; WDA ratio: 129; wt.: 1,202 lb.; index: 133

HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 123; owner: Cooper Angus; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,198 lb.; index: 139

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (104 HEAD) ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 920 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (152 HEAD) ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.; wt.: 917 lb.

HIGH-ADG GET OF SIRE Lots 54, 56 and 57; owner: Underwood Angus Farms; sire: GAR Sure Fire; avg. ADG: 4.71 lb.; avg. WDA: 2.72 lb.; avg. wt.: 741 lb.; index: 109

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING GET OF SIRE Lots 83, 84, 85, 89 and 91; owner: Willer Timber Ridge; sire: Mead R1867 Weigh Up V518; avg. ADG: 4.36 lb.;

avg. WDA: 3.43 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,025 lb.; index: 113

Interim weights will be collected 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 nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330. Information is also available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Tifton HERD Program

Report 3 (Dec. 11)

The University of Georgia is 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 artificially inseminated (AI) to GAR Sure Fire, or Baldrige Marksman for heifers closely related to GAR Sure Fire. The heifers were scheduled to be pasture exposed to cleanup bulls beginning Dec. 19, and the bulls will be removed Feb. 7.

Pregnancy ultrasound will be performed March 13 to determine the heifers pregnant by AI.

When interim weights were recorded Dec. 11, the 126 heifers weighed an average of 833 lb.

Final weights will be recorded March 13, and 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, or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-HERD>.

Tucumcari Bull Test

30-day report (Nov. 16)

The 63rd Tucumcari Bull Test is hosted at Tucumcari, N.M. The bulls were born Jan. 1-April 30, 2023, delivered Oct. 6 and weighed on-test Oct. 17.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 10-12; owner: Lust Angus, Abernathy, Texas; sire: Connealy Emerald; ADG: 6.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 168; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 926 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 9-18; owner: J-C Angus, Moriarty; sire: J-C Ascend 2068; ADG: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 137; wt.: 948 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Dec. 22 and Jan. 21, and final weights will be recorded Feb. 21. The test sale will be March 9. For more information go to <https://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>, or contact Marcy Ward at 575-644-3379 or maward@nmsu.edu.

Tifton Bull Evaluation

56-day report (Dec. 19)

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 81; owner: Wolf Creek Farms, Blake Rowland, Eastland; sire: Poss Rawhide; ADG: 5.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,175 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 95; owner: Bridges Angus Farm, Phillip Bridges, Lexington; sire: GAR Sunbeam; ADG: 5.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,285 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (61 HEAD) ADG: 4.50 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.; 1,121 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (108 HEAD) ADG: 4.84 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be collected Jan. 16-17, 2024.

The Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course is planned to be hosted March 5, and the 66th annual test sale is planned to be hosted March 6, 2023.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at www.ugabeef.com/bulltest.

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test 56-day report (Dec. 19)

The Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test is conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. The test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2022, and a junior division featuring bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2023.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 12; owner: Lucas Farm, Timmy, Matthew, Joe & David Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: Musgrave 316 Exclusive; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 2.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,245 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 5; owner: Little Windy Hill Farms, Doug Hughes, Max Meadows; sire: Musgrave 316 Exclusive; ADG: 3.27 lb.; ADG ratio: 95; WDA: 3.17 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,260 lb.

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (39 HEAD) ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 1,263 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (88 HEAD) ADG: 3.31 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,241 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 92; owner: Lawson Family Farms, Christopher Lawson, Ewing; sire: Hummel South America; ADG: 5.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 172; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,225 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 57; owner: Little Windy Hill Farms; sire: Poss Deadwood; ADG: 3.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,160 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (53 HEAD) ADG: 3.31 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,023 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (119 HEAD) ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 987 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Jan. 16, 2024, and final weights will be collected Feb. 12-13. An open house will be hosted March 17, and the test sale will be hosted March 23. For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; Brian Umberger at 276-620-1194; or visit <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

West Virginia Southern Bull Evaluation Program

On-test report (Nov. 17)

The West Virginia Southern Bull Test is conducted at the Green Mesa Farm near Henderson, W.Va., for bulls born Dec. 25, 2022, to Feb. 28, 2023.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Jan. 10, 2024, and final test weights will be observed Feb. 8-9.

Eighty-two bulls were weighed on test Nov. 17. The 66 Angus bulls included in the evaluation weighed an average of 788 lb.

26-day report (Dec. 13)

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 106; owner: Turkey Run Angus, Otway, Ohio; sire: Deer Valley Optimum 9246; ADG: 5.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt.: 1,047 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 137; owner: Poling Angus Farm, Philippi; sire: Poling's Payweight Plus B219; ADG: 4.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,001 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (64 HEAD) ADG: 3.45 lb.; WDA: 2.78 lb.; wt.: 878 lb.

Interim weights are also scheduled to be recorded Jan. 10, and final weights will be recorded Feb. 9. The test sale will be hosted March 22.

For more information contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-2669, or visit the test website at www.southernwvbulltest.com.

Nebraska Bull Test

60-day report (Dec. 12)

The Nebraska Bull Test is

conducting its 2023-2024 bull test at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb., featuring bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2023. The bulls are fed a ration designed to allow a 3.5-lb. average daily gain (ADG).

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 66; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mason City; sire: Ellingson Homegrown 6035; ADG: 6.52 lb.; WDA: 3.97 lb.; wt.: 1,254 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 85; owner: N Backward 7 Cattle Co., Kent & Michelle Nelson, Ansley; ADG: 4.93 lb.; WDA: 4.17 lb.; wt.: 1,250 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (123 HEAD) ADG: 4.31 lb.; WDA: 3.38 lb.; wt.: 1,072 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (141 HEAD) ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,047 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Jan. 11, 2024, and final weights Feb. 11-12. The test sale will be hosted March 27. For more information contact Chris Beutler, test manager, at 402-380-8244 or beutlerworkplace@hotmail.com; or visit www.nebulltest.com.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program 49-day report (Dec. 15)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) are conducting their 36th annual bull evaluation, featuring bulls born Sept. 1, 2022-March 31, 2023. The test is hosted at Wernette Cattle Co. near Remus, Mich.

The bulls are divided into junior and senior divisions, and fed a roughage-based ration designed to allow for a 3.2-lb. ADG.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 3; owner: R Value Farms, Rosebush; sire: RAR Revolution 8148; ADG: 5.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,660 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Seldom Rest Farms, Niles; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 6.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 158; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 130; wt.: 1,470 lb.

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OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.79 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 3.98 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 4.17 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.

Interim weights were scheduled to be collected Jan. 12, 2024, and the evaluation will conclude with final weights recorded Feb. 8-9. An open house will be hosted March 2, and the test sale will be March 16.

For additional information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu; Karl Wernette, station manager, at 989-506-7715 or karl.wernette@gmail.com; or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com.

UBIA Performance Bull Test

Mid-test report (Dec. 12)

The Utah Beef Improvement Ass'n (UBIA) is conducting its Performance Bull Test at Kenison Farms Feedlot, Levan, Utah. The test is based on a roughage-based ration and features junior and senior divisions. The junior division is divided into growth and low birth weight divisions.

Bulls included the senior division were born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2022. Junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 20, 2023.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 229; owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville; ADG: 3.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; wt.: 958 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 128; owner: Steve Smith Angus, Steve Smith, Lehi; ADG: 6.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 208; wt.: 1,225 lb.

Interim weights are also scheduled to be collected Dec. 12 and Jan. 9. Final weights will be collected Feb. 5 and 7. The test sale will be hosted March 16 at Producers Livestock Market, Salina.

For more information visit www.ubiabulls.com, or email ubiabulls@gmail.com.

Western Illinois University Bull Test

30-day report (Dec. 4)

Western Illinois University is conducting its 2023-2024 Bull Test, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2022-March 31, 2023. The 90-day evaluation takes place near Macomb, Ill.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 233; owner: David Kuhle, Hazel Green, Wis.; sire: Beal Breakthrough; ADG: 7.2 lb.; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 234; owner: David Kuhle; sire: Williams Eagle 1985; ADG: 4.4 lb.; WDA: 3.7 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.

Interim weights were also scheduled to be recorded Dec. 29, and final weights will be collected Jan. 22-23. The test sale will be hosted March 8. For more information contact Keela Trennepohl, bull test director, at 805-440-8421 or km-trennepohl@wiu.edu, or visit www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/.

Western Breeders' Ass'n Bull Test

60-day report (Dec. 26)

The Western Breeders' Ass'n LLC (WBA) bull test is conducting its 2023-2024 Bull Test at Beus Feedlot, Pasco, Wash. Bulls were received at the test facility Oct. 13 for the 120-day evaluation.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 48; owner: Lester Angus Ranch, Roy, Wash.; sire: SydGen KCF Gavel 8361; ADG: 5.37 lb.; WDA: 3.90 lb.

The 30th-anniversary test sale is set to be hosted March 20.

For more information contact Mike Wright at 509-961-0603; Brittany Brikeland-Tyler, secretary, at 541-788-4001; or visit the test website at www.wballc.org.

Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n

56-day report (Dec. 23)

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.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 1; owner: Cedarview Cattle Co., Tyler Fulton, Pakenham, Ont.; sire: BC Eagle Eye 110-7; ADG: 5.48 lb.; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 15; owner: Prime Angus Ranch Inc., Shaun and Amanda Bryce, Arcola, Sask.; sire: Prime Dominator 177J; ADG: 4.79 lb.; WDA: 3.88; wt.: 1,085 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (22 HEAD) ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (100 HEAD) ADG: 3.58 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Jan. 20. The evaluation will conclude with final weights collected Feb. 17-18.

There is also a division of younger bulls weighed on-test Dec. 22-23. At the beginning of their evaluation, the younger bulls' average WDA was 2.87 lb. 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 48 heifers, five of which are Angus. Overall the heifers' average ADG was 2.70 lb.; and their WDA was 2.82 lb. The Angus heifers' average ADG was 2.89 lb., and their WDA was 2.82 lb.

The test sale will be hosted March 23. For more information contact station manager Cam Wood at 204-856-6568, the test station at 204-763-4696 or bulltest@mynetset.ca, or visit the test website at www.manitobabulltest.com. 