

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.html.

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

Edisto Forage Bull Test

56-day report (Feb. 12)

Sixty-one bulls, including 32 Angus and representing 18 consignors, were weighed on test Dec. 18 for the 36th Edisto Forage Bull Test at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C. 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.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 6; owner: Mull Meadow Farm, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: Connealy Glory 4127; ADG: 1.23 lb.; WDA: 1.99 lb.; wt.: 688 lb.; test index: 3.22

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 26; owner: Cook's Cattle Services, John Cook, Buckhead, Ga.; sire: Baldrige Colonel C251; ADG: 0.38 lb.; WDA: 2.54 lb.; wt.: 886 lb.; test index: 2.91

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 39; owner: Winter Angus, Thomasville, Ga.; sire: SS Niagra Z29; ADG: 1.80 lb.; WDA: 1.99 lb.; wt.: 869 lb.; test index: 3.80

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 5; owner: Redwol Acres, Michael Lowder, Watkinsville, Ga.; sire: Gamble's Hot Hand 2543; ADG: 0.23 lb.; WDA: 2.58 lb.; wt.: 1,129 lb.; test index: 2.81

OVERALL AVERAGES (61 HEAD) ADG: 0.36 lb.; WDA: 2.13 lb.; wt.: 809 lb.

Interim weights will be collected March 12, April 9 and May 7. The bulls will be weighed off test June 4,

and qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 12.

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

UBIA Bull Test

84-day report (Dec. 15)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 23 for the Utah Beef Improvement Ass'n Bull Test conducted at the Kenison Feedlot near Levan, Utah. The test features divisions for junior-age (born January-March 2018) bulls and senior-age (born September-December 2017) bulls.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 59; owner: Larsen Angus, Maben Larsen, Holden; sire: Sitz Investment 660Z; ADG: 4.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; wt.: 1,155 lb.; sale index: 135

HIGH-ADG (TIE) AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 2; owner: B&R Livestock, Brad Hart, Bear River City; sire: KR Identity 5090; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; wt.: 1,350 lb.; sale index: 121

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 42; owner: Gardner Ranch Angus, Wes Gardner, Mountain Home; sire: Coleman Game Day 428; ADG: 3.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; wt.: 1,165 lb.; sale index: 117

ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (104 HEAD) ADG: 2.92 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (18 HEAD) ADG: 2.94 lb.

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.

47th WIU Bull Test

90-day final report (Feb. 3)

Bulls were delivered to the Western Illinois University (WIU) test center Oct. 11-12 to go on test Nov. 1-2. The 90-day WIU Performance Bull Test features a ration using fiber instead of starch (corn) as an energy source. The bulls were 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 weighed a minimum of 550 lb. at delivery.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 503; owner: Beutel Angus Farm, Tremont, Ill.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 1,159 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 501; owner: Mallory Espenscheid, Traer, Iowa; sire: Musgrave Sky High 1535; ADG: 4.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 105; WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,242 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (25 HEAD) ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.

Final weights were collected Jan. 31-Feb. 1. The test index is calculated as 70% of the ADG ratio, 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 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, at www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/.

Nebraska Bull Test

90-day report (Jan. 17)

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

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 77; owner: Macholan Angus, Keaton Macholan, Linwood; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 4.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.85 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,414 lb.

HIGH-ADG CE ANGUS Lot 99; owner: Hadwiger Farm & Cattle, Matt Hadwiger, Riverdale; sire: HA Cowboy Up 5405; ADG: 4.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.12 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,134 lb.

HIGH-WDA CE ANGUS Lot 44; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mason City; sire: EF Commando 1366; ADG: 3.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,284 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GORROUP Lots 116-119; owner: Lazy Black Diamond Ranch, Kevin Glause, Palmer; sire: Treffer

Cash 607; avg. ADG: 4.15 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 3.36 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 105; avg. wt.: 1,152 lb.

GROWTH ANGUS AVERAGES (81 HEAD) ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,168 lb.

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (39 HEAD) ADG: 3.50 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,137 lb.

The bulls were weighed off test Feb. 15-16. Qualifying bulls will be sold at Broken Bow Livestock, 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.

Pennsylvania Bull Test

84-day report (Jan. 22)

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-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 total mixed ration (TMR) is fed free-choice and will typically be 13% crude protein and 72% total digestible nutrients (TDN).

At the 84-day mark, the leaders were:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 107; owner: Kerr Cattle Co., Mike and Paula Kerr, Clearfield; sire: MGR Treasure; ADG: 5.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 4.22

lb.; WDA ratio: 124; wt.: 1,367 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 109; owner: Beulah Land & Cattle, Mike Kline, McVeytown; sire: Deer Valley Old Hickory; ADG: 4.99 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 4.29 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,262 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (97 HEAD) ADG: 4.31 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.

Final 112-day weights were 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, at www.livestockevaluationcenter.com/bulltesting.aspx.

Wisconsin Bull Test

35-day report (Jan. 8)

Forty-nine Angus bulls were among 92 total delivered Nov. 5 to the University of Wisconsin Platteville Pioneer Farm for the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Ass'n (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 TMR for the duration of the 100-day test. Balanced to provide 0.54 Mcals of energy per pound of feed, 50% of the TDN is derived from corn silage and hay. The bulls are given *ad libitum* access for a targeted ADG of 3.2 lb.

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

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 27; owner: Kuhle Family Farm, David Kuhle, Hazel Green, Wis.; sire: Kuhle Ten X 7863 C93; ADG: 6.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 98; wt.: 1,090 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 36; owner: J&S Angus, Scott Hoffman, Soldiers Grove, Wis.; sire: Frey's Opportunity; ADG: 5.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,085 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (49 HEAD) ADG: 4.42 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.

Another interim was taken Feb. 7, and the bulls will be weighed off test March 13-14. Qualifying bulls will sell at the WBIA annual Performance Selected Bull Sale at the University farm April 6. It will be weighted 60% ADG ratio + 20% 365-day ratio + 20% WDA ratio.

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.

Tucumcari Bull Test

87-day report (Jan. 18)

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

Based on body weight, the bulls were divided into two groups, with Group A consisting of the 128 oldest and heaviest bulls, which were split into two groups of 64. The remaining calves were split into two groups of 14. All calves go through the GrowSafe system to measure individual feed intake for at least 60 days within the 120-day test period.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 20-4; owner: Schmitt Angus Ranch, Lewis, Colo.; sire: MAR Top Hand M335; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 159; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,175 lb.; F:G: 5.85; F:G ratio: 118; RFI: 1.74

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 18-3; owner: Sanchez Angus, Belen, N.M.; sire: Miller Equator 402; ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 131; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 958 lb.; F:G: 6.17; F:G ratio: 114; RFI: 1.53

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP owner: Lust Angus, Tim, Lea and Dru Lust, Abernathy, TX; sire: Barstow Cash; avg. ADG: 3.89 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 118; avg. WDA: 3.13 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 1,013 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS SIRE GROUP owner: J-C Angus, John and Cathy Heckendorn, Moriarty, N.M.; sire: J-C 10 Ply 1536; avg. ADG: 3.73 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 113; avg. WDA: 3.15 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 109; avg. wt.: 993 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (125 HEAD) ADG: 3.31 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 948 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (145 HEAD) ADG: 3.24 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 944 lb.

The bulls were 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 available on the test website, at www.tucbulltest.nmsu.edu.

OPSU Bull Performance Test

112-day final report (Jan. 22)

Seventy-eight bulls started the test at Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU), Goodwell. The

test features a junior division and a senior division.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS owner: Terry Sedlak, Kingfisher, Okla.; sire: EXAR TenX 5718H; ADG: 5.12 lb.; WDA: 3.81 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS owner: OPSU Angus, Goodwell, Okla.; sire: GAR Trust K113; ADG: 6.33 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.

TOP-GAINING JUNIOR ANGUS PEN Three bulls; owner: Terry Sedlak; sires: EXAR Ten X 5718H, OSU Final Answer 4225 and TL Banker 5053; avg. ADG: 4.84 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.52 lb.

TOP-GAINING SENIOR ANGUS PEN Four bulls; owner: OPSU Angus; sires: three bulls by GAR 5050 New Design 8763 and one by GAR Trust K113; avg. ADG: 5.50 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 4.30 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.

The test concluded Jan. 26, and the top 70 bulls sold in the 67th Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale on Feb. 18 in Goodwell.

For more information contact Gwen Martin, OPSU, at 580-349-1500 or gwen@opsu.edu.

IBEP Winter 2018 Bull Test

63-day report (Jan. 22)

Fifty-eight producers consigned 184 bulls and 15 sire groups to the Indiana Bull Evaluation Program (IBEP) 2018 Winter Test at Bedford, Ind. The bulls went on test Nov. 20.

The test includes bulls born Nov. 1, 2017-April 30, 2018. Parentage verification is required on both sire and dam.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 17; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara C2; ADG: 5.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 151; WDA: 3.34 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,130 lb.; test index: 135

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 110; owner: Able Acres, Wingate, Ind.; sire: SAV Pedigree 4834; ADG: 3.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 101; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio:

120; wt.: 1,360 lb.; test index: 109
HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP Three bulls;
owner: Two bulls by Underwood
Angus Farms and one bull by
Austin Underwood, both of North
Manchester, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara
Z29; avg. ADG: 4.24 lb.; avg. ADG
ratio: 115; avg. WDA: 2.75 lb.; avg.
WDA ratio: 92; avg. wt.: 897 lb.; avg.
test index: 106

HIGH-WDA ANGUS SIRE GROUP Three bulls;
owner: Graber Angus, David Graber,
Montgomery, Ind.; sire: Quaker Hill
Rampage 0A36; avg. ADG: 3.39 lb.;
avg. ADG ratio: 92; avg. WDA: 3.16
lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 105; avg. wt.:
1,083 lb.; avg. test index: 97

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS SIRE GROUP Three
bulls; owner: Wynn's Angus Farm,
Kurt Wynn, Ashland, Ohio; sire: SAV
Pedigree 4834; avg. ADG: 4.16 lb.;
avg. ADG ratio: 113; avg. WDA: 2.95
lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 98; avg. wt.: 1,118
lb.; avg. test index: 107

OVERALL AVERAGES (183 HEAD) ADG: 3.66 lb.

Another interim was taken Feb. 19,
and off-test weights will be collected
March 25. Qualifying bulls will sell at
the test sale April 18 at the Springville
Feeder Auction and remote video
sites.

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279-4330; Brad Shelton, station
manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu
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performance records and website, at
dlofgren@purdue.edu or 765-494-
6439. Information is also available on
the test website, 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
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279-8554; or Lofgren at dlofgren@
purdue.edu or 765-494-6439. Or visit
the test website, at www.ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep.

Manitoba Bull Test

84-day report (Jan. 22)

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
Ass'n. 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:
JL International 5041; ADG: 4.44 lb.;
WDA: 3.53 lb.; wt.: 1,042 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 54; owner:
Anthony Stadnyk, Vita; sire: Wulf's
Absolute 262B; ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA:
3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,199 lb.

ANGUS* AVERAGES (64 HEAD) ADG: 3.28 lb.;
WDA: 3.26 lb.; wt.: 1,090 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (133 HEAD) ADG: 3.28 lb.;
WDA: 3.20 lb.

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

Final 112-day weights were taken
Feb. 18-19. Qualifying bulls will sell
in the station's 55th sale March 30.
Visitors are welcome at the station all
year round.

For more information, contact
Tyler Winters, station manager, at
bulltest@mynetsnet.ca or 204-851-1165
or 204-763-4696. Information is also

available on the test website, at
www.manitobabulltest.com.

Tifton Bull Evaluation

112-day final report (Jan. 29)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct.
8-9 for the 61st Tifton (Ga.) Bull
Evaluation Program. The bulls posted
an average ADG of 4.29 lb. during the
last 28 days.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 110; owner:
Hill Angus Farm, Gary Hill,
Hendersonville, N.C.; sire: Quaker
Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 5.67 lb.;
ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA
ratio: 112; wt.: 1,590 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 127; owner:
Barcron Cattle Co., Cannon, Ga.;
sire: SAV Resolve 3210; ADG: 5.31 lb.;
ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 4.16 lb.; WDA
ratio: 123; wt.: 1,565 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (67 HEAD) ADG: 4.42 lb.;
WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,327 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (126 HEAD) ADG: 4.28 lb.;
WDA: 3.42 lb.; wt.: 1,331 lb.

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, at
[www.beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/
georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html](http://www.beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html).

St. Croix Bull Test

63-day report (Jan. 18)

Bulls born Jan. 1-April 30 began
the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Nov. 16.
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

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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.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 17-4; owner: Strasburg Angus, Andy & Amy Strasburg; sire: RB Successor 5607; ADG: 5.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 2.98 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 994 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 6-1; owner: Fountain Farms Angus, Jack Cummings, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: Hy-View Phantom; ADG: 4.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,195 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 4.03 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,039 lb.

NON-ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 2.92 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.; wt.: 895 lb.

Another interim weight was taken 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. For more information, contact Rick Case, chairman, at scase@centurytel.net or 608-337-4841; or Allan Drinkman, vice chairman, at allan@pinehillangus.com or 715-781-1751. Information is also available on the test website, at www.scvbt.com.

Treasure Bull Test

90-day report (Feb. 5)

The Treasure Bull Test accepted delivery of bulls in late October at North Montana Feeders, Choteau,

Mont., for its 2018-2019 test. The 120-day test features 140 registered black and red Angus bulls born Dec. 15, 2017-April 15, 2018.

The bulls will be fed for a targeted gain of 3 lb. per day.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 49; owner: Olson Cattle Co., Wendy Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: OCC Heavyweight 659; ADG: 5.30 lb.; WDA: 3.68 lb.; wt.: 1,185 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 114; owner: Cook Angus, Bill Cook, Huntley, Mont.; sire: SAV Privilege 3030; ADG: 5.30 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.; wt.: 1,160 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 104; owner: Granger Angus, Jim & Elizabeth Granger, Great Falls, Mont.; sire: Granger Cash 643; ADG: 4.93 lb.; WDA: 4.13 lb.; wt.: 1,465 lb.

BLACK ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 3.68 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

RED ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 3.54 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.

A final weight will be taken March 5. The Performance Tested "Cowboy Kind" Angus Bull Sale will be April 16 at Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls, Mont.

For more information, contact Ryan and Karnell Perry, coordinators, at 406-788-9869, 406-390-5473 or info@treasurebulltest.com. The test website is www.treasurebulltest.com.

Wisconsin Bull Test

On-test report (Dec. 3-4)

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

Bulls are being fed a roughage-based TMR targeted to provide an ADG of 3.2 lb. for the duration of the 100-day test. To be eligible for the test, bulls

had to be born between Jan. 1 and April 15, 2018.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 50; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Wade Owen, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 6.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.36 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,045 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS LOT 36 Lot 36; owner: J&S Angus, Scott Hoffman, Soldiers Grove, Wis.; sire: Frey's Opportunity; ADG: 5.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,085 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (49 HEAD) ADG: 4.42 lb.; WDA: 3.22 lb.

Interim weights were taken Feb. 7, and the bulls will be weighed off test March 13-14. The WBIA Annual Performance Selected Bull Sale will be at the University farm April 6.

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.

Michigan Bull Test

84-day report (Jan. 18)

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: 4.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.46 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,180 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 34; owner: Dawson Farms LLC, Hanover, Mich.; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 4.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.79 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,360 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 56; owner:

Bordner Angus Farms, Sturgis, Mich.; sire: GAR 9M25 Rito 2177G; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.04 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,525 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 25; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 4.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,315 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 3.73 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.13 lb.; WDA: 3.01 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,123 lb.

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.

For more information, contact Dan Buskirk, test coordinator at buskirk@msu.edu 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, at www.mibulls.com.

Wardensville Test

58-day report (Jan. 17)

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 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, averaging 787 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 188; owner: Circle J Angus, Buckhannon, W.Va.; sire: Connealy Confidence Plus; ADG: 5.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,175 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 122; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm,

Flemington, W.Va.; sire: SydGen FATE 4689; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,132 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS PEN Owner: Pritt Angus Farm, Beverly, W.Va.; sires: EF Commando 1366, MAR Innovation 251, Woodhill Warranty Y134-C163, SAV Ten Speed 3022, Basin Payweight 1682, Connealy Black Granite; avg. ADG: 4.46 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 115; avg. WDA: 3.14 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,094 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (150 HEAD) ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 2.99 lb.; wt.: 1,011 lb.

The bulls were weighed off test Feb. 13-14. Qualifying bulls will be sold at the Reymann Memorial Farm at Wardensville 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.

SW Virginia Bull Test

84-day report (Jan. 15)

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

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.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 77; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe and Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg, Va.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,125 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 67; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville, Va.; sire: GAR Prophecy; ADG: 3.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,020 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 91; owner: Grassy Valley Farm, Lee Duckworth, Afton, Tenn.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 2.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 93; WDA: 3.51 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,180 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA (TIE) SENIOR ANGUS Lot 21; owner: Lucas Farm; sire: S Whitlock 179; ADG: 4.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.33 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,530 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 41; owner: Dawson Farms, Wayne Persinger, Alderson, W.Va.; sire: Angus Hill 6108 All In 813b; ADG: 3.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,260 lb.

ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (73 HEAD) ADG: 3.17 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 975 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (139 HEAD) ADG: 3.05 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.; wt.: 989 lb.

ANGUS SENIOR AVERAGES (52 HEAD) ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 1,268 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (88 HEAD) ADG: 3.50 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 1,278 lb.

The bulls were weighed off test Feb. 11-12. Qualifying bulls will sell March 23.

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