# **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.

#### Wardensville Bull Test 56-day report (Jan. 19)

One hundred thirty-nine Angus bulls representing 17 consignors were weighed Nov. 23-24 for the Wardensville (W.Va.) Bull Test. To be eligible, bulls must have been born Jan. 20-March 25, 2020. The test is an 87-day gain test.

Cooperators must consign at least three head per breed group, and they must be contemporaries.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 127; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va.; sire: Connealy Emerald; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.31 lb.; wt.: 1,170 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 178; owner: Thunder View Farms, Grahamsville, N.Y.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 3.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 104; WDA: 3.77 lb.; wt.: 1,228 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP Nine bulls; owner: Poling Angus Farm, Philippi, W.Va.; sires: Poling's Patriot F153, Yon Final Answer C36, AAR Justified 6181, GVF Whitlock 8028, Basin Payweight Plus 6048 and Stevenson Big League 70749; avg. ADG: 3.77 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 110; avg. WDA: 3.27 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,097 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (139 HEAD) ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,005 lb.

Final weights were scheduled for Feb. 18-19. Qualifying bulls will sell March 25.

For more information visit the test website, *www.wardensvillebulltest. com*, or contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-669-1598 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu.

## Edisto Forage Bull Test & Heifer Development

28-day report (Jan. 12)

The 168-day Edisto Forage Bull Test is unique in that it is a pasturebased test with limit-feeding of a commodity byproduct-based test ration at 1% of body weight.

Conducted at the Edisto Research and Education Center near Blackville, S.C., it features divisions for senior bulls (born Dec. 1, 2019-Jan. 31, 2020) and junior bulls (born Feb. 1-March 31, 2020).

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 21058; owner: Rose Myrtle Farm, Ken Currie, Bishopville, S.C.; sire: RMF Hoover Dam BC8; ADG: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 705 lb. OVERALL AVERAGES (81 HEAD) ADG: 1.18 lb.:

wt.: 790 lb.

Additional interim weights will be recorded Feb. 9, March 9, April 6 and May 4. Final weights are scheduled for June 1. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 9.

Program organizers have added an Edisto Heifer Development Program. In keeping with the themes and goals of the all-forage bull test, the program will develop, evaluate, breed and market heifers from around the state and the Southeast. Ninety-one heifers were consigned to the development program.

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/.* 

## Pennsylvania Bull Test 84-day report (Jan. 19)

The Pennsylvania bull test is now conducting its 112-day gain testing program at the PA Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

The bulls on test were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2020, and are being fed a mixed ration of corn silage; cracked corn; cracked, roasted soybeans; and a mineral and vitamin supplement free-choice. The ration is normally 13% crude protein (CP) and 72% total digestible nutrients (TDN).

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 207; owner: Brakel Ridge Cattle Co., Jacob Christy, Cincinnatus, N.Y.; sire: Baldridge 38 Special; ADG: 5.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.42 lb.; WDA ratio: 96; wt.: 1,312 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 201; owner: Hawthorn Valley Farm, Jesse R. Alspaugh, Richland; sire: Full Measure C 40; ADG: 5.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 4.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,291 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES:** ADG: 4.50 lb.; WDA: 3.54 lb.; wt.: 1,176 lb.

Final weights will be recorded Feb. 16. The top 70%-75% of the test group by performance index, having also met requirements for health and structural soundness, will sell in the test sale March 26. For more information contact Greg Hubbard, station manager, at 814-238-2527 or ghubbard@pa.gov, or visit the test website at *http://bit. ly/PA-BT*.

### MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program 84-day report (Jan. 15)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) weighed bulls on test for the 33rd annual MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program. The evaluation is conducted at the Plank Farm, Crystal, Mich.

Bulls are divided into four pens for the test by age, weight and contemporary groups. The pen containing the oldest bulls is classified as the senior division, with bulls in the other three pens classified as the junior division. Bulls are fed a high-roughage ration with a target ADG of 3.25 lb. per day.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 20; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: KB-Full Coverage E46; ADG: 5.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,535 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 29; owner: Dow Livestock Acres, Kevin and Andrew Dow, Mulliken, Mich.; sire: MGR Treasure; ADG: 5.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,410 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 22; owner: KB Angus; sire: Baldridge Colonel C251; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,385 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 14; owner: Michigan State University; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 5.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.83 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,375 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 35: owner: Dawson Farms LLC, Hanover, Mich.; sire: Stevenson Big League 70749; ADG: 4.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA:

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3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,410 lb.
Senior angus averages (14 head) ADG: 4.23
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lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,333 lb.

**SENIOR OVERALL AVERAGES** ADG: 4.14 lb.; WDA: 3.06 lb.: wt.: 1,336 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (41 HEAD) ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,104 lb.

JUNIOR OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.71 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,121 lb.

Observation of final weights was scheduled for Feb. 12.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale March 20. For more information contact Dan Buskirk at 517-432-0400 or buskirk@msu.edu, or visit the test website at www.mibulls.com.

#### Midland Bull Test Group 1 120-day final report (Feb. 4)

**Group 2 90-day report (Feb. 4)** Bulls consigned to the 2020-2021 Midland Bull Test (MBT) originated from more than 145 breeders and 24 states. The bulls are consigned to a 120-day test, during which they are fed a high-roughage, low-energy ration. Each animal is individually tested for residual feed intake (RFI).

Group 1, including fall-born bulls and half of the Angus bulls were received Sept. 9-19 to go on test Oct. 5-6. Group 2, with the remaining Angus bulls, was received Oct. 7-17 to go on test Nov. 2-3.

HIGH-ADG GROUP1 ANGUS Lot 207; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: Deer Valley Wall Street; ADG: 5.08 lb.; WDA: 3.93 lb.; wt.: 1,550 lb.

HIGH-WDA GROUP 1 ANGUS Lot 173; owner: Fisher Angus, Okeene, Okla.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 4.71 lb.; WDA: 4.10 lb.; wt.: 1,690 lb.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 439; owner: VGA Livestock, Manhattan, Mont.; sire: WMR Infinity 141; ADG: 5.33 lb.; WDA: 3.36 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb. HIGH-WDA GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 455; owner: Sunny Okanogan Angus, Omak, Wash.; sire: SAV Quarterback 7933; ADG: 4.62 lb.; WDA: 4.06 lb.; wt.: 1,600 lb.

GROUP 1 ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.

GROUP 2 ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.60 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.

Collection of Group 2 final weights is scheduled for March 1-2.

The top 70%-80% of the bulls will sell, determined by the MBT Index, which is 25% ADG, 25% nursing ratio, 25% yearling ratio and 25% efficiency ratio. Angus bulls will sell April 2.

For more information contact Steve Williams by texting 406-321-7046 or emailing bulls@ midlandbulltest.com. Information is also available on the test website, *www.midlandbulltest.com*.

## Nebraska Bull Test 90-day report (Jan. 16)

Ninety-three Angus are among the 106 bulls being evaluated at the Nebraska Bull Test, which is being conducted at Rohde Farms near Mason City, Neb. The bulls were consigned by 19 producers.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 15; owner: Double D Angus, Linwood, Neb.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 5.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 4.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,404 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP Lots 63, 64 and 66; owner: Boyles Angus, John & Jimmy Boyles, Mason City; sire: Byergo/Double GG Blackstone; avg. ADG: 4.39 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 4.14 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 113; avg. wt.: 1,294 lb.

SECOND-HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP Lots 34-36; owner: KLC Angus, Tom and Karla Knott, Broken Bow; sire: Black Magic; avg. ADG: 4.34 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 116; avg. WDA: 3.84 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 104; avg. wt.: 1,181 lb.

Final 120-day weights will be Continued on page 60 observed Feb. 12-13. The test sale will be hosted March 24 at the Broken Bow Livestock Market.

For more information contact Jay Nordhausen, manager, at 308-289-1548 or jnordhausen@ogallalalive. com. Mid-test reports and consignors are available on the test website at *nebraskabulltest.com*.

#### **UBIA Performance Bull Test** 84-day report (Jan. 15)

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

The 112-day test is based on a roughage-based ration and features divisions for growth and low-birthweight (LBW) Angus bulls, as well as junior and senior divisions. Junior bulls were born Jan. 1-March 20, 2020. Senior bulls were born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2019.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 83; Lowe Livestock, Loren Lowe, Toquerville, Utah; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 6.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 166; wt.: 1,340 lb.; sale index: 154

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 139; Rockin' KMH Angus, Jeremy Robb, Syracuse, Utah; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; wt.: 1,440 lb.; sale index: 133

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (14 HEAD) ADG: 4.14 lb.; wt.: 1,361 lb.

SENIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (19 HEAD) ADG: 4.11 lb.; wt.: 1,352 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (141 HEAD) ADG: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,082 lb.

**JUNIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (212 HEAD)** ADG: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,077 lb.

Final weights were to be recorded Feb. 9, and the test sale will be hosted March 20.

For more information visit *www. ubiabulls.com*, or contact C. Kim Chapman at 435-893-0474, 435-8930493 (fax) or kim.chapman@usu.edu.

#### **IBEP Winter 2020 Bull Test** 63-day report (Jan. 19)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter 2020 Bull Test is being conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford. The 86th IBEP Performance Test features bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2020.

One hundred eighty-six bulls, including 22 sire groups and representing 51 cooperators were weighed on test Nov. 17. They are being fed for a target ADG of 3.25 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 187; owner: Voogt Farms, Marne, Mich.; sire: Baldridge Marksman D274; ADG: 4.87 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.27 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,135 lb.; test index: 122

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 144; owner: Berry Farms, Jon Berry, Cable, Ohio; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 127; wt.: 1,245 lb.; test index: 122

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 160; owner: Underwood Angus Farms, Mark Underwood, North Manchester, Ind.; sire: Tehama Tahoe B767; ADG: 4.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,185 lb.; test index: 125

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP (TIE) Get 2, three bulls; owner: Melvin Riggs & Family, Martinsville, Ind.; sire: Mead Magnitude; avg. ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 3.26 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 1,183 lb.; avg. test index: 110

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP (TIE) Get 4, three bulls; owner: Stewart Select Angus LLC, Andrew Stewart, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: Deer Valley Wall Street; avg. ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 3.05 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 101; avg. wt.: 1,140 lb.; avg. test index: 108

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP (TIE) Get 17, four bulls; owner: Eagle River Angus, Phil Ehnle, Princeville, Ill.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; avg. ADG: 4.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 3.07 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 101; avg. wt.: 1,149 lb.; avg. test index: 108

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP (TIE) Get 18, four bulls; owner: Eagle River Angus; sire: SydGen Enhance; avg. ADG: 4.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 2.98 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 98; avg. wt.: 1,119 lb.; avg. test index: 107

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS SIRE GROUP Get 19, three bulls; owner: Berry Farms; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; avg. ADG: 4.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; avg. WDA: 3.39 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 112; avg. wt.: 1,140 lb.; avg. test index: 111

ANGUS AVERAGES (133 HEAD) ADG: 3.70 lb.; WDA: 3.03 lb.; wt.: 1,043 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (181 HEAD)** ADG: 3.59 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,027 lb.

Another interim weight will be collected Feb. 16. Bulls will be weighed off the 120-day test March 22. Those qualifying will sell in the test sale April 17 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

For more information contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330; or Brad Shelton, station manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554. Information is available on the test website, *https:// ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/.* 

## Minnesota BCIA Bull Evaluation 56-day report (Jan. 9)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) is conducting its 133-day evaluation at the Foundation Feeders test station near Spring Grove, Minn. The test features bulls born Aug. 15, 2019-May 15, 2020. Bulls are being fed a total mixed ration (TMR) consisting of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins. Thirty-two Angus bulls are among the 49 junior bulls being evaluated. There are also four senior Angus bulls on test. The senior bulls were born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2019, and averaged 870 lb. going on test. Bulls in the junior division were born Jan. 1-May 15, 2020. The junior Angus bulls averaged 849 lb., and all junior bulls averaged 826 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 31; owner: Shady Hill Farms, Dustin Martin, Blue Earth; sire: Poss Maverick; ADG: 5.04 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.; test index: 126

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 25; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: Connealy Blackhawk 6198; ADG: 3.39 lb.; WDA: 4.06 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.; test index: 115

HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 32; owner: Shady Hill Farms; sire: Musgrave Colossal; ADG: 4.73 lb.; WDA: 3.52 lb.; wt.: 1,170 lb.; test index: 127

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 53; owner: Brice Conover, Baxter, Iowa; sire: Baldridge Dependable DO89; ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.; test index: 113

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (49 HEAD) ADG: 3.27 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,009 lb. OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (4 HEAD) ADG: 3.37

lb.; WDA: 2.67 lb.; wt.: 1,059 lb. Another interim weight will be

Another Interim Weight will be taken Feb. 26. The bulls will be weighed off test March 18. The top-indexing 75%-80% of all bulls will be eligible for the test sale, to be hosted April 1 at Jackson Livestock Exchange, Jackson, Minn.

For more information contact Ron Holty, test station manager at 507-498-5839 or 507-429-7963, ronholty@gmail.com or visit *foundationfeedersinc.com*.

West Virginia Southern 55-day interim report (Jan. 13) Seventy-nine Angus bulls representing 12 consignors were weighed on test Nov. 19 for the 2021 Southern West Virginia Bull Test at Henderson, W.Va. To be eligible for the 85-day test, bulls had to be born Dec. 25, 2019-Feb. 29, 2020.

Cooperators must consign at least three head per breed group, and they must be contemporaries.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 153; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner; sire: SydGen Cool 5144; ADG: 5.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 160; WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 162; owner: Circle J Angus, Buckhannon; sire: CJ 4X15 of U216 CC&7; ADG: 4.02 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,143 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP Four bulls; owner: Hammack Ridge Farm, Looneyville; sires: EXAR Monumental 6056B, SAV Elation 7899 and Woodhill Blueprint; avg. ADG: 3.77 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 118; avg. WDA: 2.66 lb.; avg. wt.: 999 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP (TIE) 10 bulls; owner: Poling Angus Farm, Philippi; sires: MGR Treasure, Yon Final Answer C36, Poling's Patriot F153, Deer Valley Patriot 3222, Basin Payweight Plus 6048, KCF Bennett Fortress and AAR Justified 6181; avg. ADG: 3.58 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 3.13 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,057 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP (TIE) Nine bulls; owner: Circle J Angus; sires: CJ 4X15 of U216 CC&7, Circle J RFCC Expansion 8CP2; Riverfront Trump 5Q4 and River Front FA 2M7; avg. ADG: 3.56 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 111; avg. WDA: 3.13 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,027 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (78 HEAD) ADG: 3.20 lb.; WDA: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 976 lb.

A companion program, the Southern Heifer Development Program consists of primarily registered heifers. Many of the bull test consignors also consign heifers as a means of maintaining larger contemporary groups to improve the utility of the collected data.

Heifers are developed on a silagebased ration targeting moderate growth rates. Breeders must market 25% of consigned females if they qualify for the sale. This year's program features heifers born Dec. 25, 2019-March 15, 2020. The heifers will follow the same weigh schedule as the bulls.

Leaders among the Angus heifers at the 55-day mark included:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 550; owner: Lazy S Angus, Looneyville; sire: SAV Renown 3439; ADG: 3.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 191; WDA: 2.50 lb.; wt.: 924 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 586; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner; sire: SydGen Cool 5144; ADG: 2.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 2.64 lb.; wt.: 1,015 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP Four heifers; owner: Shys Angus, Amma; sires: HA Cowboy Up 5405 and Tehama Tahoe B767; avg. ADG: 1.99 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 115; avg. WDA: 2.27 lb.; avg. wt.: 827 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP (TIE) 15 heifers; owner: Workman Land & Livestock, Moatsville; sires: Connealy Plus 5281, Workman Confidence Plus F91, Connealy Emerald and Yon Final Answer C36; avg. ADG: 1.81 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 104; avg. WDA: 2.32 lb.; avg. wt.: 738 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS CONSIGNOR GROUP (TIE) 11 heifers; owner: Rocking P Farm; sires: SydGen Cool 5144, RP Ten Speed 86, Shawnee Winds Exceed 5S59 and RP 536 Limelight 834; avg. ADG: 1.94 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 112; avg. WDA: 2.31 lb.; avg. wt.: 824 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (88 HEAD) ADG: 1.73 lb.; WDA: 2.26 lb.; wt. 760 lb.

Final weights for bulls and heifers were scheduled to be collected Feb. 11-12. Qualifying bulls and heifers *Continued on page 62*  will sell March 19 at the Jackson County Regional Livestock Market in Fairplain, W.Va.

For more information about the bull test or the heifer development program, contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-669-1598 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu. edu. The test website is *www. southernwvbulltest.com.* 

## Treasure Bull Test 60-day report (Jan. 15)

The Treasure Bull Test accepted delivery of bulls Nov. 1-10 at Muddy Creek Farm Yard LLC, Vaughn, Mont., for its 2020-2021 test. The 120-day test features registered black and red Angus bulls born Jan. 1-April 1, 2020.

The bulls are being fed a highroughage ration of protein, highly digestible fiber, chelated mineral supplement, vitamins and corn targeted to provide ADGs of 3 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 60; owner: RK Perry, Ryan Perry, Power, Mont.; sire: SAV Raindance 6848; ADG: 6.02 lb.; wt.: 1,378 lb.

BLACK ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.54 lb. Red angus averages ADG: 3.30 lb.

The Performance Tested "Cowboy Kind" Angus Bull Sale will be April 20 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.* 

#### Manitoba Bull Test 84-day report (Jan. 30)

The Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n is currently conducting its bull evaluation at the Manitoba Bull Test Station near Douglas, Manitoba, Canada. The test station has been in operation for more than 50 years.

The Angus bulls averaged 819 lb. at their initial weigh-in Nov. 7.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 35; owner: Angus Pine Farm, Peter and Florence Petrash, Sundown, Man.; sire: WR Journey-1X74; ADG: 4.98 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,182 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 23; owner: Prime Angus Ranch, Shaun Bryce, Arcola, Sask.; sire: BLS Brick 39E; ADG: 4.38 lb.; WDA: 4.19 lb.; wt.: 1,172 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (41 HEAD) ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,174 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (107 HEAD)** ADG: 3.60 lb.; WDA: 3.30 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 27-28.

Thirty-three heifers, including five Angus, are on test in a companion heifer development program. At the 84-day mark, the heifers were averaging 2.56 lb. per day with a WDA of 2.72 lb.

The test sale will be hosted March 27. For more information contact the test station at 204-763-4696 or bulltest@mynetset.ca, or visit the test website at *www.manitobabulltest.com*.

## Tifton Bull Test 112-day final report (Feb. 2)

The University of Georgia Extension is currently in its 63rd year of conducting the Tifton Bull Evaluation Program. A total of 122 bulls, including 70 Angus, were weighed on test Oct. 12-13. The bulls were born Dec. 1, 2019-Feb. 29, 2020.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 59; owner: Hill Angus Farm, Gary Hill, Hendersonville, N.C.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.72 lb.; WDA ratio: 107; wt.: 1,598 lb.; SC: 35.0 cm

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 34: owner: Berry-Wells Farm, Johnathan Wells, Rayle, Ga.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,608 lb.; SC: 37.5 cm

ANGUS AVERAGES (70 HEAD) ADG: 4.12 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (118 HEAD)** ADG: 4.05 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,334 lb.

The 63rd Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale will be hosted March 3. Bids may be placed online or by phone, and limited live in-person bidding will be available.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at *http://bit.ly/PT-Calhoun*.

## **Tucumcari Bull Test** 60-day report (Jan. 5)

The Tucumcari Bull Test is a 120day test based on a roughage ration and features bulls born between Jan. 1-Apr. 30, 2020.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 21-6; owner: Rock Wall Ranch; sire: Riverbend Compliance 1624; ADG: 4.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 144; WDA: 2.91 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 933 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 10-2; owner: Lust Angus, Tim, Lea and Dru Lust, Abernathy, Texas; sire: Baldridge 38 Special; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,255 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (101 HEAD) ADG: 3.16 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 938 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES (159 HEAD)** ADG: 2.96 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 911 lb.

The test sale will be hosted online, bidding will be open from March 5-13. Producers may visit and view the bulls in-person March 12-13.

For more information go to *tucbulltest.nmsu.edu* or contact Marcy Ward at 575-646-5947 (phone) or maward@nmsu.edu.

Western Illinois University Bull Test 90-day final report (Jan. 29) Western Illinois University is conducting its 2021 Bull Test, featuring bulls born Dec. 15, 2019-March 15, 2020.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 117; owner: Washburn Angus, Onley, Ill.; sire: Byergo/Double GG Blackstone; ADG: 5.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 4.23 lb.; wt.: 1,631 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (27 HEAD) ADG: 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.

The test sale is scheduled for March 12. For more information contact Keela Trennepohl at 805-440-8421 or km-trennepohl@ wiu.edu, or visit www.wiu.edu/cbt/ agriculture/bull\_test/.

## Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test 84-day report (Jan. 19)

The Virginia BCIA conducts its 112-day Southwest Bull Test at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville, Va. The bulls are fed a silage-based ration, with a target ADG of 3.5 lb.

Bulls in the senior division were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2019. Junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2020.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 3; owner: Baird Angus, William Baird, Bluff City, Tenn.; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 6.07 lb.; ADG ratio: 165; WDA: 3.14 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,530 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 6; owner: Virginia Tech Beef Center, Blacksburg, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.53 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,645 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 66; owner: DeHaven Farm, Mike, Mark and Andy DeHaven, Hillsville, Va.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,270 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 73; owner: Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.64 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,355 lb.

**SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (51 HEAD)** ADG: 3.68 lb.; WDA: 2.82 lb.; wt.: 1,300 lb.

**SENIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (93 HEAD)** ADG: 3.58 lb.; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,319 lb.

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (38 HEAD) ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,120 lb.

JUNIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (113 HEAD) ADG:

3.44 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,066 lb. Bulls will be weighed off test on Feb. 16, and the test sale will be hosted March 27.

For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test website, *https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/*.

#### OPSU Beef Cattle Performance Testing Program

112-day final report (Jan. 30)

Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) concluded its 69th annual bull test Jan. 30. The test, conducted at OPSU near Goodwell, Okla., features a junior and a senior division. Bulls were fed a targetedgain, roughage growing ration with 13% crude protein. Hay is provided ad lib.

Bulls in the senior division were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2019. Junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2020.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 17-2; owner: Terry Sedlak, Kingfisher, Okla.; sire: EXAR Prophet 7167B; ADG: 5.97 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,749 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 15-1; owner: Jared Bates, Perkins, Okla.; sire: EXAR Monumental 6056B; ADG: 5.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.78 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,479 lb.

HIGH-GAINING PEN OF SENIOR BULLS (3 HEAD) Pen 16; Owner: Al Rutledge, Stillwater, Okla.; sires: GAR Method and Sydgen Enhance; avg. ADG: 4.73 lb.

HIGH-GAINING PEN OF JUNIOR BULLS (4 HEAD) Pen

5; Owner: Paul Caldwell, Chandler, Okla.; sire: HA Outside 3878; avg. ADG: 4.44 lb.

**OVERALL AVERAGES** ADG: 4.26 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.

The test sale will be hosted Feb. 22. For more information please contact Gwen Martin at 580-349-1500 or gwen.martin@opsu.edu.

#### WBIA Bull Test

#### 64-day report (Feb. 3)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) 2021 Bull Test is being hosted at the University of Wisconsin–Platteville Pioneer Farm.

This year's test features bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2020. Twenty-six consignors have enrolled 75 bulls, including 44 Angus.

The bulls are being fed a roughagebased TMR balanced to provide a targeted 3.2-lb. ADG.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 34; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Wade Owen, Endeavor; sire: Linz EP52 7179; ADG: 5.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,255 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 8; owner: Johnson Angus, Andrew Johnson, Gratiot; sire: DL Dually; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.97 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,385 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 4.18 lb.; WDA: 3.49 lb.

Final weights will be collected March 10-11.

Qualifying bulls will sell April 3 at the WBIA Annual Performance Selected Bull Sale at the University of Wisconsin–Platteville.

For more information visit the test website, *www.wisconsinbeef.com;* contact Alicia Adams at 608-342-1326 or prillada@uwplatt.edu; or contact John Freitag at 608-527-5747 or wbia@tds.net.