

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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



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Hubert Hightower, Monticello, Fla., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2023 University of Florida's 23rd Annual Bull Test Sale, Jan. 14 in Greenwood, Fla. LHH Enhance 5209 G32 J13 is a September 2021 son of SydGen Enhance.

Calhoun HERD Program Report 1 (Jan. 4)

The University of Georgia (UGA) is conducting its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Calhoun, Ga. The heifers are being evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition, and are being fed a ration to gain 1.5-1.75 lb. per day. The heifers will be synchronized and bred by artificial insemination (AI), then exposed to a clean-up bull for at least 45 days. The main AI sire will be GAR Sure Fire. Heifers closely related will be bred to Baldrige Marksman D274.

Weights were recorded for the 107 heifers Jan. 4. At that time the heifers'

average weight was 800 pounds (lb.), their average frame score was 5.6, and their average WDA was 2.16 lb.

The heifers were born Dec. 2021-Feb. 2022. Interim weights will be collected Jan. 25, Feb. 24 and March 28. The Calhoun HERD sale will be hosted May 31.

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>.

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 AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 3; owner: Cedarview Cattle Co., Tyler Fulton, Pakenham, Ont.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 7.08 lb.; WDA: 4.19 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (35 HEAD) ADG: 4.21 lb.; WDA: 3.47 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (119 HEAD) ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.

Interim weights were to be collected Jan. 21. Final weights will be collected Feb. 18-19. The test sale will be hosted March 25.

There is also a division featuring younger bulls born after April 1, 2022. These 18 bulls were received Nov. 19-23, and weighed on-test Dec. 23-24. At the beginning of the evaluation, the overall average WDA was 2.62 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Jan. 21, Feb. 18 and March 18, and the evaluation will conclude with final weights observed April 15-16.

The Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n also is conducting a heifer evaluation featuring 38 heifers, and interim 56-day weights were also collected on them Dec. 23. Of the 11 Angus heifers, their average ADG was 2.88 lb., and their average WDA was 2.70 lb.

For more information contact the test station at 204-763-4696 or bulltest@mynetset.ca, or visit the test website at www.manitobabulltest.com.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation Program 84-day report (Jan. 13)

The Michigan Cattlemen's Ass'n (MCA) and Michigan State University (MSU) are conducting their 35th annual bull evaluation at a new location near Remus, Mich. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1, 2021-March 31, 2022.

Delivered to the test station Oct. 7., the bulls are divided into junior and senior divisions. The bulls are being fed a roughage-based ration designed to allow for a 3.2-lb. ADG.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 4; owner: R Value Farms, Rosebush, Mich.; sire: Graber's MR Angus 9080; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,620 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 30; owner: KB Angus, Kevin Beckington, Merritt, Mich.; sire: Wilks Regiment 9035; ADG: 4.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,715 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 45; owner:

Hutchings-Kenyon Angus, Dennis Hutchings, Bellevue, Mich.; sire: EWA Peyton 642; ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,255 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Dawson Farms LLC, Hanover, Mich.; sire: Wilks Regiment 9035; ADG: 4.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.92 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,270 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES ADG: 3.82 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,558 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,134 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.79 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,230 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be collected Feb. 10.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted March 18. 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

Located at Columbus, Mont., the Midland Bull Test (MBT) evaluates about 1,100 purebred bulls representing more than 200 consignors and more than 32 states each year. The test features Angus bulls born Dec. 1, 2021-April 1, 2022, split into two groups. Group 1 is composed of half of the spring Angus bulls and all fall bulls of other breeds. Group 2 includes the remaining half of the spring Angus bulls and all spring bulls of other breeds.

Group 1 90-day report

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 185; owner: Byergo Beef Genetics, Joseph Byergo, Dearborn, Mo.; sire: Roseda Powerball23 F091; ADG: 5.16 lb.; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,510 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 168; owner: R-Value Farms, Rosebush, Mich.; sire:

Hoover No Doubt; ADG: 4.45 lb.; WDA: 3.88 lb.; wt.: 1,410 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.68 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

Group 2 60-day report

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 273; owner: Thornhill Ranch, Zortman, Mont.; sire: GAR Ashland; ADG: 4.84 lb.; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,040 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 404; owner: Moore Angus, Jerry Moore, Artesian, S.D.; sire: Hart No Doubt 9517; ADG: 3.52 lb.; WDA: 4.05 lb.; wt.: 1,380 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.28 lb.; WDA: 2.89 lb.

Angus bulls are scheduled to sell April 7, 2023. For more information contact Steve Williams by texting 406-322-5597, emailing bulls@midlandbulltest.com, or visiting www.midlandbulltest.com.

Minnesota BCIA Bull Evaluation 56-day report (Jan. 6)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (MBCIA) is conducting its 133-day evaluation at Foundation Feeders near Spring Grove, Minn.

Eligible bulls were born Aug. 15., 2021, to May 15, 2022. The bulls are being fed a high-protein TMR including corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins.

Fifty-two Angus bulls are among the 69 total bulls on test.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 52; owner: Tri-K Cattle Co., Waverly, Iowa; sire: Wilks Regiment 9035; ADG: 5.76 lb.; WDA: 3.83 lb.; wt.: 1,250 lb.; index: 133

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 51; owner: Tri-K Cattle Co.; sire: KR Pacesetter; ADG: 5.09 lb.; WDA: 4.01 lb.; wt.: 1,395 lb.; ratio: 127

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA:

3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,045 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be collected Feb. 24. The bulls will be weighed off test March 18.

The test sale will be April 6 in Jackson, Minn., and will feature the top 75%-80% of the group.

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

Pennsylvania Bull Test 56-day report (Dec. 27)

The Pennsylvania Bull Test is being conducted at the PA Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa., for bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2022.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 113; owner: Kohr Farms, Jim Kohr, York, Pa.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 5.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.77 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,260 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 112; owner: Kohr Farms; sire: GAR Home Town; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 4.09 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,336 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (86 HEAD) ADG: 4.19 lb.; WDA: 3.39 lb.; wt.: 1,036 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Jan. 24, 2023, and final 112-day weights will be observed Feb. 21. The test sale is planned for March 31.

For more information contact Greg Hubbard, station manager, at 814-238-2527 or ghubbard@pa.gov, or visit <http://bit.ly/PA-BT>.

Tucumcari Bull Test 60-day report (Jan. 3)

The 62nd Tucumcari Bull Test is hosted at Tucumcari, N.M. The test features two test groups based on in-weights and time of feed intake

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testing, and is based on a total mixed ration of 60% grain and 40% roughage. The bulls were born Jan. 1-April 30, 2022.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 10-4; owner: Lust Angus; sire: Myers Fair-N-Square M39; ADG: 5.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 155; WDA: 2.87 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 984 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 7-1; owner: Sanchez Angus; sire: J-C Ascend 2068; ADG: 3.19 lb.; ADG ratio: 87; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 129; wt.: 1,253 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Jan. 29, 2023, and final 120-day weights are scheduled to be collected Feb. 28.

The test sale will be hosted March 11. For more information go to <https://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>, or contact Marcy Ward at 575-644-3379 or maward@nmsu.edu.

UBIA Performance Bull Test Third-quarter report (Jan. 10)

The Utah Beef Improvement Ass'n (UBIA) is conducting its Performance Bull Test at Kenison Farms Feedlot, Levan, Utah. The bulls represent 21 producers and were weighed on test Oct. 19.

The test is on a roughage-based ration and features junior and senior divisions. The junior division is divided into growth and low birth weight (LBW) divisions.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) JUNIOR GROWTH ANGUS Lot 100; owner: Lowe Livestock, Lorin Lowe, Toquerville, Utah; sire: Tehama Patriarch F028; ADG: 3.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,185 lb.; index: 132

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) JUNIOR GROWTH ANGUS Lot 51; owner: KC Angus Ranch, Kelly Crozier, Neola, Utah; sire: Tehama Donner H654; ADG: 3.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.76

lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.; index: 132

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR LBW ANGUS Lot 48; owner: Sled Runner Cattle Co., Kailey Barlow, Big Piney, Wyo.; sire: Montana Index 7033; ADG: 3.63 lb.; ADG ratio: 137; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 898 lb.; index: 127

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR LBW ANGUS Lot 41; owner: KC Angus Ranch; sire: Tehama Donner H654; ADG: 2.96 lb.; ADG ratio: 112; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,105 lb.; index: 113

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 73; owner: Mountain Valley Angus, Dirk Olsen, Neola, Utah; sire: Sitz Accomplishment 720F; ADG: 3.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.30 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.; index: 133

The test sale will be hosted March 18. For more information visit www.ubiabulls.com, or contact McKay Erickson at 435-893-0474 or mckay.erickson@usu.edu.

Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program

35-day report (Jan. 5)

Fifteen producers delivered a total of 162 bulls to be evaluated during the 2023 Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program, hosted at the West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm near Wardensville, W.Va.

The bulls were born Jan. 20-March 23, 2022. They were delivered to the test station in November, and initial weights were collected Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 80; owner: Richard V. Snuffer and Sons, Surveyor, W. Va.; sire: Crawford Guarantee 9137; ADG: 6.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 161; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,080 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 36; owner: Fairview Farms, Fisher, W.Va.; sire: Koupal's B&B Fix It 8129; ADG: 4.77 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 4.16 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 970 lb.

The evaluation will conclude with final weights collected Feb. 16-17.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted March 23. For more details visit the test website at www.wardensvillebulltest.com, or contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu.

West Virginia Southern Bull Evaluation Program 55-day report (Jan. 11)

The West Virginia Southern Bull Test is being conducted at the Green Mesa Farm near Henderson, W.Va., for bulls born Dec. 25, 2021, to Feb. 28, 2022. The bulls were received at the test station Oct. 19 and weighed on test Nov. 16-17.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 113; owner: Rocking P Farm, Horner, W.Va.; sire: GAR Xceptional; ADG: 5.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 1,115 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 144; owner: Poling Angus Farm, Philippi, W.Va.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,262 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (79 HEAD) ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 994 lb.

Final weights were scheduled to be collected Feb. 9-10. The test sale is set to be hosted March 17, at the Jackson County Regional Livestock Market, Fairplain, W.Va.

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