

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 test

UBIA Bull Test

112-day final report (Feb. 12)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 23 for the Utah Beef Improvement Ass'n Bull Test conducted at the Kenison Feedlot near Levan, Utah. Junior-division bulls were born January-March 2018. Senior-division bulls were born September-December 2017. The junior division features both growth and low-birth-weight (LBW) categories.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR GROWTH ANGUS Lot 59; owner: Larsen Angus, Maben Larsen, Holden; sire: Sitz Investment 660Z; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.18 lb.; wt.: 1,268 lb.; sale index: 133

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR GROWTH ANGUS Lot 51; owner: Larsen Angus; sire: Sitz Investment 660Z; ADG: 4.08 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.51 lb.; wt.: 1,400 lb.; sale index: 135

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR LBW ANGUS Lot 87; owner: Mountain Valley Angus Ranch, Neola; sire: KCF Bennett The Rock A473; ADG: 3.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.; sale index: 118

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR LBW ANGUS Lot 37; owner: Crozier Angus Ranch, Kelly Crozier, Neola; sire: Baldrige Bronc; ADG: 2.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 100; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,228 lb.; sale index: 105

HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR LBW ANGUS Lot 36; owner: Crozier Angus Ranch; sire: Baldrige Bronc; ADG: 3.50 lb.; ADG

ratio: 119; WDA: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,183 lb.; sale index: 119

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Gardner Ranch Angus, Mountain Home; sire: Coleman Game Day 428; ADG: 3.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 2.87 lb.; wt.: 1,288 lb.; sale index: 126

HIGH-WDA SENIOR Lot 64; owner: Lowe Livestock LLC, Toquerville; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 3.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,308 lb.; sale index: 114

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 2.85 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (18 HEAD) ADG: 2.82 lb.

The 2019 UBIA Performance Bull Test Sale was March 16. For more information, contact C. Kim Chapman, extension animal scientist at Utah State University (Utah State), at kim.chapman@usu.edu or 435-893-0474. The test website is www.ubiabulls.com.

Nebraska Bull Test

112-day final report (Feb. 12)

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

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 77; owner: Macholan Angus, Keaton

Macholan, Linwood; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 145; WDA: 3.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 123; wt.: 1,583 lb.

HIGH-ADG CE ANGUS Lot 34; owner: Reiter Angus, Chris & Amber Reiter, Miller; sire: SAV Bruiser 9164; ADG: 4.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 3.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,306 lb.

HIGH-WDA CE ANGUS Lot 47; owner: Boyles Angus, Jim Boyles, Mason City; sire: Schiefelbein Effective 61; ADG: 3.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 114; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,350 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS SIRE GROUP Lots 23-31; owner: Reiter Angus; sire: S Whitlock 179; avg. ADG: 3.97 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 114; avg. WDA: 3.42 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 106; avg. wt.: 1,392 lb.

GROWTH ANGUS AVERAGES (81 HEAD) ADG: 3.47 lb.; WDA: 3.23 lb.; wt.: 1,257 lb.

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (39 HEAD) ADG: 3.46 lb.; WDA: 3.17 lb.; wt.: 1,233 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell 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.

Wisconsin Bull Test

65-day report (Feb. 7)

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 (began Dec. 3-4) features bulls of six breeds consigned by 22 breeders.

Bulls are being fed a roughage-based total mixed ration (TMR) for the duration of the 100-day test. Balanced to provide 0.54 Mcals of energy per pound of feed, 50% of the total dietary nutrients (TDN) is derived from corn silage and hay. The bulls are given *ad libitum* access for a targeted ADG of 3.2 lb.

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

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 13; owner: Chadwick Angus Farm, Mike Chadwick, Marshall; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 6.18 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.92lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,465 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (49 HEAD) ADG: 4.49 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test March 13-14. A growth index will determine the bulls that qualify for 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@utelco.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

120-day final report (Feb 26.)

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 went 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: 4.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.32 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,285 lb.; F:G: 5.85; F:G ratio: 117; RFI 1.74; test index: 120

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 18-5; owner: Sanchez Angus, Belen, N.M.; sire: PS Emblazon 1478; ADG: 4.20 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.59 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,065 lb.; F:G: 6.47; F:G ratio: 100; RFI 5.54; test index: 113

HIGH-FE ANGUS Lot 18-1; owner: Sanchez Angus; sire: Miller Eagle Eye 410; ADG: 3.79 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 3.48 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,183 lb.; F:G: 4.54; F:G ratio: 135; RFI -3.82; test index: 118

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 10-5; owner: Lust Angus, Tim, Lea and Dru Lust, Abernathy, Texas; sire: Barstow Cash; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.47 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,238 lb.; F:G: 5.06; F:G ratio: 128; RFI -1.14; test index: 122

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. The bulls sold March 6 at the New Mexico State University Ag Science Center.

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.

IBEP Winter 2018 Bull Test

90-day report (Feb. 19)

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 to both sire and dam.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 17; owner: Rolling Acres Angus, Freetown, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara C2; ADG: 5.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.55 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,295 lb.; test index: 135

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 20; owner: Brock Farms Angus Cattle, Stilesville, Ind.; sire: EXAR Discovery 2002B; ADG: 3.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 97; WDA: 3.66 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 1,235 lb.; test index: 106

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS SIRE GROUP Three bulls; owner: Wynn's Angus Farm, Kurt Wynn, Ashland, Ohio; sire: SAV Pedigree 4834; avg. ADG: 4.43 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 115; avg. WDA: 3.09 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 100; avg. wt.: 1,255 lb.; avg. test index: 109

HIGH-WDA ANGUS SIRE GROUP Three bulls; owner: Graber Angus, David Graber, Montgomery, Ind.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; avg. ADG: 3.61 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 94; avg. WDA: 3.23 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 104; avg. wt.: 1,195 lb.; avg. test index: 98

ANGUS AVERAGES (133 HEAD) ADG: 3.86 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,147 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (183 HEAD) ADG: 3.83 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,143 lb.

Off-test weights were to be

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collected March 25. Qualifying bulls will sell at the test sale April 18 at the Springville Feeder Auction and remote video sites.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330; Brad Shelton, station manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554; or Donna Lofgren, 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 Minton at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330, Shelton at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554, 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

112-day final report (Feb. 19)

One hundred thirty-five bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2018, were delivered to the Manitoba Bull Test Station at Douglas Oct. 1-5 to go on test Oct. 29-30. The station is owned and operated by the Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n. It has been in operation for more than 50 years.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 19; owner: Sylvestre Land & Cattle, Gilbert

Sylvestre, Redvers, Sask., Canada; sire: Sylvestre Domain 6D; ADG: 4.22 lb.; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt.: 1,307 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 29; owner: Crystal D Farms, Dennis & Donna McMorris, Balcarres, Sask., Canada; sire: McConnell Altitude 3114; ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 3.76 lb.; wt.: 1,549 lb.

ANGUS* AVERAGES (64 HEAD) ADG: 3.33 lb.; WDA: 3.28 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (132 HEAD) ADG: 3.26 lb.; WDA: 3.20 lb.

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

Qualifying bulls were to sell in the station's 55th sale on March 30. Visitors are welcome at the station all year round.

For more information, contact Tyler Winters, station manager, at bulltest@mynetset.ca or 204-851-1165 or 204-763-4696. Information is also available on the test website at www.manitobabulltest.com.

St. Croix Bull Test

91-day report (Feb. 15)

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

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 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 17-1; owner: Strasburg Angus, Andy & Amy Strasburg, Marshall, Wis.; sire: RB Successor 5607; ADG: 4.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 2.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 92; wt.: 1,150 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 6-1; owner: Fountain Farms Angus, Jack Cummings, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: Hy-View Phantom; ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.95 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,300 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,128 lb.

NON-ANGUS AVERAGE ADG: 2.89 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 974 lb.

Final 120-day weights were 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 at the test website at www.scvbt.com.

Southern (W.Va.) Bull Test

92-day final report (Feb. 8)

The Southern West Virginia Bull Evaluation and Replacement Heifer Development Program was established more than 30 years ago. The Southern Bull Test is a component of the West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program and is sponsored by WVU Cooperative Extension, WVU Division of Animal and Nutritional Sciences, West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Cattlemen's Ass'n.

Bulls were delivered Oct. 10 to the Green Mesa Farm, Henderson, W.Va., to go on test Nov. 8. The 92-day test is a forage-based test with a target

ADG of 3.25 lb.

Bulls eligible for the program were born Dec. 25, 2017-Feb. 28, 2018.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 185; owner:

Rocking P Farm, Horner, W.Va.; sire: SAV Ten Speed 3022; ADG: 5.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.19 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 111; owner:

Benjamin Hays, Gandeeville, W.Va.; sire: EXAR Resistol 6534B; ADG: 3.85 lb.; ADG ratio: 99; WDA: 3.57 lb.; wt.: 1,324 lb.

HIGH-ADG HERD GROUP Four bulls; owner:

Meckley Farms, Sistersville, W.Va.; sires: Meckley's Secret Answer Z862, AAR Ten X 7008 SA, Yon Hoover Dam A290 and Yon Future Force Z77; avg. ADG: 4.40 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 113; avg. WDA: 3.05 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,078 lb.

HIGH-WDA HERD GROUP Ten bulls; owner:

Poling Angus Farm, Philippi, W.Va.; sires: Yon Final Answer C36, Nichol's Ideal Z318, Connealy Western Cut 240C and Connealy Confidence Plus; avg. ADG: 4.11 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 106; avg. WDA: 3.25 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,216 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (81 HEAD) ADG: 3.88 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,134 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell March 30. For more information, contact Kevin Shaffer, program coordinator, at 304-293-2669 or kevin.shaffer@mail.wvu.edu. Information is also available at the test website at www.southernwvbulltest.com.

MCA/MSU Bull Evaluation

112-day report (Feb. 19)

Bulls eligible to go on test Oct. 26 at the Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA)/Michigan State University (MSU) Bull Evaluation were born Sept. 1, 2017-March 31, 2018. The test features junior and senior divisions.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 54; owner: Highbanks Angus, Nashville, Mich.;

sire: WAR Southside D001 B018; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,288 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 34;

owner: Dawson Farms LLC, Hanover, Mich.; sire: VAR Discovery 2240; ADG: 4.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,395 lb.

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 3; owner:

R-Value Farms, Rosebush, Mich.; sire: SydGen Exceed 3223; ADG: 3.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; WDA: 3.60 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,340 lb.

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 29; owner:

CFC Angus, Kalamazoo, Mich.; sire: WCC Prestige W114; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.07 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,625 lb.

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 25; owner:

KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 102; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 112; wt.: 1,410 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES ADG: 3.55 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES ADG: 4.06 lb.; WDA: 3.08 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.65 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,209 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell March 16 in the 31st Annual Bull Sale.

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.

Southwest Virginia Bull Test

112-day final report (Feb. 13)

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 junior and senior divisions.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 117; owner:

Williams Angus, George Williams, Gray, Tenn.; sire: MGR Treasure; ADG: 4.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; wt.: 1,280 lb.; station index: 121; sale index: 106; frame: 6.6; SC: 35.0 cm

HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 67; owner: Silver Creek Angus, John Prekker, Danville; sire: GAR Prophecy; ADG: 4.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; wt.: 1,185 lb.; station index: 126; sale index: 107; frame: 6.4; SC: 33.5 cm

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 21; owner: Lucas Farm, Joe & Timmy Lucas, Blacksburg; sire: S Whitlock 179; ADG: 4.39 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; wt.: 1,650 lb.; station index: 118; sale index: 97; frame: 6.2; SC: 43.5 cm

HIGH-SALE INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Cassell Angus Farm, Jason Cassell, Independence; sire: Deer Valley Old Hickory; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; wt.: 1,560 lb.; station index: 113; sale index: 101; frame: 5.8; SC: 38.0 cm

ANGUS JUNIOR AVERAGES (71 HEAD) ADG: 3.47 lb.

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (137 HEAD) ADG: 3.21 lb.

ANGUS SENIOR AVERAGES (52 HEAD) ADG: 3.53 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (88 HEAD) ADG: 3.43 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell March 23. For more information, contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, Virginia Tech, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu; or Brian & Kayla Umberger, owner/manager, Mountain Spring Farm, at 276-620-1194 or sepc1194@gmail.com. Information is also available on the test website at www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu.

Wardensville (W.Va.) Bull Test

87-day final report (Feb. 15)

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

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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.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 233; owner: Triple O Farm, Amma, W.Va.; sire: Connealy Confidence Plus; ADG: 4.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; RFI: -1.28; wt.: 1,248 lb.; frame: 5.1; SC: 35.1 cm

BEST RFI ANGUS Lot 247; owner: West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.; sire: Mystic Hill Foresight 5157; ADG: 3.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 94; RFI: -5.29; wt.: 1,010 lb.; frame: 5.0; SC: 37.2 cm

HIGH-ADG ANGUS PEN Six bulls; 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 and Connealy Black Granite; avg. ADG: 4.14 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 115; avg. RFI: -0.37; avg. wt.: 1,196 lb.

BEST RFI ANGUS PEN Four bulls; owner: Fairview Farms, Fisher, W.Va.; sires: FV U14 Program C55, TC Forthright 9284 and Lemmon Satisfaction B106; avg. ADG: 3.56 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 99; avg. RFI: -1.15; avg. wt.: 1,213 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (151 HEAD) ADG: 3.61 lb.; RFI: -0.05; wt.: 1,100 lb.

Qualifying bulls were to sell 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. Information is available on the test website at www.wardensvillebulltest.com.

Midland Bull Test

120-day final report (Feb. 8, Mar. 5)

To be eligible for the Midland Bull Test (MBT), Angus bulls must have been born Dec. 15, 2017-April 15, 2018. The test annually features

about 1,100 bulls from 200 consignors, representing 32 states.

Group 1, including fall-born bulls, Red Angus and half of the Angus bulls went on test Oct. 11-12. Final weights were taken Feb. 7-8. Group 2, featuring the remaining Angus bulls, Salers, Simmentals, South Devon and Hereford, went on test Nov. 5-6. Final weights were taken March 5. All bulls were efficiency tested for a 49-day test using a GrowSafe System within the 120-day performance testing period.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 1 ANGUS Lot 21; owner: Winding River Angus, Billings, Mont.; sire: MAR Innovation 251; ADG: 4.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.42 lb.; RFI: -1.48; GS Eff ratio: 119; wt.: 1,285 lb.; test index: 120; SC: 38.0 cm

HIGH-WDA GROUP 1 ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Olson Cattle Co., St. Ignatius, Mont.; sire: Connealy Spur; ADG: 3.51 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.72 lb.; RFI: -2.62; GS Eff ratio: 116; wt.: 1,285 lb.; test index: 114; SC: 37.0 cm

BEST RFI GROUP 1 ANGUS Lot 49; owner: R&P Ramsey Farms, Frankfort, Ind.; sire: Connealy Arsenal 2174; ADG: 3.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.00 lb.; RFI: -9.13; GS Eff ratio: 156; wt.: 1,210 lb.; test index: 120; SC: 38.0 cm

HIGH-INDEXING GROUP 1 ANGUS Lot 48; owner: R&P Ramsey Farms; sire: Barstow Bankroll B73; ADG: 4.09 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.13 lb.; RFI: -6.37; GS Eff ratio: 145; wt.: 1,295 lb.; test index: 122; SC: 38.0 cm

HIGH-ADG GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 446; owner: Willekes Angus, Choteau, Mont.; sire: HA Cowboy Up 5405; ADG: 4.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.42 lb.; RFI: -0.99; GS Eff ratio: 108; wt.: 1,345 lb.; test index: 115; SC: 37.0 cm

HIGH-WDA GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 400; owner: Craft/Granger, La Porte, Ind.; sire: HA Cowboy Up 5405; ADG: 3.56 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.92 lb.; RFI: 0.77; GS Eff ratio: 105; wt.: 1,515 lb.; test index: 114; SC: 40.0 cm

BEST RFI GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 445; Willekes Angus; sire: Granger Great Falls 630;

ADG: 3.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.14 lb.; RFI: -7.89; GS Eff ratio: 133; wt.: 1,310 lb.; test index: 112; SC: 44.0 cm

HIGH-INDEXING GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 423; owner: Blacktail Angus Ranch, Dillon, Mont.; sire: AJC Countdown 620; ADG: 3.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.47 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.; test index: 116; SC: 40.0 cm

GROUP 1 ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.35 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.

GROUP 2 ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.23 lb.; WDA: 3.07 lb.

The top 70%-80% of the bulls will sell, determined by the MBT ADG ratio and the MBT 365-day ratio in their respective classes.

Angus bulls will sell April 5. For more information, contact Steve Williams by texting 406-321-7046 or emailing bulls@midlandbulltest.com. Visit the test website at www.midlandbulltest.com. 