

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.

MBCIA Bull Test

Final report (Feb. 20)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (MBCIA) conducted its annual bull test at Foundation Feeders Inc., Spring Grove, Minn.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 6; owner: Brice Conover, Baxter, Iowa; sire: Baldrige Colonel C251; ADG: 4.72 lb.; WDA: 3.11 lb.; wt.: 1,345 lb.; test index: 119

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 20; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.80 lb.; wt.: 1,310 lb.; test index: 114

HIGH-ADG SENIOR ANGUS Lot 52; owner: Hassing Angus, Wells, Minn.; sire: BSF Hot Lotto 1401; ADG: 3.23 lb.; WDA: 2.98 lb.; wt.: 1,610 lb.; test index: 100

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 53; owner: Hassing Angus; sire: BSF Hot Lotto 1401; ADG: 3.08 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,660 lb.; test index: 100

JUNIOR AVERAGES (38 HEAD) ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,193 lb.

SENIOR AVERAGES (2 HEAD) ADG: 3.16 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,635 lb.

Qualifying bulls sold April 2. For more contact Ron Holty at 507-498-5839 or ronholty@gmail.com, or visit foundationfeedersinc.com.

IBEP Winter 2020 Bull Test

125-day final report (Mar. 23)

Fifty-one consignors entered 163

bulls, including 14 get-of-sire groups, in the Indiana Bull Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter 2020 Test. Bulls were weighed on test Nov. 19 at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 266; owner: Infinity Cattle Co., Ferdinand, Ind.; sire: OA Power Tool 476; ADG: 4.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,328 lb.; test index: 124; sale index: 73

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 273; owner: Melvin Riggs & Family, Martinsville, Ind.; sire: Mead Magnitude; ADG: 3.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.96 lb.; WDA ratio: 108; wt.: 1,520 lb.; test index: 115; sale index: 83

HIGH-WDA SALE INDEXING ANGUS Lot 298; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: SS Rocket C142; ADG: 4.26 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,420 lb.; test index: 114; sale index: 91

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS GET-OF-SIRE Three bulls; owner: Underwood Angus Farms, North Manchester, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; avg. ADG: 4.45 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 122; avg. WDA: 3.33 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 108; avg. wt.: 1,278 lb.; avg. test index: 116

ANGUS AVERAGES (123 HEAD) ADG: 3.66 lb.; WDA: 3.09 lb.; wt.: 1,233 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (162 HEAD) ADG: 3.61 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,211 lb.

Qualifying bulls sold April 16.

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or 812-279-8554; or Donna Lofgren at dlofgren@purdue.edu, 765-494-6439. Information is also available on the test website at <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

St. Croix Bull Test

119-day final report (Mar. 13)

The St. Croix Bull Test was conducted at River Falls, Wis. The bulls were fed a high-forage diet.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 14-3; owner: Green Meadow Angus, Gleason, Wis.; sire: Springfield Ramesses 6124; ADG: 4.93 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,350 lb.; test index: 126

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 18-2; owner: Neenah Creek Angus, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36; ADG: 4.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.76 lb.; WDA ratio: 120; wt.: 1,520 lb.; test index: 115

ANGUS AVERAGES (36 HEAD) ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.13 lb.; wt.: 1,180 lb.

For more contact Allan Drinkman at info@pinehillangus.com or 715-781-1751. Information is also available at the test website: www.scvbt.com.

WBIA Bull Test

100-day final report (Mar. 11)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Ass'n (WBIA) 2020 Bull Test was hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneer Farm. Bulls were fed a roughage-based

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ration to provide a targeted 3.2-lb. ADG.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 29; owner: Kuhle Family Farm, Hazel Green, Wis.; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 5.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 4.31 lb.; WDA ratio: 125; wt.: 1,470 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (40 HEAD) ADG: 3.99 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.

Qualifying bulls sold April 4. For more visit 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.

Tucumcari Bull Test Schedule announcement

The Tucumcari Bull Test has announced its 59th annual test schedule. The 120-day test is based on a roughage ration and will feature bulls born between Jan. 1-Apr. 30, 2020. Bulls will be delivered Oct. 10, 2020, to go on test Oct. 20. Interim weights will be collected Nov. 19, Dec. 19, and Jan. 18, 2021. Final weights will be recorded Feb. 17, 2021, and the test sale will be hosted March 13. For more information go to tucbulltest.nmsu.edu or contact Marcy Ward at 575-646-5947 (phone) or maward@nmsu.edu.

IBEP Summer 2020 Bull Test Schedule announcement

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) has announced test details for its 2020 summer and winter tests. The 125-day tests are conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center in Bedford, Ind. After delivery, bulls are transitioned to a forage-based test diet with a target gain of 3.25 pounds (lb.) per day.

To be eligible for the summer test, Angus bulls must have been born

May 1-Oct. 31, 2019. Bulls were to be delivered April 28 to go on test May 19. Interim weights will be collected June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18. Final weights will be collected Sept. 20-21, and the test sale will be Oct. 17.

To be eligible for the winter test, bulls must have been born Nov. 1, 2019-April 30, 2020. The schedule is yet to be determined.

For more, contact Nick Minton, Brad Shelton or Donna Lofgren; or visit <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Midland Bull Test Group 1 final report (Feb. 3-4)

Group 2 final report (Mar. 2-3)

The 2019-2020 Midland Bull Test (MBT) presented its final progress report. 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 included fall-born bulls and half of the Angus bulls. Group 2 contained the remaining Angus bulls.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 1 ANGUS (TIE) Lot 217; owner: Stewart Select Angus, Greensburg, Ind.; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 4.03; WDA: 3.39; wt.: 1,315 lb.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 1 ANGUS (TIE) Lot 216; owner: Stewart Select Angus; sire: SS Niagara Z29; ADG: 4.03; WDA: 3.20; wt.: 1,290 lb.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 1 ANGUS (TIE) Lot 213; owner: Stewart Select Angus; sire: GAR Sure Fire; ADG: 4.03; WDA: 3.47; wt.: 1,435 lb.

HIGH-WDA GROUP 1 ANGUS Lot 172; owner: Welytok Angus LLC, Richfield Springs, N.Y.; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 2.69 lb.; WDA: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,165 lb.

GROUP 1 ANGUS EFFICIENCY LEADER Lot 125; owner: Next Generation Genetics, Endeavor, Wis.; sire: HA Cowboy Up

5405; efficiency ratio: 139.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 630; owner: Campbell Angus, Twisp, Wash.; sire: SAV Rainfall 6846; ADG: 4.20 lb.; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,255 lb.

HIGH-WDA GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 445; owner: Thornhill Ranch, Zortman, Mont.; sire: RMF Upward 80C; ADG: 3.57 lb.; WDA: 3.84 lb.; wt.: 1,390 lb.

GROUP 2 ANGUS EFFICIENCY LEADER Lot 535; owner: Eli Berry, Reed Point, Mont.; sire: Werner War Party 1472; efficiency ratio: 127.

GROUP 1 AVERAGES ADG: 3.30 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.

GROUP 2 AVERAGES ADG: 3.24 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.

Angus bulls sold April 3. For more contact Steve Williams by texting 406-321-7046 or emailing bulls@midlandbulltest.com. The test website is www.midlandbulltest.com.

Edisto Forage Bull Test 84-day report (Mar. 11)

Producers consigned 51 bulls to the 36th Annual Edisto Forage Bull test. The 168-day test is conducted at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 50; owner: H&H Farms, Sumter, S.C.; sire: RMF Hoover Dam BC8; ADG: 4.36 lb.; wt.: 1,082 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (17 HEAD) ADG: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 1,005 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (51 HEAD) ADG: 2.94 lb.; wt.: 999 lb.

An interim weight will be collected May 5, and bulls will be weighed off test June 2. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 10.

For more contact Scott Sell, bull test coordinator, at 912-682-9590 or gsell@clemson.edu, or visit the test website, <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/>. 