

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.

IBEP Winter 2020 Bull Test 125-day final report (March 21-22)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter 2020 Bull Test was conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford and featured bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2020.

The bulls were fed for a target ADG of 3.25 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 135; owner: Eagle River Angus, Phil Ehnle, Princeville, Ill.; sire: Jindra Acclaim; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.23 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,443 lb.; frame: 5.4; test index: 118

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 144; owner: Berry Farms, Cable, Ohio; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.82 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,475 lb.; frame: 5.3; test index: 115

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 187; owner: Voogt Farms, Gary Voogt, Marne, Mich.; sire: Baldrige Marksman D274; ADG: 4.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.45 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,410 lb.; frame: 5.3; test index: 120

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS SIRE GROUP Four bulls; owner: Eagle River Angus; sire: Jindra Acclaim; avg. ADG: 4.28 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; avg. WDA: 3.26 lb.; WDA ratio: 105; avg. wt.: 1,424 lb.; avg. frame: 5.4; avg. test index: 112

HIGH-SALE-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 54; owner: KB Angus, Merritt, Mich.; sire: KCF Bennett Summation; ADG: 4.34 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.31 lb.; WDA

ratio: 106; wt.: 1,385 lb.; frame: 3.9; test index: 113.3

HIGH-CARCASS-MERIT ANGUS Lot 33; owner: Aven Family Angus LLC, Georgetown, Ind.; sire: EWA Peyton 642; ADG: 3.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 93; WDA: 3.16 lb.; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,238 lb.; frame: 5.1; test index: 97
ANGUS AVERAGES (133 HEAD) ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 3.12 lb.; wt.: 1,269 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (181 HEAD) ADG: 3.58 lb.; WDA: 3.10 lb.; wt.: 1,246 lb.

The test sale was scheduled for April 17.

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. Visitors are welcome at the test station, but please call in advance. Information is available on the test website, <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Minnesota BCIA Bull Evaluation 133-day final report (March 18)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) conducted its evaluation at the Foundation Feeders test station near Spring Grove, Minn. The test featured bulls born Aug. 15, 2019-May 15, 2020. Bulls were fed a total mixed ration (TMR) consisting of corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins.

The senior bulls were born Aug.

15-Dec. 31, 2019. Bulls in the junior division were born Jan. 1-May 15, 2020.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 34; owner: Emmy Group, Jeff Bennett, Craig Hanson, Bob Schwier, and Rob Lange, Preston, Minn.; sire: Mohnen General 548; ADG: 4.07 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.; wt.: 1,418 lb.; test index: 118

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 25; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: Connealy Blackhawk 6198; ADG: 2.78 lb.; WDA: 3.74 lb.; wt.: 1,461 lb.; test index: 102

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 53; owner: Brice Conover, Baxter, Iowa; sire: Baldrige Dependable DO89; ADG: 4.07 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,543 lb.; test index: 125

OVERALL JUNIOR AVERAGES (48 HEAD) ADG: 3.21 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,263 lb.

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (4 HEAD) ADG: 3.02 lb.; WDA: 2.62 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.

The test sale was hosted April 1.

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

Midland Bull Test Group 2 120-day final report (March 1)

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).

HIGH-ADG GROUP 2 ANGUS (TIE) Lot 378; owner: Woirhaye Cattle Co. LLC, Darby, Mont.; sire: Bar R Jet Black 5063; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.20 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 2 ANGUS (TIE) Lot 429; owner: Willikes Angus, Choteau, Mont.; sire: Granger Great Falls 630; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.28 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.

HIGH-WDA GROUP 2 ANGUS Lot 334; owner: Windy Ridge Angus, Geraldine, Mont.; sire: Curtin 1682 Payweight 7032; ADG: 4.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.82 lb.; wt.: 1,439 lb.

Angus bulls were scheduled to 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.

WBIA Bull Test 100-day final report (March 11)

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

This year's test featured bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2020. Twenty-six consignors enrolled 75 bulls, including 44 Angus. The bulls were fed a roughage-based TMR balanced to provide a targeted 3.2-lb. ADG.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 71; owner: City Side Farms, Kori Beisbier, Reedsburg; sire: VAC Legend 5019; ADG: 5.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 97; wt.: 1,340 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 8; owner: Johnson Angus, Andrew Johnson, Gratiot;

sire: DL Dually; ADG: 4.35 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,500 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (44 HEAD) ADG: 4.22 lb.; WDA: 3.57 lb.

The WBIA Annual Performance Selected Bull sale was hosted April 3.

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.

Treasure Bull Test Final report

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 featured registered black and red Angus bulls born Jan. 1-April 1, 2020.

The bulls were fed a high-roughage ration of protein, highly digestible fiber, chelated mineral supplement, vitamins and corn targeted to provide ADGs of 3 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 53; owner: RK Perry, Ryan Perry, Power, Mont.; sire: CS Sonny Boy 8024; ADG: 4.84 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.80 lb.; wt.: 1,232 lb.; test index: 120

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 111; owner: Olson Cattle Co., Wendy Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: OCC Cowboy 848; ADG: 4.54 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,269 lb.; test index: 120; Jackpot index: 123

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 60; owner: RK Perry; sire: SAV Raindance 6848; ADG: 4.62 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.85 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,493 lb.; test index: 121

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.49 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

The Performance Tested

“Cowboy Kind” Angus Bull Sale was to be hosted April 20. 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.

Tifton and Calhoun HERD Programs Final report

The University of Georgia is conducting its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Programs at Tifton and Calhoun.

During the HERD program, the heifers are evaluated based on performance, reproductive traits and disposition.

Twenty producers have consigned 105 heifers to the Tifton program. They have been fed a ration of hay plus a supplement designed for optimum growth and development to gain 1.50 lb.-1.75 lb. per day.

The heifers' average ADG was 1.69 lb., and their average WDA was 1.93 lb. Their average frame score was recorded to be 5.3.

After being heat-synchronized, the heifers were then exposed to cleanup bulls from Dec. 22 to Feb. 12.

As of March 17, 47.6% of the heifers were confirmed pregnant to an artificial insemination (AI) sire, with an overall pregnancy rate of 84.8%.

The Tifton sale was scheduled to be hosted April 20.

Twenty-two producers consigned heifers for the 21st Calhoun HERD program. During the evaluation, the heifers were fed green growing grass and baleage in addition to free-choice hay and a commodity ration.

The 117 heifers in the program were worked and weighed March 29, and averaged an ADG of 1.54 lb. and WDA of 2.02 lb. They averaged 924 lb.

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status are scheduled to be performed May 27. The Calhoun HERD sale is planned for June 2.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at www.ugabeef.com.

Edisto Forage Bull Test 112-day report (April 5)

The 168-day Edisto Forage Bull Test is unique in that it is a pasture-based test with limit-feeding of a commodity byproduct-based 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 21053; owner: Rose Myrtle Farm, Ken Currie, Bishopville, S.C.; sire: Byergo Black Magic; ADG: 3.03 lb.; WDA: 2.11 lb.; wt.: 1,142 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 21025; owner: Redwol Farm; sire: Champion Hill Int. 2020 6824; ADG: 0.96 lb.; WDA: 2.60 lb.; wt. 1,260 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (80 HEAD) ADG: 1.99 lb.; WDA: 2.18 lb.; wt.: 975 lb.

Another interim weight will be recorded May 4, with final weights scheduled for June 1. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 9.

For more information contact Scott Sell at 912-682-9590 (cell), 803-284-3684 (fax) or gsell@clermson.edu, or visit the test website at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/>.

Connors State College Bull Test 112-day final report (April 1)

Connors State College has now concluded its Spring 2021 evaluation, conducted at the Connors State

College campus at Warner, Okla. Bulls are fed a complete growing-finishing ration free-choice. Grass hay is also available to the bulls throughout the test.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 18; owner: Austin Lee, Vinita, Okla.; sire: SAV President 6847; ADG: 5.7 lb.; WDA: 3.86 lb.; wt.: 1,575 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (74 HEAD) ADG: 4.3 lb.; WDA: 3.2 lb.; wt.: 1,297 lb.

Ten of the bulls posted ADG of 5.0 lb. or higher, 29 gained at least 4.5 lb. per day and 51 gained 4 lb. or more per day.

The test sale was to be hosted April 8. For more information, contact Ron Ramming at 918-869-7573 or rronald@connorsstate.edu, or Roger Morton at 918-557-4560 or roger.morton@connorsstate.edu. Information is also available on the test website at <http://connorsstate.edu/agri/bull-test/>.

Green Springs Bull Test Final report (March 7)

Green Springs Bull Test has recently finished its bull evaluation, conducted near Nevada, Mo. Eleven Angus bulls were among the 51 evaluated and weighed off test in March.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS (TIE) Lot 20516; owner: Norman and Vicki Garton, Nevada, Mo.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 4.0 lb.; WDA: 3.5 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.; F:G: 6.40; F:G ratio: 127; index: 113

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 20512; owner: Edgewood Angus Farm, Rick Hopkins, Auxvasse, Mo.; sire: Barstow Cash; ADG: 4.0 lb.; WDA: 3.6 lb.; wt.: 1,430 lb.; F:G: 6.11; F:G ratio: 133; index: 110

BEST F:G AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS (TIE) Lot 20520; owner: George and Crystal Garton; sire: Deer Valley Growth

Fund; ADG: 3.8 lb.; WDA: 3.8 lb.; F:G: 6.04; F:G ratio: 135; wt.: 1,445 lb.; index: 113

The test sale was scheduled for March 22.

For more information contact Kent Abele at 417-448-7416 or visit the test website at <https://greenspringsbulltest.com>.

Kansas Bull Test Final report (Feb. 27)

The Kansas Bull Test has concluded its 80th annual bull test, conducted at the Kansas Bull Development, Wamego, Kan. Forty-six Angus bulls were among the 141 bulls evaluated.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 126; owner: Granzow Angus Ranch, Herington; sire: Werner Flat Top 4136; ADG: 4.68 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,420 lb.; index: 117

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 137; owner: Stalcup Angus, Matt Stalcup, Seward; sire: SF Cash Claim 710; ADG: 4.24 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.56 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; index: 114

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 124; owner: Mill Brae Ranch, Maple Hill; sire: CTS Remedy 1T01; ADG: 4.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 118; WDA: 3.54 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; index: 118

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.85 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,188 lb.

The test sale was to be hosted April 7. For more information on the Kansas Bull Test, contact Andy Marston at 785-250-4449 or andemarston@gmail.com, or visit the test website at www.kansasbulltest.com. 