

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.

Calhoun HERD Program Report 3 (Feb. 25)

The University of Georgia is conducting its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Calhoun. During the HERD program, the heifers are evaluated based on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. The ration consists of hay plus a supplement designed for heifers to gain 1.50-1.75 pounds (lb.) per day.

The heifers were synchronized for estrus, artificially inseminated (AI) and exposed to a cleanup bull for at least 45 days. The primary AI sire was GAR Sure Fire. Ultrasound diagnosis of pregnancy will be conducted May 25.

The 113 heifers were born Dec. 1, 2020-Feb. 28, 2021, and consigned by 15 producers. The heifers averaged 862 lb. Feb. 25, with an average 85-day ADG of 1.71 lb. and an average WDA of 2.05 lb.

The Calhoun HERD sale will be hosted June 1. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit www.ugabeef.com.

Edisto Forage Bull Test 84-day report (March 15)

The Edisto Forage Bull Test is unique in that it is one of the only university-sponsored tests based on grazing only for the entire 168-day evaluation, with no grain or silage added. The test is conducted at

the Edisto Research and Education Center near Blackville, S.C.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 22040; owner: Mull Meadow Farm, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: Mull Meadow Phenom 6338; ADG: 2.89 lb.; wt.: 826 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 1.88 lb.; wt.: 883 lb.

Additional weights will be recorded April 12 and May 10, 2022. Final 168-day weights are scheduled to be recorded June 7, and qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 8, 2022.

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/>.

Edisto Heifer Development Program Interim report (Feb. 23)

The Clemson University Edisto REC Heifer Development Program uses the latest in precision ag livestock technology combined with genomic testing to develop a group of heifers backed by data. The program features heifers born Sept. 1, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021.

When weights were collected Feb. 23, the heifers weighed an average of 810 lb. The 136 heifers will be synchronized and bred by timed AI, followed by pasture exposure to cleanup bulls. Only heifers determined to be bred will sell in the sale Oct. 8, 2022.

For more information contact Scott Sell, bull test coordinator, at 912-682-

9590 or gsell@clermson.edu. More information, including photos of the heifers, is available on the test website, <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/>.

IBEP Winter 2021 Bull Test Final report (March 21)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) conducted its 2021 winter test at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind. The test featured a forage-based diet with total mixed ration (TMR) fed daily for a target average daily gain (ADG) of 3.25-3.50 lb. per day. The bulls were born Oct. 1, 2020-March 30, 2021, and were assigned a test index formulated as 60% ADG ratio + 40% WDA ratio.

HIGH-ADG (TIE) AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 10; owner: Melvin Riggs, Martinsville, Ind.; sire: Mead Magnitude; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.57 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,585 lb.; index: 119; frame: 6.0; SC: 40 cm

HIGH-ADG (TIE) ANGUS Lot 129; owner: Eagle River Angus, Phil Ehnle, Princeville, Ill.; sire: GAR Inertia; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.41 lb.; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,495 lb.; index: 117; frame: 5.5; SC: 33 cm

HIGH-ADG (TIE) ANGUS Lot 136; owner: Wynn's Angus Farm, Kurt Wynn, Ashland, Ohio; sire: GAR Ashland; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.15 lb.; WDA ratio: 100; wt.: 1,360 lb.; index: 114; frame: 5.8; SC: 36 cm

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 48; owner: Brown Family Farms, Doug Brown, Rockville, Ind.; sire: SAV Raindance 6848; ADG:

3.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 103; WDA: 3.73 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,555 lb.; index: 110; frame: 5.9; SC: 40 cm

The test sale was April 16. For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330. Information is available at <https://aq.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Midland Bull Test Group 2 final report (March 1)

Midland Bull Test (MBT) is conducted at Columbus, Mont., and features two groups of Angus bulls, as well as a junior consignor division for consignors 18 years of age and younger. MBT evaluates approximately 1,100 purebred bulls from more than 200 consignors from more than 32 states each year.

The bulls were born Dec. 1, 2020-April 1, 2021, and were fed a high-roughage, low-energy ration. They were also divided into two classes, with the low-birth-weight bulls in Class 1 and growth bulls in Class 2.

HIGH-ADG GROUP 2 ANGUS, CLASS 1 Lot 393; owner: Sandman Cattle Inc., Maple Park, Ill.; sire: Springfield Ramesses 6124; ADG: 4.92 lb.; ADG ratio: 140; WDA: 3.40 lb.; wt.: 1,460 lb.; index: 115; RFI: 3.70; Eff. ratio: 98; SC: 35.0 cm

HIGH-WDA GROUP 2 ANGUS (TIE), CLASS 1 Lot 369; owner: Marda Angus Farm LLC, Lodi, Wis.; sire: DL Dually; ADG: 4.58 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,350 lb.; index: 113; RFI: 1.48; Eff. ratio: 102; SC: 35.0 cm

HIGH-WDA GROUP 2 ANGUS (TIE), CLASS 1 Lot 526; owner: Deep Creek, Midland, S.D.; sire: HARB Resource 116; ADG: 4.33 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.56 lb.; wt.: 1,215 lb.; index: 113; RFI: 1.48; Eff. ratio: 104; SC: 34.0 cm

HIGH-EFFICIENCY GROUP 2 ANGUS, CLASS 1 Lot 255; owner: Woirhaye Cattle Co., Darby,

Mont.; sire: Mead Magnitude; ADG: 4.75 lb.; ADG ratio: 135; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,415 lb.; index: 120; RFI: -1.92; Eff. ratio: 116; SC: 40.0 cm

HIGH-ADG GROUP 2 ANGUS, CLASS 2 Lot 363; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co., Denair, Calif.; sire: Baldrige Pappy; ADG: 4.66 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,405 lb.; index: 118; RFI: -0.88; Eff. ratio: 112; SC: 38.5 cm

HIGH-WDA GROUP 2 ANGUS, CLASS 2 Lot 455; owner: J Bar Stenberg Ranch, Saint Ignatius, Mont.; sire: Jindra Encore; ADG: 3.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 88; WDA: 3.93 lb.; wt.: 1,355 lb.; index: 104; RFI: -0.93; Eff. ratio: 103; SC: 38.0 cm

HIGH-EFFICIENCY GROUP 2 ANGUS, CLASS 2 Lot 344; owner: Sunny Okanogan Angus, Omak, Wash.; sire: Granger Cash 642; ADG: 4.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.41 lb.; wt.: 1,415 lb.; index: 116; RFI: -3.44; Eff. ratio: 119; SC: 38.0 cm

ANGUS AVERAGES, GROUP 2 Class 1 ADG: 3.55 lb.; Class 2 ADG: 3.59

The top 80% of the bulls sold April 8. For more information contact Steve Williams at 406-322-5597 (phone), 406-322-5210 (fax), or bulls@midlandbulltest.com. Information is also available on the test website at www.midlandbulltest.com.

Minnesota BCIA Bull Evaluation Final report (March 18)

The Minnesota Beef Cattle Improvement Association (MBCIA) conducted its 133-day evaluation at the Foundation Feeders test station near Spring Grove, Minn. The bulls were fed a high-protein TMR including corn silage, alfalfa haylage, corn, distillers' grains, mineral mix and vitamins.

Senior bulls were born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2020. Bulls in the junior division were born Jan. 1-May 15, 2021.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 78; owner: Shady Hill Farm, Dustin Martin, Blue Earth, Minn.; sire: Stevenson Turning

Point; ADG: 4.81 lb.; WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,578 lb.; test index: 109

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS (TIE) Lot 79; owner: Shady Hill Farm; sire: Renovation 6822; ADG: 4.81 lb.; WDA: 3.66 lb.; wt.: 1,568 lb.; test index: 110

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 71; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Emerald, Wis.; sire: RB Chain Breaker 99; ADG: 4.54 lb.; WDA: 4.17 lb.; wt.: 1,674 lb.; test index: 113

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) SENIOR ANGUS Lot 85; owner: Distinctive Cattle Co., Jeff Bennett, Preston, Minn.; sire: Antczak Exposure; ADG: 5.31 lb.; WDA: 3.25 lb.; wt.: 1,669 lb.; test index: 111

HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) SENIOR ANGUS Lot 86; owner: Distinctive Cattle Co.; sire: SAV Sensation 5615; ADG: 5.25 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.; wt.: 1,583 lb.; test index: 111

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 56; owner: Ryan Cattle, Lodi, Wis.; sire: Musgrave Crackerjack; ADG: 4.75 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.; wt.: 1,642 lb.; index: 106

OVERALL AVERAGES (42 HEAD) ADG: 4.24 lb.; WDA: 3.50 lb.

The test sale was April 7 and featured 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.

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Final report (Feb. 15)

Bulls were weighed on test Oct. 26 for the Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. The bulls were fed a silage-based ration targeting an ADG of 3.5 lb.

Bulls in the senior division were born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2020. Bulls in the junior division were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2021.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot

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35; owner: Broadway Cattle Farm LLC, Chuck Broadway, Monroe, N.C.; sire: Byergo/Double GG Blackstone; ADG: 5.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 138; WDA: 3.22 lb.; WDA ratio: 110; wt.: 1,700 lb.; frame: 5.9; test index: 124; sale index: 108

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (47 HEAD) ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 1,421 lb.

HIGH-ADG JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 88; owner: DeHaven Farm, Mike, Mark and Andy DeHaven, Hillsville, Va.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.69 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,345 lb.; frame: 5.9; test index: 117; sale index: 102

HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 86; owner: DeHaven Farm; sire: Tehama Tahoe B767; ADG: 4.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 116; WDA: 3.52 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; wt.: 1,350 lb.; frame: 5.8; test index: 116; sale index: 103

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (56 HEAD) ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,163 lb.

The test sale was March 26. 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/>.

Kansas Bull Test 90-day report (Feb. 21)

The Kansas Bull Test conducted its 81st annual bull test at the Kansas Bull Development, Wamego, Kan.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 1; owner: Hammeke 7 Cattle Co., Great Bend; sire: GAR Phoenix; ADG: 4.67 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,354 lb.; frame: 7.3; test index 124

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 3; owner: W&S Ranch Inc., Phillipsburg; sire: Mogck Entice; ADG: 4.14 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.62 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; wt.: 1,465 lb.; frame: 6.0; test index: 117

ANGUS AVERAGES (43 HEAD) ADG: 3.54 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,217 lb.

The bulls sold April 6. For more

information about the Kansas Bull Test, contact Andy Marston at 785-250-4449 or andemarston@gmail.com, or visit the test website at www.kansasbulltest.com.

WBIA Bull Test 100-day final report (March 9)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) 2021-2022 Central Bull Test was hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneer Farm. This year's test featured bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2021.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 57; owner: A&J White Cattle Co., Jim and Andria White, Lancaster, Wis.; sire: Ellingson Homegrown; ADG: 5.47 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 102; wt.: 1,373 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 4; owner: Goodrich Place Inc., Mark Goodrich, Emerald, Wis.; ADG: 4.80 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 4.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 126; wt.: 1,513 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (41 HEAD) ADG: 4.42 lb.; WDA: 3.56 lb.

The WBIA Annual Performance Selected Bull Sale was hosted April 2.

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.

North Dakota Angus Ass'n Bull Test 104-day final report (March 8)

The North Dakota Angus Ass'n evaluated 65 bulls during its 32nd annual test, hosted at Carlson Angus, Regent, N.D. The bulls, born Jan. 1-April 1, 2021, were consigned by 29 Angus breeders.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING BULL Lot 11; owner: TLC Angus, Hazelton, N.D.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.40 lb.; WDA: 3.69 lb.; wt.: 1,463 lb.

HIGH-WDA BULL Lot 2; owner: Fleck

Angus, Solen, N.D.; sire: SAV America; ADG: 4.23 lb.; WDA: 3.87 lb.; wt.: 1,418 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.50 lb.; WDA: 3.43 lb.; wt.: 1,303 lb.

The test sale was April 15 at Mandan, N.D. For more information visit the test website at www.ndangus.com/bull-test/, or contact Bob or Angela Carlson at 701-690-9059 or classicangus@gmail.com.

Western Breeders' Ass'n Bull Test Final report (Feb. 26)

The Western Breeders' Ass'n LLC (WBA) bull test conducted its 2021-2022 Bull Test at Beus Livestock, Pasco, Wash. The bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2021, and were fed a full-gain ration during the 120-day test. Eighty-three Angus bulls are among the 122 bulls weighed on test.

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING CALVING-EASE ANGUS Lot: 40; owner: Wright Cattle Co., Selah, Wash.; sire: Raven Powerball 53; ADG: 5.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 142; WDA: 3.66 lb.; wt.: 1,494 lb.; index: 130

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING GROWTH ANGUS Lot: 87; owner: 4-D Land and Cattle, Athol, Idaho; sire: Stevenson Security; ADG: 4.88 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,456 lb.; index: 119

HIGH-WDA GROWTH ANGUS Lot 41; owner: Wright Cattle Co.; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 4.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 3.61 lb.; wt.: 1,508 lb.; index: 111

CALVING-EASE ANGUS AVERAGES (28 HEAD) ADG: 3.71 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,241 lb.

GROWTH ANGUS AVERAGES (53 HEAD) ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,241 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (83 HEAD) ADG: 3.74 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.; wt.: 1,241 lb.

The test sale was March 16.

For more information contact Mike Wright at 509-961-0603 or visit the test website at www.wballc.org. 