

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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



Johnathan Wells, Berry-Wells Farm, Rayle, Ga., (center), consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2023 Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale in Irwinville, Ga. Also pictured are Rodney Hilley, Georgia Cattlemen's Ass'n president, presenting (left); and Erica Webb.

Connors State College Bull Test 84-day report (March 2)

Connors State College is conducting its Spring 2023 bull evaluation at the Connors State College campus at Warner, Okla. The evaluation is based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration, and features bulls born Jan.1-March 30, 2022.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 40; owner: A+ Livestock, Mitchell Armitage, McLoud, Okla.; ADG: 5.6 lb.; WDA: 3.1 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 26; owner: Honey Rock Farms, Zack Hollowell, Prairie Grove, Ark.; ADG: 5.1 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,190 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS (TIE) Lot 27; owner: Diamond B Angus, Jerry Barnes, Broken Arrow, Okla.; ADG: 4.2 lb.; WDA: 3.4 lb.; wt.: 1,165 lb.

Final weights are scheduled to be recorded March 30. The test sale will be hosted April 13.

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IBEP Winter 2022 Bull Test

125-day report (March 20)

The Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Winter 2022 Bull Test features 127 Angus bulls, and is hosted at the Feldun Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, Ind. Bulls in the senior division were born Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2021, and the junior division bulls were born Jan. 1-March 31, 2022.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 56; owner: Dan Stewart, Yorktown, Ind.; sire: DVF Growth Fund; ADG: 4.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.5 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,550 lb.; frame: 6.1; carcass merit score: 94; index: 124

HIGH-WDA JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 40; owner: Jay Alcorn, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Tehama Tahoe B767; ADG: 3.7 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.6 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,343 lb.; frame: 5.7; carcass merit: 103; index: 114

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 125; owner: Wynn's Angus Farm, Kurt Wynn, Ashland, Ohio; sire: E&B Plus One; ADG: 4.0 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.2 lb.; WDA ratio: 104; wt.: 1,420 lb.; frame: 4.3; carcass merit: 98; index: 114

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 86; owner: Kiata Farms, Hamilton, Ohio.; sire: WayView Billy Bob 550-8172; ADG: 3.7 lb.; ADG ratio: 110; WDA: 3.5 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; wt.: 1,568 lb.; frame: 5.6; carcass merit: 96; index: 111

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS GET OF SIRE Lots 56, 59, and 104; owners: Dan Stewart, Yorktown, Ind., and Snider-Clayton Farm, Goshen, Ind.; sire: DVF Growth

Fund; avg. ADG: 3.9 lb.; avg. WDA: 3.4 lb.; avg. wt.: 1,404 lb.; avg. frame: 5.5; avg. carcass merit: 102; avg. index: 114

HIGH CARCASS MERIT JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 54; owner: Trietsch Farms, Atlanta, Ind.; sire: EWA West Point 7258; ADG: 2.6 lb.; ADG ratio: 77; WDA: 2.5 lb.; WDA ratio: 82; wt.: 950 lb.; frame: 4.2; carcass merit: 128; index: 79

HIGH CARCASS MERIT SENIOR ANGUS Lot 15; owner: Rotert Angus, Freetown, Ind.; sire: SAV Rainfall; ADG: 2.9 lb.; ADG ratio: 87; WDA: 2.9 lb.; WDA ratio: 95; wt.: 1,280 lb.; frame: 4.1; carcass merit: 105; index: 90

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (117 HEAD) ADG: 3.32 lb.; WDA: 3.04 lb.; wt.: 1,233 lb.

JUNIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (163 HEAD) ADG: 3.25 lb.; WDA: 3.02 lb.; wt.: 1,218 lb.

The carcass merit score is calculated as (retail product ratio + IMF ratio)/2; the index formula is 60% ADG (within breed group), 40% WDA.

The test sale was April 15. For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330. Information is available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n

112-day report (Feb. 18)

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: 5.68 lb.; WDA: 4.19 lb.; wt.: 1,701 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (35 HEAD) ADG: 3.77 lb.; WDA: 3.44 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (118 HEAD) ADG: 3.60 lb.; WDA: 3.31 lb.

The Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Ass'n also is conducting a heifer evaluation featuring 38 heifers, and their 112-day weights were also recorded Feb. 18. Of the 11 Angus heifers, their average ADG was 2.90 lb., and their average WDA was 2.86 lb. The average ADG for all heifers was 2.55 lb., and the overall average WDA was 2.58 lb.

The test sale was March 25. For more information contact the test station at 204-763-4696 or bulltest@mynetset.ca, or visit the test website at www.manitobabulltest.com.

Nebraska Bull Test

120-day report (Feb. 11)

The Nebraska Bull Test has concluded its 2022-2023 bull test at Rohde Farms, Mason City, Neb.

HIGH-ADG GROWTH ANGUS Lot 110; owner: Greenview Farms, Kent Grabowski, Beatrice; sire: EXAR Stock Fund 9097B; ADG: 4.90 lb.; ADG ratio: 136; WDA: 3.70 lb.; WDA ratio: 111; index: 124

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING GROWTH ANGUS Lot 33; owners: Anderson Bros. Angus, Floyd and Robert Anderson, Ong, Neb.; sire: FAR Quality 0195; ADG: 4.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 134; WDA: 4.28 lb.; WDA ratio: 128; index: 131

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING CALVING EASE ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Boyles Game Farm, Mason City; sire: GAR Ashland; ADG: 4.78 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.84 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; index: 124

HIGH-WDA CALVING EASE ANGUS Lot 129; owner: Kellum Carnahan, Julesburg, Colo.; sire: EXAR Stock Fund 9097B; ADG: 4.41 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.86 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; index: 119

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.62 lb.; WDA: 3.33 lb.

The test sale was March 22.

For more information contact Jay Nordhausen, manager, at 308-289-1548 or jnordhausen@ogallalalive.com or visit the test website, www.nebraskabulltest.com/.

Tucumcari Bull Test

120-day report (March 4)

The 62nd Tucumcari Bull Test was hosted at Tucumcari, N.M. The test featured two test groups based on in-weights and time of feed intake 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 AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 10-23; owner: Lust Angus, Abernathy, Texas; sire: Lust A3 Payweight 061; ADG: 4.89 lb.; ADG ratio: 127; WDA: 3.61 lb.; WDA ratio: 113; wt.: 1,350 lb.; RFI: -2.98; index: 124

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 9-1; owner: J-C Angus, Moriarty; sire: Connealy Emerald; ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 121; WDA: 3.90 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,508 lb.; RFI: -2.44; index: 121

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

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test

112-day final report (Feb. 13)

The Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test is conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville.

The test features a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2021, and a junior division featuring bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2022.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 104; owner: Mountain View Angus Farm, Eddie and Amy French, Bristol, Va.; sire: SG Salvation; ADG: 3.73 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; wt.: 1,110 lb.; frame: 6.1; SC: 32.0 cm; index: 118

HIGH-INDEXING (TIE) JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 111; Rivermont Angus Farms, David and

Skip Wheeler, Knoxville, Tenn.; sire: SydGen Enhance; ADG: 3.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; wt.: 1,195 lb.; frame: 6.0; SC: 34.0 cm; index: 118

JUNIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (51 HEAD) ADG: 2.80 lb.; wt.: 1,070 lb.; frame: 5.5

JUNIOR OVERALL AVERAGES (114 HEAD) ADG: 2.65 lb.; wt.: 1,040 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 45; owner: Five Oaks Farm, Lee and Tristan Richardson, Church Road, Va.; sire: WHS Playbook 95G; ADG: 4.15 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; wt.: 1,245 lb.; frame: 5.8; SC: 34.5 cm; index: 126

SENIOR ANGUS AVERAGES (50 HEAD) ADG: 2.84 lb.; wt.: 1,266 lb.; frame: 5.5

OVERALL SENIOR AVERAGES (100 HEAD) ADG: 2.92 lb.; wt.: 1,273 lb.

The test sale was planned to be hosted March 25, 2023. 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/>.

Wardensville Bull Evaluation Program

Final report (Feb. 17)

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.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 67; owner: Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va.; sire: Off Niagara F162; ADG: 4.95 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.56 lb.; frame: 5.1; RFI: -1.15 wt.: 1,289 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (132 HEAD) ADG: 3.56 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,102 lb.

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