

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 Summer Test

Bulls were delivered May 1 to the Feldun-Purdue Agricultural Center at Bedford, Ind., for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test. The test is for bulls born May 1-Oct. 31, 2017.

The bulls were to be weighed on test May 22. Interim weights are scheduled for collection June 19, July 24 and Aug. 21. Bulls will be weighed off test Sept. 24. Those qualifying for the sale will be auctioned Oct. 20 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

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Edisto Forage Bull Test

140-day report (March 13)

The 2018 Edisto Forage Bull Test (EFBT), located at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C., accepted delivery of 60 bulls Dec. 5, 2017. The test began Dec. 19. Senior bulls were born Nov. 1, 2016-Jan. 31, 2017. Junior bulls were born Feb. 1-March 31, 2017.

The test is a 168-day pasture-based test. EFBT was designed to performance-test bulls in an environment in which bull buyers expect their progeny to perform.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 23; owner: Lindy Sheppard Farm, Sylvania, Ga.; sire: SAV Brunswick 1100; ADG: 4.09 lb.; WDA: 2.86 lb.; wt.: 1,402 lb.; test index: 6.94

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 59; owner: Redwol Acres, Watkinsville, Ga.; sire: Gamble's Hot Hand 2543; ADG: 3.56 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,438 lb.; test index: 6.55

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 46; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 3.55 lb.; WDA: 3.00 lb.; wt.: 1,312 lb.; test index: 6.55

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.22 lb.; WDA: 2.60 lb.; wt.: 1,234 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test June 5. The sale will be Oct. 14.

For more information contact Scott Sell, bull test coordinator/director, at 913-682-9590 (cell) or gsell@clemson.edu. Additional information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/index.html.

North Alabama Test

The North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center is accepting bulls July 10 for the 2018 test sponsored by

the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA). Conducted at the Donaldson Farm, located 6 miles east of Cullman, Ala., the test is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2017.

The 84-day test will begin Aug. 7 and conclude Oct. 30. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale at the Cullman Stockyards Dec. 8.

For more information contact Michelle Elmore, extension animal scientist/beef cattle improvement, at 205-646-0115 (office), 205-287-1080 (cell) or elmormf@auburn.edu. Information is also available online at <http://www.albcia.com/>.

Florida Bull Test

Nominations for the 2018 Florida Bull Test are due June 15. Bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2017, are eligible.

Delivery will be accepted July 24 at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla.

The 112-day test will begin Aug. 14 and conclude Dec. 4, with interim weights collected Sept. 12, Oct. 9-10 and Nov. 7. The bulls will be fed for a targeted average daily gain (ADG) of 3.5 lb. Qualifying bulls will sell Jan. 19, 2019.

For more information contact the University of Florida Beef Unit, NFREC-Marianna, 3925 Hwy. 71, Marianna, FL 32446-7906; 850-526-

1621. Information is also available online at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test/>.

Tifton, Calhoun Bull Evaluations

The 49th Calhoun Bull Evaluation and the 61st Tifton Bull Evaluation are set to begin this summer.

Entries for the Calhoun test were due June 1, with delivery accepted at the station near Calhoun, Ga., July 2-3.

The Calhoun bulls — born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2017 — will go on test July 23 following a warm-up period. Interim weights will be collected Aug. 21, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16, with final 112-day weights taken Nov. 12-13. Qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 7. A Calhoun Beef Cattle Short Course is scheduled the evening before the sale.

The entry deadline for the Tifton test, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2017-Feb. 28, 2018, is Aug. 15. Bulls may be delivered Sept. 17-18 to go on test

Oct. 8-9. Bulls will be weighed Nov. 6, Dec. 4 and Jan. 1. They will be weighed off test Jan. 28-29. A Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course will be hosted March 5, the evening prior to the 61st Annual Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale March 6.

Both tests are sponsored by the Georgia Cattlemen's Association, the University of Georgia Department of Animal & Dairy Science, Cooperative Extension, Coastal Plain Experiment Center and the Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center.


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North Carolina Tests

The schedules have been set for the 2018 North Carolina Beef Improvement Program (BCIP) bull tests at Butner and Waynesville.

Nominations are due June 6 for the Waynesville test featuring bulls born Aug. 1-Nov. 15, 2017. Delivery of bulls will be accepted June 27, and the test will start with weights collected July 9-10. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 4 and Oct. 2, with final weights taken Oct. 29-30. Qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 7.

Nominations are due June 20 for the Butner test featuring bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2017. Bulls will be delivered July 11 to start on test July 23-24. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 18 and Oct. 16, with final weights taken Nov. 12-13. Qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 21.

For details visit the test website: www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html. 



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