

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.

UBIA Performance Bull Test Announcement

The Utah Beef Improvement Association (UBIA) has announced the schedule of its upcoming bull test.

The 112-day test will be based on a roughage-based ration and will feature divisions for growth and low-birth-weight Angus bulls, as well as junior and senior divisions. To be eligible, junior bulls must have been born Jan. 1-March 20, 2020. Senior bulls must have been born Sept. 15-Dec. 31, 2019. There is a recommended minimum weight of 650 pounds (lb.).

Bulls will be received at Kenison Farms Feedlot in Levan, Utah, on Oct. 5 to go on test Oct. 20. Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Nov. 17, Dec. 15, and Jan. 12, 2021. Final weights are scheduled to be recorded Feb. 9, and the test sale will be hosted March 20.

For more information visit the test website at ubiabulls.com, or contact C. Kim Chapman at 435-893-0474, 435-893-0493 (fax) or kim.chapman@usu.edu.

Alabama BCIA Announcement

The schedule for the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) bull test has been announced.

The 84-day test will feature bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2019. Bulls will be fed a full-gain ration.

Hoof scores will be assigned to each bull at the completion of the evaluation. Bulls with hoof claw set scores of 8 or 9 will not be eligible for the sale.

The bulls will be received at the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center at Cullman, Ala., on July 14. On-test weights will be recorded Aug. 11. Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 22, with final weights scheduled for Nov. 3. Qualifying bulls will be sold in the test sale Dec. 12.

For more information contact Michelle Elmore at 205-646-0115 or elmormf@auburn.edu, or see the test website at www.albcia.com.

UT Central Bull Test Announcement

Nominations are due July 17 for the University of Tennessee (UT) Central Bull Test at Spring Hill, Tenn. The 84-day test will feature bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2019.

Bulls will be received Aug. 11 to go on test Aug. 24-25. They will be fed a full-gain, high-concentrate ration. Interim weights will be recorded Sept. 22 and Oct. 20. Carcass ultrasound measurements will be collected between Oct. 31 and Nov. 15. The bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 17-18, and the test sale is scheduled for Jan. 14, 2021.

For more information contact Kevin Thompson at 931-486-2129 (phone), 931-486-0141 (fax), or kthomp44@utk.edu; Matt Backus at 931-270-

2240 (phone), 931-270-2242 (fax), or wbackus1@utk.edu; or access the test website at <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/bull-test-program>.

Edisto Forage Bull Test 140-day report (May 5)

Producers consigned 51 bulls to the 36th Annual Edisto Forage Bull Test. The 168-day test, conducted at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville, S.C., is a 100% forage grazing test and features senior (born Dec. 1, 2018-Jan. 31, 2019) and junior (born Feb. 1-March 31, 2019) divisions.

Bulls averaged 759 lb. going on test Dec. 17 after a 14-day warm-up period.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 50; owner: H&H Farms, Sumter, S.C.; sire: RMF Hoover Dam BC8; ADG: 4.09 lb.; wt.: 1,288 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (17 HEAD) ADG: 3.27 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (51 HEAD) ADG: 3.24 lb.; wt.: 1,206 lb.

The bulls will be weighed off test June 2. Qualifying bulls are scheduled to sell Oct. 10.

Joining the 36-year-old bull test is a new heifer development program utilizing the latest in precision ag livestock technology combined with genomic testing to develop a group of heifers backed by data.

For more information, 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/>.

Connors State College Spring Bull Test

112-day final report (April 2)

The 112-day test was conducted on campus at Warner, Okla. The bulls were fed a complete grow-finish ration free-choice designed to allow for maximum growth, but not intended to overfinish any fast-gaining bulls.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 142; owner: Paul Caldwell, Stillwater, Okla.; sire: EXAR STUD 4658B; ADG: 5.0 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.2; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 1,335 lb.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS (TIE) Lot 217; owner: Casey Nail, Vinita, Okla.; sire: Colburn Primo 5153; ADG: 5.0 lb.; ADG ratio: 115; WDA: 3.1; WDA ratio: 101; wt.: 1,275 lb.

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 164; owner: Austin Lee, Vinita, Okla.; sire: SAV Raindance 6848; ADG: 4.9; ADG ratio: 113; WDA: 3.3; WDA ratio: 109; wt.: 1,230 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (12 HEAD) ADG: 4.4 lb.; WDA: 3.0 lb.; wt.: 1,234 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (44 HEAD) ADG: 3.9 lb.; WDA: 3.0 lb.; wt.: 1,248 lb.

Due to COVID-19, the sale has been postponed indefinitely. Interested buyers may contact Connors State College or the breeders directly. A list of breeders is available online in the test's 84-day report.

For more information visit the test website at <http://connorsstate.edu/agri/bull-test> or contact Roger Morton, farm manager, at 918-557-4560.

Calhoun, Tifton Bull Tests Announcement

The University of Georgia has announced the schedule for the 2020 Calhoun and Tifton bull tests. The

deadlines for entry are June 1, 2020, for the Calhoun test and Sept. 1, 2020, for the Tifton test.

To be eligible for the 112-day Calhoun test, bulls must have been born between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2019. Bulls will be received June 29-30 to go on test July 20-21. Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded Aug. 18, Sept. 15 and Oct. 13, with final weights recorded Nov. 9-10. The Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar will be hosted Dec. 3, before the test sale on Dec. 4.

To be eligible for the 112-day Tifton test, bulls must have been born between Dec. 1 and Feb. 29, 2020. Delivery of bulls is scheduled for Sept. 21-22. On-test weights will be recorded Oct. 12-13, with interim weights scheduled for Nov. 10, Dec. 8 and Jan. 7. Bulls will be weighed off test Feb. 1-2. There will be a Beef Cattle Short Course on March 2, and the test sale will be hosted March 3.

For more information please contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at <http://bit.ly/PT-Calhoun>.

Florida Bull Test Announcement

Nominations are due June 15 for the 2020 Florida Bull Test to be hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Marianna, Fla. The test will feature bulls born between Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2019, with a limit of 132 bulls. Bulls will be fed for a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day to allow for an expression of growth potential and development.

Bulls are to be delivered July 21 and weighed on test Aug. 11-12. Interim weights will be recorded Sept. 9, Oct. 6-7, and Nov. 4, with final weights

recorded Dec. 1-2. The test sale is scheduled for Jan. 16, 2021. For more information visit the test website at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

North Carolina Bull Tests Announcement

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) has announced the schedules for its bull tests at the Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C., and the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory, Bahama, N.C.

Bulls eligible for the Waynesville test were born between Aug. 1-Nov. 15, 2019. Nominations are due June 3, and delivery of the bulls will take place June 24. Bulls will be weighed on test July 6-7, and interim weights will be recorded Sept. 1 and Sept. 29. Final weights are scheduled for Oct. 26-27, and the sale will be hosted Dec. 5. For more information about the Waynesville test, please contact Kyle Miller, station manager, at 828-456-3943, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

Bulls eligible for the Butner test were born between Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2019. Nominations are due June 17, and the bulls will be received July 8. On-test weights will be recorded July 20-21, and interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 15 and Oct. 13. Bulls will be weighed off-test Nov. 9-10, and qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Dec. 18.

For more information about the Butner test, please contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>.

