

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.

Cal Poly Bull Test Announcement

Bulls born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2021, are eligible for the 2022 Cal Poly Bull Test. The test will be conducted at the Cal Poly Beef Center located north of San Luis Obispo. Angus bulls will be indexed in groups for calving ease (CE), multi-trait (MT) and growth (GR).

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled to be April 30-May 1, and beginning weights will be collected May 14-15. Interim weights are scheduled June 13 and July 11, with final weights collected Aug. 12-13. Cal Poly will host a field day Oct. 1 prior to the test sale Oct. 2.

For more information, email bulltest@calpoly.edu, visit the test website at <https://bulltest.calpoly.edu>, or call the bull test office at 805-756-2685. You can also contact Zachary McFarlane, beef cattle specialist, at zmcfarla@calpoly.edu.

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Announcement

The schedule has been announced for the next Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test. Nominations are due Sept. 5 for the 112-day evaluation to be conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville. The test will feature a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2021, and a junior division for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2022.

The station will receive the bulls Oct. 4 to be weighed on test Oct. 25. Interim weights will be collected Dec. 20 and Jan. 17, 2023, and final weights

are scheduled Feb. 14.

The test sale will 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/>.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test Announcement

The Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test will be conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa. The 112-day test features a silage-based ration fed to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb. Eligible bulls were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2021, and the deadline for entry is June 15.

Delivery of the bulls is scheduled for June 28, and on-test weights will be collected July 12. Interim weights are scheduled to be observed Sept. 6 and Oct. 4, and the bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 1. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 10.

For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test website at www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/.

Kansas Bull Test Announcement

The 82nd annual Kansas Bull Test is being planned for bulls born Jan. 1-March 31, 2022. The bulls will be received at the test station for the targeted-gain test Oct. 21, and the evaluation will begin Nov. 5. Final weights are scheduled to be collected Feb. 15, 2023, and the test sale will be hosted April 5.

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.

Tucumcari 61st Bull Test Report (March 12)

The Tucumcari Bull Test in New Mexico has concluded its 61st annual evaluation for bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2021. The test was a full-gain test based on a high-roughage ration, and featured divisions based on weight and the time bulls were put on the feed efficiency test with the Growsafe system.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 10-1; owner: Lust Angus, Tim, Lea and Dru Lust, Abernathy, Texas; sire: De-Su A3-ET; ADG: 5.00 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.21 lb.; WDA ratio: 99; wt.: 1,218 lb.; frame: 5.6; RFI: -0.66; index: 119

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot: 9-30; owner: J-C Angus, John and Cathy Heckendorn, Moriarty, N.M.; J-C Ten Guage 1647; ADG: 4.46 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 3.80 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,350 lb.; frame: 6.1; RFI: -1.11; index: 116

The test sale was March 12. For more information go to <https://tucbulltest.nmsu.edu>, or contact Marcy Ward at 575-644-3379 or maward@nmsu.edu.

Edisto Forage Bull Test 112-day report (April 12)

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 22056; owner: Rose Myrtle Farm, Bishopville, S.C.; sire: BCF 2100 Generation C302; ADG: 4.73 lb.; wt.: 1,064 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 2.79 lb.; wt.: 1,023 lb.

Additional weights will be recorded 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/>.

Alabama BCIA Announcement

The schedule for the 50th-annual Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (BCIA) bull test has been announced. Nominations for the test are due June 7.

The 84-day test is conducted near Cullman, Ala., and will feature bulls born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2021. Bulls will be fed a full-gain ration.

The bulls will be received at the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center in Cullman, Ala., July 12. On-test weights will be recorded Aug. 9, and final weights are scheduled for Nov. 1. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Dec. 10, hosted at the Cullman Stockyards.

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

Florida Bull Test Announcement

The 2022 Florida Bull Test will be hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla. Eligible bulls were born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2021. Nominations are due June 15th for the 112-day evaluation, and the bulls will be accepted at the test station July 19.

The ration fed will be formulated with a target gain of 3.5 lb. per day. During the first 56 days of the test, bulls will be fed a total mixed ration with grain byproducts and forage. For the remainder of the test, bulls will receive the same diet in self-feeders, with a slightly reduced amount of roughage and *ad libitum* access to hay.

Initial weights will be recorded Aug. 9-10, and interim weights are scheduled to be collected Sept. 7, Oct. 4-5, and Nov 2. The evaluation will conclude Nov. 29-30.

The test sale will be hosted Jan. 14, 2023. To qualify for the sale, bulls must achieve an index of 90, calculated as WDA+ADG.

For more information contact Nicolas DiLorenzo at 850-526-1615 or ndilorenzo@ufl.edu, David Thomas at 850-525-1620 or davidall@ufl.edu, or Olivia Hill at 850-526-1621 or oliviahh@ufl.edu; or visit the test website at <http://nffrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

Calhoun and Tifton Bull Evaluations Announcement

The University of Georgia Extension has announced the schedule for its 53rd Calhoun Bull Evaluation and 65th Tifton Bull Evaluation.

Nominations are due June 1 for the Calhoun evaluation. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2021. Delivery of the bulls is scheduled July 11-12, and initial weights will be observed Aug. 1-2. Interim weights

will be collected Aug. 30 and Sept. 27, and with final weights scheduled Oct. 24-25.

There will be a Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar on Dec. 1, and the test sale will be hosted Dec. 2.

Nominations for the Tifton evaluation are due Sept. 1, and bulls must have been born between Dec. 1, 2021, and Feb. 28, 2022. The bulls will be received Oct. 6. On-test weights will be recorded Oct. 25-26, and interim weights are scheduled Nov. 22 and Dec. 20. Final weights will be collected Jan. 17-18.

The Beef Cattle Short Course will be Feb. 28, and the test sale will be hosted March 1, 2023.

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

Un. of Tennessee Central Bull Test Announcement

The University of Tennessee has announced plans for its 2022-2023 UT Senior Bull Test at Spring Hill, Tenn. The test will feature bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2021, and is based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration. Nominations are due July 15, and bulls will be accepted at the test station Aug. 9. On-test weights are scheduled to be collected Aug. 22-23, as well as interim weights Sept. 20 and Oct. 18. Off-test weights will be collected Nov. 14-15, and the test sale will be hosted Jan. 12, 2023.

For more information contact Kevin Thompson at 931-486-2129 or kthomp44@utk.edu; or Matt Backus at 865-363-1576 or 931-270-2240, or wbackus1@utk.edu. Information is available online at <https://animalscience.tennessee.edu/bull-test-program>. 