

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

## Un. of Tennessee Central Bull Test Announcement

Nominations are due July 15 for the University of Tennessee's (UT) 2023-2024 UT Senior Bull Test at Spring Hill. The test will feature bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 15, 2022, and is based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration.

Bulls will be accepted at the test station Aug. 8. On-test weights are scheduled to be collected Aug. 21-22, as well as interim weights Sept. 19 and Oct. 17. Off-test weights will be collected Nov. 13-14, and the test sale will be hosted Jan. 11, 2024.

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## Calhoun HERD Program Report 3 (Feb. 24)

The University of Georgia (UGA) is conducting its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Calhoun, Ga., for heifers born Dec. 2021 to Feb. 2022. The heifers are being evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition, and are being fed a ration to gain 1.5-1.75 pounds (lb.) per day. The heifers represent 16 consignors, and were synchronized and bred by artificial insemination (AI) Feb. 27. The heifers will be exposed to a clean-up bull for at least 45 days. The main AI sire was GAR Sure Fire, but

heifers closely related were to be bred to Baldrige Marksman D274.

When weights were recorded Feb. 24, the 106 heifers' average weight was 873 lb., and their average WDA was 2.07 lb.

Interim weights were to be collected March 29, and diagnosis of pregnancy was scheduled for May 25. The Calhoun HERD sale was hosted May 31.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or [jduggin@uga.edu](mailto:jduggin@uga.edu), or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-HERD>.

## Tifton HERD Program Report 4 (March 9)

The University of Georgia (UGA) has concluded its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program at Tifton. The evaluation featured heifers born Sept.-Nov. 2021, representing 29 producers.

The heifers were evaluated on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. They were synchronized and bred Dec. 12 by AI to GAR Sure Fire or Baldrige Marksman. The heifers were then pasture exposed to calving-ease Angus bulls from Dec. 20-Feb. 6. Fifty-seven percent of the heifers were confirmed pregnant to an AI sire, and the overall pregnancy rate was 88%.

When weights were recorded March 9, the average weight for the 144 heifers was 1,017 lb.; their average ADG was 1.78 lb.; and their average

WDA was 2.00 lb. The heifers' average frame score was 5.5.

The Tifton HERD sale was April 18. For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or [jduggin@uga.edu](mailto:jduggin@uga.edu), or visit the test website at <https://bit.ly/PT-HERD>.

## WBIA Bull Test 100-day report (March 1)

The Wisconsin Beef Improvement Association (WBIA) 2022-2023 Central Bull Test was hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneer Farm. The 100-day test featured bulls born Jan. 1-April 15, 2022.

**HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS** Lot 6; owner: City Side Farms, Kori Beisbier, Reedsburg, Wis.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 6.30 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 4.19 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,705 lb.

**ANGUS AVERAGES (39 HEAD)** ADG: 4.21 lb.; WDA: 3.52 lb.

The WBIA Annual Performance Selected Bull Sale was April 1.

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