

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

Fifty-six bulls, including 42 Angus, were weighed on test May 22 at the Feldun-Purdue Agricultural Center in Bedford, Ind., for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer Test. The test is for bulls born May 1-Oct. 31, 2017.

Interim weights are scheduled for 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.

For details contact Terry Stewart at 765-494-0138 or tstewart@purdue.edu or; Brad Shelton, test station manager, at 812-279-8554 or sheltonb@purdue.edu; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and website, at dlofgren@purdue.edu. Information is available on the website at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

Edisto Forage Bull Test

168-day final report (June 5)

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

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING SENIOR ANGUS Lot 39; owner: Mull Meadow Farm,

Pendleton, S.C.; sire: Connealy Guinness; ADG: 3.76 lb.; WDA: 2.62 lb.; wt.: 1,320 lb.; test index: 6.38

HIGH-WDA SENIOR ANGUS Lot 17; owner: Saluda Ridge Angus, Johnston, S.C.; sire: Connealy Consensus; ADG: 3.26 lb.; WDA: 2.82 lb.; wt.: 1,452 lb.; test index: 6.08

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING JUNIOR ANGUS Lot 46; owner: Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, N.C.; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 3.38 lb.; WDA: 2.97 lb.; wt.: 1,382 lb.; test index: 6.35

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 2.89 lb.; WDA: 2.53 lb.; wt.: 1,269 lb.

The sale will be Oct. 14. For more information contact Scott Sell, bull test coordinator, at 912-682-9590 (cell) or gsell@clermson.edu. Information is available on the test website at www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/index.html.

North Alabama Test

The North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center will accept bulls July 10 for the 2018 test sponsored by the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA). Conducted at the Donaldson Farm 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 available online at <http://www.albcia.com/>.

Clemson Bull Test

Nominations for the 2019 Clemson Bull Test are due July 16. There is a senior division for bulls born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2017, and a junior division for bulls born Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2017.

Delivery will be accepted Aug. 7. The bulls will have a 14-day warm-up period before going on test Aug. 21. Interim weights will be taken Sept. 18, Oct. 16 and Nov. 13, with final 112-day weights taken Dec. 11. Qualifying bulls will sell Feb. 2, 2019.

This year, bulls will be ratioed together across breeds within junior and senior age groups. Minimum ratios for average daily gain (ADG), weight per day of age (WDA) and yearling weight remain the same but will again be across-breeds.

For more information contact Steve Meadows, extension animal scientist and director of the Clemson Bull Test Program, at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clemson.edu. Information is also available online at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/clemson/index.html>. 