

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 2021 Bull Test On-test report (May 18)

Bulls were weighed on test May 18 for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer 2021 Test, conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind.

The bulls, born April 1-Sept. 30, 2020, will be fed a roughage-based diet for a targeted gain of 3.25 pounds (lb.)-3.50 lb. per day during the 125-day evaluation.

Initial weights were observed, and the Angus bulls averaged 833 lb., with an average frame score of 5.1. Overall, all bulls weighed 834 lb. on average, with a frame score of 5.0.

Interim weights will be recorded June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17. Final weights will be recorded Sept. 20. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 16 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330; or Brad Shelton, station manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554. Information is available on the test website, <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Tucumcari 60th Bull Test 120-day final report (March 6)

The Tucumcari Bull Test was a 120-day full-gain test based on a roughage ration and featured bulls born Jan. 1-Apr. 30, 2020.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 8-4; owner:

Hartzog Angus, Bovina, Texas; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 4.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.63 lb.; WDA ratio: 117; wt.: 1,328 lb.; frame: 6.5; test index: 125; RFI: 0.47

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 10-15; owner:

Lust Angus, Tim, Lea and Dru Lust, Abernathy, Texas; sire: De-Su A3-ET; ADG: 4.04 lb.; ADG ratio: 117; WDA: 3.75 lb.; WDA ratio: 121; wt.: 1,418 lb.; frame: 6.0; test index: 121; RFI: -1.51

BEST FE ANGUS Lot 9-15; owner: J-C

Angus, John and Cathy Heckendorn, Moriarty, NM; sire: J-C Loaded 1846; ADG: 4.25 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.18 lb.; WDA ratio: 103; wt.: 1,073 lb.; test index: 122; RFI: -4.40

HIGH-INDEX ANGUS Lot 8-2; owner:

Hartzog Angus; sire: Byergo Black Magic 3348; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.58 lb.; WDA ratio: 116; wt.: 1,310 lb.; frame: 6.0; test index: 128; RFI: -4.06

ANGUS AVERAGES (98 HEAD) ADG: 3.68 lb.; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 1,094 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (155 HEAD) ADG: 3.45 lb.; WDA: 3.05 lb.; wt.: 1,056 lb.

The test sale was scheduled to close March 13.

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

Tucumcari 61st Bull Test Announcement

The Tucumcari Bull Test has

announced the schedule for its 61st annual evaluation for bulls born Jan. 1-April 30, 2021. The test is a full-gain test based on a high-roughage ration, and features divisions based on weight and time bulls are put on the feed efficiency test with the Growsafe system.

Bulls will be received Oct. 20 to go on test Oct. 30. Sixty-day weights will be observed Dec. 28, and final 120-day weights will be recorded Feb. 26, 2022. The test sale is scheduled for March 12.

For more information go to tucbulltest.nmsu.edu, or contact Marcy Ward at 575-644-3379 or maward@nmsu.edu.

Florida Bull Test Announcement

The 2021 Florida Bull Test will be hosted at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Marianna, Fla. Nominations were due June 15.

The bulls will be received July 20, to be weighed on test Aug. 10-11. Interim weights are scheduled Sept. 8, Oct. 5-6 and Nov. 3. Off-test weights will be recorded Nov. 30-Dec. 1, and the test sale is planned for Jan. 15, 2022.

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available on the test website at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test>.

Alabama BCIA Announcement

The schedule for the 2021 Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) bull test has been announced. Nominations for the test were due June 8.

The 84-day test is conducted near Cullman, Ala., and will feature bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2020. Bulls will be fed a full-gain ration.

The bulls will be received at the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center in Cullman, Ala., July 13. On-test weights will be recorded Aug. 10, and final weights are scheduled for Nov. 2. Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale December 11.

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

Calhoun and Tifton Bull Evaluations Announcement

The University of Georgia Extension has announced the schedule for its 52nd Calhoun Bull Evaluation and 64th Tifton Bull Evaluation.

Nominations were due June 1 for the Calhoun evaluation. Eligible bulls were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2020. Delivery of the bulls is scheduled July 12-13, and on-test weights will be recorded Aug. 2-3. Additional weights will be recorded Aug. 31 and Sept. 28, and final weights will be collected Oct. 25-26. Bulls in the Calhoun test will sell Dec. 3.

Nominations for the Tifton evaluation are due Sept. 1, and bulls must have been born between Dec.

1, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2021. The bulls will be received Oct. 7 to go on test Oct. 25-26. Interim weights will be recorded Nov. 23 and Dec. 21, with final weights taken Jan. 18-19, 2022.

There will be a Tifton Beef Cattle Short Course March 1, and the test sale will be hosted March 2.

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>.

NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test and NC BCIP Butner Bull Test Announcement

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) has announced the schedules for their bull tests at Waynesville and Butner.

For the Waynesville test, bulls must have been born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2020. Nominations were due June 2, and delivery of the bulls was scheduled for June 24.

Bulls will be weighed on test July 5-6, and interim weights will be recorded Aug. 31 and Sept. 28. Final weights are scheduled for Oct. 26-27, and the bulls will sell 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, 2020. Nominations were due June 16, and the bulls will be received July 7. On-test weights are scheduled to be recorded July 19-20, and interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 14 and Oct. 12. Bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 8-9, and qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Dec. 17.

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/>.

Edisto Forage Bull Test 168-day final report (June 1)

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. Conducted at the Edisto Research and Education Center near Blackville, S.C., it features divisions for senior bulls (born Dec. 1, 2019-Jan. 31, 2020) and junior bulls (born Feb. 1-March 31, 2020).

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 21066; owner: Mull Meadow Farm, Pendleton, S.C.; sire: Mull Meadow Acclaim 3807; ADG: 3.78 lb.; WDA: 2.80 lb.; wt.: 1,380 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (78 HEAD) ADG: 2.57 lb.; WDA: 2.35 lb.; wt.: 1,184 lb.

Qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 9.

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 www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/. 