

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.

North Carolina Tests

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (NC BCIP) has announced the dates for its 2018 Butner and Waynesville bull tests. The primary purpose of the NC BCIP is to serve as an educational aid for the genetic improvement and promotion of beef cattle. The purpose of the tests is to standardize environmental conditions and feed for evaluation postweaning performance and to provide useful records for the consignor to use in evaluating and planning his or her breeding program.

The Waynesville evaluation is for bulls born Aug. 1-Nov. 15, 2017. Bulls were delivered to North Carolina Department of Agriculture Mountain Research Station at Waynesville, N.C., June 27, 2018, to go on test July 9-10. Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 4 and Oct. 2, with final weights to be collected Oct. 29-30. Qualified bulls will sell at the WNC Regional Livestock Center in Canton, N.C., Dec. 7.

The Butner evaluation is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2017. Bulls were to be delivered to the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory at Bahama, N.C., July 11, 2018, to go on test July 23-24. Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 18 and Oct. 16, with final weights to be collected Nov. 12-13.

Qualified bulls will sell at the Granville County Livestock Arena in Oxford, N.C., Dec. 21.

For more information, visit the test website at www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/bcip/Ahbcip.html or contact Gary Gregory, North Carolina State University, at 919-515-4027 or Bryan Blinson, North Carolina Cattlemen's Association at 919-552-9111. Greg Shaeffer (919-471-6872) is station manager at the Butner test. Kyle Miller (828-456-3943) is station manager at the Waynesville test.

Connors State Bull Tests

Connors State College (CSC) announced the dates for its fall 2018 and spring 2019 bull tests.

Bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2017, were to be delivered to the station located on the Connors State College campus at Warner, Okla., July 12-14, 2018, to begin the fall test July 19. Interim weights are scheduled for Sept. 13 and Oct. 11. Bulls will be weighed off the 112-day test Nov. 8. Those qualifying for the sale will be auctioned Nov. 29 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

Nominations are due Oct. 5 for the Spring 2019 CSC Bull Test. The test is for bulls born Jan. 1-March 30. The station will accept delivery Nov. 29-30 and the bulls will go on test

Dec. 6. Interim weights are scheduled for Jan. 31 and Feb. 28, 2019. Bulls will be weighed off the 112-day test March 28. Qualifying bulls will sell on site April 11.

The bulls will be fed a complete grow-finish ration free-choice designed to allow for maximum growth, but not intended to overfinish fast-gaining bulls. Coarse grass hay will also be available throughout the tests.

The purposes of the tests are fourfold:

- to evaluate bulls for postweaning performance;
- to educate seedstock producers and commercial cattlemen about the value and utilization of performance records and expected progeny differences;
- to provide a source of and market for performance-tested bulls; and
- to provide an opportunity for new breeders to introduce their breeding programs to potential new customers.

For details contact Ronald Ramming, president, at 918-869-7573 or Roger Morton, farm manager, at 918-557-4560. Information is available on the test website at <http://connorsstate.edu/agri/reports/>.

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Clemson Bull Test

The 2019 Clemson Bull Test includes 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, and bulls will go 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.

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>.

IBEP Summer Test

28-day report (June 19)

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.

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 198; owner: Halls Angus Farm, James Hall, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 6.29 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt. 976 lb.; test index: 138
ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 4.18 lb.; WDA: 2.93 lb.; wt.: 878 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 4.02 lb.; WDA: 2.91 lb.; wt.: 876 lb.

Additional interim weights are scheduled for 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.

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Donna Lofgren, performance records and website (dlofgren@purdue.edu) for more details. Information is also available at www.ansc.purdue.edu/ibep.

Cal Poly Bull Test

28-day report (June 18)

The Cal Poly Bull Test is currently conducted at the Beef Center at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

The test includes bulls born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2017. Eighty-three Angus bulls were weighed June 18 for the 28-day report. Leaders at the 28-day mark include:

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 56; owner: Rollingwood Ranch, Dave Brown, Potter Valley, Calif.; sire: SAV Renown 3439; ADG: 4.81 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.32 lb.; wt. 1,000 lb.; test index: 116

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 81; owner: Borges Angus Ranch, Patricia Borges, Byron, Calif.; sire: O'Connell All In 5204; ADG: 4.05 lb.; ADG ratio: 109; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt. 1,170 lb.; test index: 113

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 15; owner: Diablo Valley Angus, Dennis Lopez, Byron, Calif.; sire: KCF Bennett The Rock A473; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 3.63 lb.; wt. 1,075 lb.; test index: 122

ANGUS AVERAGES (83 HEAD) ADG: 3.71 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.

An additional interim weight was collected July 16. The bulls will be weighed off test Aug. 10-11. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 7.

Contact Zachary McFarlane, beef cattle specialist, at 805-756-2685 or zmfurla@calpoly.edu; Aaron Lazanoff, beef operations manager, at 805-756-7058 or alazanof@calpoly.edu; or visit <https://bulltest.calpoly.edu/> for more details.

Tennessee Bull Test

The 84-day senior test will be conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center south of Spring Hill, Tenn.

Nominations for the 2018-2019 test featuring bulls born Sept. 1-Dec. 20, 2017, are due Aug. 1, 2018. Bulls will be accepted Aug. 21 to go on test Sept. 3-4. Interim weights will be collected Oct. 2 and Oct. 30. The bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 26-27. Qualifying bulls will sell Jan. 17, 2019.

For additional information contact David Kirkpatrick at 865-974-7294 or fkirkpat@utk.edu. Information is also available on the test website, <https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/Pages/BullTestProgram.aspx>.

Virginia Bull Tests

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) has announced the dates for its 2018-2019 bull tests.

The Culpeper Senior Test, featuring bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2017, will be conducted at the Glenmary Farm near Rapidan. Bulls were accepted for delivery June 26 and went on test July 10. The test will conclude Oct. 30 and qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 8.

The entry deadline for senior (born Sept 1-Dec. 31, 2017) and junior (born Jan. 1-March 31, 2018) bulls for the Southwest Bull Test is Sept. 5. Bulls in both divisions will be accepted for delivery at the Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville, Oct. 1 and will start the test Oct. 23. The 112-day tests will conclude Feb. 12, 2019. Qualifying bulls will sell March 23.

For more information contact Scott Greiner, extension beef specialist, Virginia Tech, at sgreiner@vt.edu. For information about the Culpeper Bull Test conducted at Glenmary Farm, contact Tom and Kim Nixon, owner/manager, at 540-212-1866 or glenmaryfarmllc@gmail.com. For information about the Southwest Test conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, contact Brian and Kayla Umberger, owner/manager, at 276-620-1194 or sepc1194@gmail.com. Information is also available on the test website at <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>. 