

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

28-day report (June 17, 2019)

One hundred fifty-four bulls were weighed on test May 10-11 for the 2019 Cal Poly Bull Test. The 105-day test is being conducted at the new Cal Poly Beef Center north of San Luis Obispo. Bulls must have been born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2018.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 52; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co., Denair, Calif.; ADG: 5.59 lb.; ADG ratio: 152; WDA: 4.62 lb.; wt.: 1,330 lb.; test index: 150

ANGUS AVERAGES (113 HEAD) ADG: 3.68 lb.; WDA: 3.15 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (154 HEAD) ADG: 3.53 lb.

Another interim weight was taken July 15. The bulls will be weighed off test Aug. 9-10. Cal Poly will host a field day Oct. 5 prior to the test sale on Oct. 6.

For more information visit the test website at www.bulltest.calpoly.edu, call the bull test office at 805-756-2685 or email bulltest@calpoly.edu. You can also contact Zachary McFarlane, beef cattle specialist, at 805-756-2685; or Aaron Lazanoff, beef operations manager, at 805-801-7058.

IBEP Summer 2019 Bull Test

28-day report (June 18)

Sixty-two bulls were weighed on test May 21 at the Indiana Bull

Evaluation Program (IBEP) at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind. Included were 40 Angus, eight Hereford, one Red Angus, 10 SimAngus and three Simmental. The bulls on test were born May 1-Oct. 31, 2018.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 207; owner: Halls' Angus, James Hall, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: Rock Creek Rancher 1495; ADG: 4.57 lb.; ADG ratio: 148; WDA: 3.25 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt.: 964 lb.; test index: 136

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 208; owner: Halls' Angus; sire: 3F Epic 4631; ADG: 4.43 lb.; ADG ratio: 143; WDA: 3.67 lb.; WDA ratio: 134; wt.: 1,100 lb.; test index: 140

ANGUS AVERAGES (40 HEAD) ADG: 3.09 lb.; WDA: 2.75 lb.; wt.: 851 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (62 HEAD) ADG: 3.08 lb.; WDA: 2.76 lb.; wt.: 847 lb.

A set of three bulls sired by Jindra Acclaim led the sire groups, averaging 3.69 lb. for ADG and 2.57 lb. for WDA at an average weight of 803 lb. Irish Acres Angus, Tom O'Connor, Cox's Creek, Ky.; and NicKatie Farms, John Finke and Deena Stoner, Columbus, Ind., consigned the three bulls.

Additional interim weights for the 120-day test were collected July 23 and again on Aug. 20. Final weights will be taken Sept. 23, and qualifying bulls will sell in the test sale Oct. 19 at the Springville Feeder Auction.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-

279-4330; Brad Shelton, station manager, at sheltonb@purdue.edu or 812-279-8554; or Donna Lofgren, performance records and website, at dlofgren@purdue.edu or 765-494-6439. Information is also available on the test website at www.ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep.

North Alabama Bull Test

Announcement

Bulls will begin the 2019 North Alabama Bull Evaluation and Sale, hosted by the Alabama Beef Cattle Association (BCIA), Aug. 6.

The 84-day test is conducted at the North Alabama Bull Evaluation Center (NABEC) located at the Donaldson Farm east of Cullman. To be eligible, bulls must have been born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2018.

Bulls will be weighed on test Aug. 6, at the midpoint and at the test's conclusion Oct. 29. The sale will be at the Cullman Stockyards Dec. 14. American Angus Association hoof scores will be collected and reported in the sale book for all breeds of bulls.

For more information visit the test website, www.albcia.com, or contact Michelle Elmore, Extension animal scientist/beef cattle improvement, at 205-646-0115 (office) or elmormf@auburn.edu.

Florida Bull Test

Announcement

Bulls born Aug. 15-Dec. 31, 2018, will begin the 2019 Florida Bull Test Aug. 13-14. The 112-day test will be conducted at the North Florida Research and Education Center at Marianna, Fla.

Interim weights for the 112-day test will be collected Sept. 11, Oct. 8-9 and Nov. 6. The bulls will be weighed off test Dec. 3-4. Qualifying bulls will sell Jan. 18, 2020.

For more information, visit the test website at <https://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/florida-bull-test> or call 850-526-1621. Nominations can be mailed to the Beef Unit, NFEC-Marianna, 3925 Hwy. 71, Marianna, FL 32446-7906.

Clemson Bull Test

Announcement

The 2020 Clemson Bull Test will take delivery of bulls on Aug. 6. The test will feature two divisions: seniors (born Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2018) and juniors (Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2018).

The bulls will begin the 112-day test Aug. 20, following a 14-day warm-up period. Interim weights for the 112-day test will be collected Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 12. Final weights will be taken Dec. 10. Qualifying bulls will sell Feb. 1, 2020.

A change this year, bulls will no longer be ratioed for ADG, WDA and yearling weight within breed. Rather, they will be ratioed by age and breed makeup category. British breeds will be ratioed against each other with a senior and junior category. Continental breeds will be ratioed together in the same way. American breeds/ear breeds will be ratioed against each other.

For more information, contact Steve Meadows, Extension animal scientist and test director, at 864-633-9970 or smdws@clermson.edu. Rules and forms are available on the test website, at www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/clemson/index.html.

Tennessee Bull Test

Announcement

Bulls will be accepted Aug. 13 for the University of Tennessee 2019-2020 Senior Bull Test. The test will be conducted at the Middle Tennessee Research & Education Center in cooperation with Tennessee Extension.

The bulls will be weighed on test Aug. 26-27 after a short warm-up period. Interim weights will be collected Sept. 24 and Oct. 22, and final 112-day weights will be taken Nov. 19. Qualifying bulls will sell Jan. 10, 2020.

For more information, contact David Kirkpatrick, Extension beef cattle specialist and test director, at 865-974-7294 or fkirkpat@utk.edu. Rules and forms are available on the test website, at <https://ag.tennessee.edu/AnimalScience/Pages/BullTestProgram.aspx>.

Culpeper Bull Test

Announcement

Bulls were delivered July 2 and went on test July 16 for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test. The test is being conducted at Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Va., and is for bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2018.

The bulls are being fed a concentrate ration formulated to achieve gains of 3.5 lb. per day.

Interim weights will be collected Sept. 10 and Oct. 8. Final 112-day weights will be taken Nov. 5. Qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 14.

For more information, contact Scott Greiner, Extension beef cattle specialist and test director, at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu. Rules and forms are available on the test website, at www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu.

Tests Started in July

Announcement

Several bull tests were scheduled to begin in July.

The 112-day Georgia Bull Evaluation was set to begin July 22-23 at the Calhoun Bull Evaluation Center, Calhoun, Ga. Visit the test website at www.beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html.

The 2019 North Carolina Bull Tests were both scheduled to start in July. The Waynesville Bull test was scheduled to begin July 8-9 at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Mountain Research Station, Waynesville, N.C. The Butner Bull test was scheduled to begin July 22-23 at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory at Bahama, N.C. Details about both tests are available online at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test>.

Connors State College was to begin its Fall 2019 Bull Test July 25. The 112-day tests will be conducted on campus at Warner, Okla. For more information visit www.connorsstate.edu/agri/reports. 