

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 2020 Bull Test 28-day report (June 16)

32 bulls were delivered April 28 to the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind., for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program's (IBEP's) summer 2020 bull test. The bulls were born between May 1 and Oct. 31, 2019, and are being fed a forage-based diet with a target gain of 3.25 pounds (lb.) per day.

Going on test the 18 Angus bulls averaged 730 lb., and all 32 bulls averaged 733 lb.

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 401; owner: Mickey Angus, Tanner Mickey, Pana, Ill.; sire: Baldrige 38 Special; ADG: 4.50 lb.; ADG ratio: 146; WDA: 2.99 lb.; WDA ratio: 106; wt.: 896 lb.; test index: 130

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 403; owner: Halls Angus, James Hall, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: Vermilion Spur B024; ADG: 2.32 lb.; ADG ratio: 75; WDA: 3.44 lb.; WDA ratio: 122; wt.: 1,030 lb.; test index: 94

ANGUS AVERAGES (18 HEAD) ADG: 3.09 lb.; WDA: 2.82 lb.; avg. wt.: 816 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (32 HEAD) ADG: 3.16 lb.; WDA: 2.88 lb.; avg. wt.: 821 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded July 21 and Aug. 18. Final weights will be recorded Sept. 20-21. The test sale will be Oct. 17 at the Springville Feeder Auction. Bulls must perform in the top two-thirds of the test on the performance index and pass a structural soundness and

disposition evaluation in addition to a breeding soundness exam to qualify for the test sale.

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 available on the test website, <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/>.

Edisto Heifer Development Program Program concludes

Joining the 36-year-old Edisto Forage Bull Test was a new heifer-development program utilizing the latest in precision ag livestock technology combined with genomic testing to develop a group of heifers backed by data.

In addition to data collected and genomic testing performed, the heifers were artificially inseminated (AI) to Deer Valley Old Hickory March 6. They were then pasture-exposed for two estrous cycles. Ultrasounds and blood tests for pregnancy were performed 35 days after the AI date and June 18, 2020. The bred heifer sale will be hosted on the same day as the bull test sale, Oct. 10, 2020, in Blackville, S.C.

For more information contact Scott Sell, bull test coordinator, at 912-682-9590 or gsell@clermson.edu. More information, including photos of the heifers, is available on the test website, www.clemson.edu/extension/bulltest/edisto/.

NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test On-test report (July 7)

Bulls were received June 24 for the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Waynesville Bull Test. The bulls were born between Aug. 1-Nov. 15, 2019, and were weighed on test July 6-7. The test is conducted at the NC Department of Agriculture Mountain Research Station, where the bulls are fed a silage-based diet.

The 34 Angus bulls from 12 consignors averaged 890 lb. going on test, with an average WDA of 3.08 lb. All 52 bulls averaged 874 lb. with an average WDA of 3.03 lb.

Interim weights will be recorded Sept. 1 and Sept. 29, and final weights are scheduled for Oct. 26-27. The sale will be hosted Dec. 5 at the WNC Regional Livestock Center, Canton, N.C. For more information about the test, contact Kyle Miller, station manager, at 828-456-3943, or visit the test website at <https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/>. 