

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

56-day report (July 16)

The Cal Poly Bull Test is conducted at the Beef Center at Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo. The test includes bulls born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2017. Angus bulls are divided into three categories: low-birth-weight (LBW), multi-trait and general. Leaders July 16 were:

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING LBW

ANGUS Lot 1; owner: Diablo Valley Angus, Dennis Lopez, Byron, Calif.; sire: Sitz Upward 307R; ADG: 4.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 123; WDA: 3.79 lb.; wt. 1,185 lb.; test index: 120

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING MULTI-TRAIT

ANGUS Lot 26; owner: Diablo Valley Angus; sire: Baldrige Colonel C251; ADG: 4.71 lb.; ADG ratio: 122; WDA: 3.58 lb.; wt. 1,175 lb.; test index: 115

HIGH-WDA MULTI-TRAIT ANGUS Lot 13; owner: Diablo Valley Angus; sire: Westwind Intimidator DJH 542; ADG: 4.12 lb.; ADG ratio: 107; WDA: 3.70 lb.; wt. 1,170 lb.; test index: 111

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 121; owner: Spencer Cattle Co., Jerry Spencer, Rancho Murietta, Calif.; sire: SAV Resource 1441; ADG: 4.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.81 lb.; wt. 1,210 lb.; test index: 124

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 81; owner: Borges Angus Ranch, Patricia Borges, Byron, Calif.; sire: O'Connell All In 5204; ADG: 4.23 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA:

3.87 lb.; wt. 1,295 lb.; test index: 116

LBW ANGUS AVERAGES (31 HEAD) ADG: 3.84 lb.; WDA: 3.26 lb.

MT ANGUS AVERAGES (22 HEAD) ADG: 3.87 lb.; WDA: 3.34 lb.

ANGUS AVERAGES (28 HEAD) ADG: 3.81 lb.; WDA: 3.24 lb.

The bulls were to be weighed off test Aug. 10-11. Qualifying bulls will sell Oct. 7.

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IBEP Summer Test

63-day report (July 24)

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: Hall's Angus Farm, James Hall, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: KCF Bennett Fortress; ADG: 4.76 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.49 lb.; WDA ratio: 118; wt. 1,100 lb.; test index: 125

ANGUS AVERAGES ADG: 3.67 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 997 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES ADG: 3.53 lb.; WDA:

2.93 lb.; wt.: 990 lb.

The next interim weight is scheduled for 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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Calhoun Bull Evaluation

On-test report (July 23)

One hundred thirty-seven bulls representing six breeds were weighed on test July 23 for the 49th Calhoun (Ga.) Bull Evaluation Program. The group averaged 904 lb. going on test, and the bulls are transitioning well, reports Jason Duggin, Extension animal scientist.

The test is for bulls born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2017. Interim weights will be taken Aug. 21, Sept. 18, and Oct. 16, with final weights taken Nov. 12-13. Qualifying bulls will sell Dec. 7. A Calhoun Beef Cattle Short Course is scheduled for the evening before the sale.

For more information about the test, visit ugabeef.com/programs. 