

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

63-day report (July 20)

Bulls were weighed on test May 18 for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer 2021 Test being conducted at the Feldun-Purdue Ag Center near Bedford, Ind. The bulls, born April 1-Sept. 30, 2020, are fed a roughage-based diet for a targeted gain of 3.25 pounds (lb.)-3.50 lb. per day during the 125-day evaluation.

HIGH-ADG, HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING

ANGUS Lot 425; owner: Jay Alcorn, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 4.52 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 3.81 lb.; WDA ratio: 119; wt.: 1,155 lb.; test index: 125

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS GET-

OF-SIRE Lots 447, 448, 449; owners: Bennett Angus and Hall's Angus, both of Eddyville, Ill.; sire: Bar R Jet Black 5063; avg. ADG: 3.55 lb.; ADG index: 102; avg. WDA: 3.35 lb.; WDA index: 104; avg. wt.: 1,077 lb.; test index: 103

HIGH-WDA ANGUS GET-OF-SIRE Lots 454, 455, 456; owner: Hall's Angus; sire: Tehama Patriarch F028; avg. ADG: 3.45 lb.; ADG index: 99; avg. WDA: 3.41 lb.; WDA index: 106; avg. wt.: 1,117 lb.; test index: 102

ANGUS AVERAGES (34 HEAD) ADG: 3.49 lb.; WDA: 3.21 lb.; wt.: 1,052 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (47 HEAD) ADG: 3.43 lb.; WDA: 3.16 lb.; wt.: 1,050 lb.

Interim weights were to be recorded 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/>.



IBEP Winter 2021 Bull Test

Announcement

Nominations for the IBEP Winter 2021 Bull Test are due Sept. 24. Eligible bulls were born Oct. 1, 2020-March 30, 2021, and nominations are due Sept. 24. The test features a forage-based diet with total mixed ration fed daily for a target average daily gain of 3.25 lb.-3.50 lb. per day. Bulls will be assigned a test index formulated as 60% ADG ratio + 40% WDA ratio.

The test station will receive the

bulls Oct. 26 and record on-test weights Nov. 15-16. Interim weights will be observed Dec. 14, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15. The bulls will be weighed off test March 20, and the test sale will be hosted April 16 at the Springville Feeder Auction Market.

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Cal Poly Bull Test

28-day report (June 12)

Bulls were weighed on test May 15-16 for the 2021 Cal Poly Bull Test. The test is conducted at the Cal Poly Beef Center located north of San Luis Obispo. Eligible bulls were born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2020. Angus bulls were indexed in groups for calving ease (CE), multi-trait (MT) and growth (GR).

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING CE ANGUS Lot 13; owner: C2-IT Cattle Co., Loretta Cooksey, Brentwood, Calif.; sire: Sterling Advantage 809; ADG: 7.22 lb.; ADG ratio: 150; WDA: 3.65 lb.; wt.: 1,110 lb.; test index: 132

HIGH-WDA CE ANGUS Lot 90; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co., Roger Sosa, Denair, Calif.; sire: Jindra Blackout; ADG: 4.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 98; WDA: 4.08 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.; test index: 113

HIGH-ADG MT ANGUS Lot 93; owner: Dixie Valley Angus, Lee Nobmann and Morgon Patrick, Los Molinos, Calif.; sire: Baldrige Alternative E125; ADG: 6.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 3.14 lb.; wt.: 946 lb.; test index: 107

HIGH-WDA MT ANGUS Lot 81; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co.; sire: Connealy Lone Star; ADG: 5.37 lb.; ADG ratio: 106; WDA: 4.66 lb.; wt.: 1,290 lb.; test index: 119

HIGH-INDEXING MT ANGUS Lot 6; owner: Hertlein Cattle Co., Sharon Hertlein, Farmington, Calif.; sire: KCF Bennett the Rock A473; ADG: 6.3 lb.; ADG ratio: 124; WDA: 4.12 lb.; wt.: 1,270 lb.; test index: 121

HIGH-ADG GR ANGUS Lot 131; owner: Flying R J Ranch, Live Oak, Calif.; sire: VAR Legacy 8006; ADG: 7.11 lb.; ADG ratio: 133; WDA: 3.57 lb.; wt.: 1,125 lb.; test ratio: 116

HIGH-WDA GR ANGUS Lot 89; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co.; sire: Hoover

No Doubt; ADG: 5.74 lb.; ADG ratio: 108; WDA: 4.67 lb.; wt.: 1,275 lb.; test index: 118

HIGH-INDEXING GR ANGUS Lot 83; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co.; sire: Hoover No Doubt; ADG: 6.94 lb.; ADG ratio: 130; WDA: 4.46 lb.; wt.: 1,210 lb.; test index: 126

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (44 HEAD) ADG: 4.82 lb.; WDA: 3.18 lb.

MT ANGUS AVERAGES (33 HEAD) ADG: 5.09 lb.; WDA: 3.52 lb.

GR ANGUS AVERAGES (19 HEAD) ADG: 5.34 lb.; WDA: 3.66 lb.

56-day report (July 10)

HIGH-ADG CE ANGUS Lot 92; owner: Dixie Valley Angus; sire: SS Enforcer E812; ADG: 5.8 lb.; ADG ratio: 132; WDA: 3.72 lb.; wt.: 1,260 lb.; test index: 123

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING CE ANGUS Lot 26; owner: Borges Angus Ranch, Joe and Patricia Borges, Byron, Calif.; sire: Musgrave 316 Exclusive; ADG: 5.55 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 3.99 lb.; wt.: 1,365 lb.; test index: 125

HIGH-ADG AND HIGH-INDEXING MT ANGUS Lot 97; owner: Dixie Valley Angus; sire: Connealy Gary; ADG: 6.42 lb.; ADG ratio: 141; WDA: 3.75 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.; test index: 124

HIGH-WDA MT ANGUS Lot 81; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co.; sire: Connealy Lone Star; ADG: 3.91 lb.; ADG ratio: 86; WDA: 4.46 lb.; wt.: 1,360 lb.; test index: 106

HIGH-ADG GRE ANGUS Lot 131; owner: Flying R J Ranch; sire: VAR Legacy 8006; ADG: 6.31 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.73 lb.; wt.: 1,280 lb.; test index: 115

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING GRE ANGUS Lot 89; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co.; sire: Hoover No Doubt; ADG: 5.82 lb.; ADG ratio: 119; WDA: 4.78 lb.; wt.: 1,440 lb.; test index: 124

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (44 HEAD) ADG: 4.41 lb.;

WDA: 3.25 lb.

MT ANGUS AVERAGES (31 HEAD) ADG: 4.54 lb.; WDA: 3.57 lb.

GR ANGUS AVERAGES (20 HEAD) ADG: 4.87 lb.; WDA: 3.73 lb.

Cal Poly will host a field day Oct. 2 prior to the test sale Oct. 3.

For more information and to access the sale book, visit the test website at <https://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 zmcfarla@calpoly.edu.

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test

On-test report (July 21)

Bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2020, were weighed on test for the North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test on July 21. Sixty-one Angus bulls are among the 74 on test, and weighed an average of 823 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be recorded 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/>.

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NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test

On-test weights (July 7)

The North Carolina BCIP is also conducting its test at Waynesville, featuring bulls born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2020. Twenty-five Angus bulls are among the 38 being evaluated. The Angus bulls weighed, on average, 857 lb. when official starting weights were recorded July 7.

Interim weights will be recorded Aug. 31 and Sept. 28. Final weights are scheduled for Oct. 25-26 and the bulls will sell Dec. 4.

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/>.

Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test

On-test report (July 13)

Bulls were weighed on test July 13 for the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test, conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa, Va.

The 112-day test features bulls born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2020. The bulls are being fed a silage-based ration for a target ADG of 3.5 lb. Of the 125 bulls on test, 89 are Angus and averaged 840 lb. at the start of the evaluation. All 125 bulls averaged 844 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Sept. 7 and Oct. 5. Off-test weights will be recorded Nov. 2, and the test sale will be hosted Dec. 11. For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu.

Information is also available on the test website at <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

Western Illinois University Bull Test

Announcement

Western Illinois University is preparing for its 2021-2022 Bull Test, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2020-March 30, 2021. Nominations for the 90-day evaluation are due Sept. 10, and delivery of the bulls to the test station is scheduled Oct. 5-6. On-test weights will be observed Oct. 28-29, and interim weights are scheduled Nov. 29 and Dec. 28. Bulls will be weighed off test Jan. 28.

The test sale is scheduled for March 11. For more information contact Keela Trennepohl at 805-440-8421 or km-trennepohl@wiu.edu, or visit www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/.

Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test

Announcement

Nominations are due Sept. 5 for the Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test, conducted at Mountain Spring Farm, Wytheville, Va. During the test, the bulls will be fed a silage-based ration targeting an ADG of 3.5 lb.

Bulls eligible for the senior division must be born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2020. Bulls in the junior division must have been born Jan. 1-March 31, 2021.

Bulls will be accepted for delivery Oct. 5. Starting weights will be recorded Oct. 26, and dates for interim weights are Dec. 21 and Jan. 18, 2022, with final weights

scheduled to be observed Feb. 14-15.

The test sale is planned for March 26.

For more information contact Scott Greiner at 540-231-9159 or sgreiner@vt.edu, or visit the test website, <https://www.bcia.apsc.vt.edu/>.

Calhoun Bull Evaluation

On-test report (Aug. 3)

The University of Georgia Extension is now conducting its 52nd Calhoun Bull Evaluation. The 93 bulls on test were born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2020, and averaged 945 lb. going on test. Sixty-six of the bulls are Angus, and they averaged 956 lb. at the start of the 84-day evaluation.

Additional weights will be recorded Aug. 31 and Sept. 28, and final weights will be collected Oct. 25-26. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 3.

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>. 