PERFORMANCE REPORT

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This column features the performance leaders in central bull tests hosted across the country.

Calhoun Bull Evaluations On-test report (Aug. 2)

The University of Georgia Extension has weighed bulls on test at the start of its 53rd Calhoun Bull Evaluation.

Fifty-six Angus bulls consigned by 12 producers are included in the evaluation. The Angus bulls averaged 917 pounds (lb.) at the start of the evaluation Aug. 2. All 74 bulls, born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2021, weighed an average of 919 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Aug. 30 and Sept. 27, with final weights scheduled Oct. 24-25. There will be a Calhoun Beef Cattle Seminar Dec. 1, and the test sale will be hosted Dec. 2.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-728-4354 or 229-386-3683, or visit the test website at https://bit.ly/PT-CalhounBT.

Cal Poly Bull Test Report (July 18)

The 2022 Cal Poly Bull Test is now being conducted at the Cal Poly Beef Center, located north of San Luis Obispo, for bulls born Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2021. Angus bulls will be indexed in groups for calving ease (CE), multitrait (MT) and growth (GR).

HIGH-ADG CE ANGUS (TIE) Lot 48; owner: Westwind Ranch, Oroville, Calif.; sire: Poss Rawhide; ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.76; wt.: 1,310 lb.; index: 122

HIGH-ADG (TIE) AND HIGH-INDEXING CE

ANGUS Lot 99; owner: Borges Angus Ranch, Byron, Calif.; sire: Baldridge

Alternative E125; ADG: 4.64 lb.; ADG ratio: 129; WDA: 3.90 lb.; wt.: 1,345 lb.; index: 124

HIGH-WDA CE ANGUS Lot 41; owner: Diablo Valley Angus, Byron, Calif.; sire: Connealy Lone Star; ADG: 3.98 lb.; ADG ratio: 111; WDA: 4.13 lb.; wt.: 1,405 lb.; index: 118

HIGH-ADG MT ANGUS Lot 86; owner: Hertlein Cattle Co., Farmington, Calif.; sire: GAR Home Town; ADG: 5.16 lb.; ADG ratio: 139; WDA: 3.46 lb.; wt.: 1,195 lb.; index: 119

HIGH-WDA AND HIGH-INDEXING MT ANGUS Lot 51; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co., Denair, Calif.; sire: Connealy Balance; ADG: 4.70 lb.; ADG ratio: 126; WDA: 4.26 lb.; wt.: 1,205 lb.; index: 124

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ANGUS Lot 56; owner: Eagle Grip Cattle Co.; sire: Hoover No Doubt; ADG: 4.72 lb.; ADG ratio: 128; WDA: 4.24 lb.; wt.: 1,485 lb.; index: 126

CE ANGUS AVERAGES (31 HEAD) ADG: 3.59 lb.; WDA: 3.29 lb.

MT ANGUS AVERAGES (27 HEAD) ADG: 3.72 lb.; WDA: 3.48 lb.

GR ANGUS AVERAGES (23 HEAD) ADG: 3.68 lb.; WDA: 3.45 lb.

Final weights will be collected Aug. 12-13. Cal Poly will host a field day Oct. 1 prior to the test sale Oct. 2.

For more information, visit 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.

Connors State College Bull Test Announcement

Connors State College has announced the schedule for its Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 bull evaluations, to be conducted at the Connors State College campus at Warner, Okla. The evaluations are based on a full-gain, high-concentrate ration.

The bulls in the fall evaluation, born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2021, were scheduled to be received at the test station July 7-9 and weighed on test July 21. Weights will be recorded Sept. 15 and Oct. 13, and final 112-day weights will be collected Nov. 10. The test sale is scheduled to be hosted Dec. 1.

Bulls eligible for the spring evaluation were born Jan.1-March 30, 2022, and nominations are due Nov.

1. Bulls will be received Dec. 1-3, and initial weights will be collected Dec.

8. Interim weights will be recorded Feb. 2 and March 2, and final weights recorded March 30. The spring sale will be hosted April 13.

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Virginia BCIA Culpeper Senior Bull Test On-test report (July 12)

The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) Culpeper Senior Bull Test is conducted at Riverview Farms Cattle LLC, Louisa. The 112-day test features a silage-based ration fed to achieve a target ADG of 3.5 lb. The bulls were born Aug. 15-Nov. 30, 2021.

ANGUS AVERAGES (89 HEAD) WDA: 2.88 lb.; wt.: 864 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (148 HEAD) WDA: 2.90 lb.; wt.: 871 lb.

Interim weights are scheduled to be observed Sept. 6 and Oct. 4, and the bulls will be weighed off test Nov. 1. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 10.

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/.

IBEP Summer 2022 Bull Test 63-day report (July 19)

Bulls born April 1-Sept. 30, 2021, were received at the test station April 26 for the Indiana Beef Evaluation Program (IBEP) Summer 2022 Bull Test.

HIGH-ADG ANGUS Lot 58; owner: Neil Underwood, Underwood Angus Farms, North Manchester, Ind.; sire: Magnitude of CC&7 59G; ADG: 3.53 lb.; ADG ratio: 125; WDA: 2.69 lb.; WDA ratio: 91; index: 111

HIGH-WDA ANGUS Lot 2; owner: Jay Alcorn, Greencastle, Ind.; sire: Deer Valley Growth Fund; ADG: 2.48 lb.; ADG ratio: 88; WDA: 3.40 lb.; WDA ratio: 115; index: 99

HIGH-INDEXING ANGUS Lot 42; owner: Halls' Angus, Eddyville, Ill.; sire: FF Rito Relevant 8B63; ADG: 3.40 lb.; ADG ratio: 120; WDA: 3.37 lb.; WDA ratio: 114; index: 118

HIGH-ADG GET-OF-SIRE Three bulls; owner: Terry Small, Small Cattle Farms, West Lafayette, Ind.; sire: FHCC Energize 8562; avg. ADG: 3.22 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 114; avg. WDA: 2.73 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 92; avg. wt.:

1,009 lb.; avg. index: 105

HIGH-WDA & HIGH-INDEXING GET-OF-SIRE Three bulls; owners: Carol Bennett, Bennett Angus, Eddyville, Ill., and Halls' Angus; sire: Connealy Blackhawk 6198; avg. ADG: 3.05 lb.; avg. ADG ratio: 108; avg. WDA: 3.30 lb.; avg. WDA ratio: 111; avg. wt.: 1,065 lb.; avg. index: 109

ANGUS AVERAGES (29 HEAD) ADG: 2.83 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 970 lb.

OVERALL AVERAGES (62 HEAD) ADG: 2.84 lb.; WDA: 2.96 lb.; wt.: 989 lb.

The test index is calculated as 60% ADG ratio + 40% WDA ratio within breed group. Interim weights will be collected Aug. 16, and final weights will be recorded Sept. 18-19.

The bulls will be scanned for IMF, REA and BF, receive scores for claw set and foot angle, and be evaluated for disposition. Bulls must have successfully passed a breeding soundness exam (sometimes referred to as a BSE), be parent-verified to their sire and dam, and have genomic-enhanced EPDs to qualify for the sale, to be hosted Oct. 15. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information, contact Nick Minton, beef systems specialist, at nminton@purdue.edu or 812-279-4330. Information is available at https://aq.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/.

NC BCIP Butner Bull Test On-test report (July 19)

The North Carolina Beef Cattle Improvement Program (BCIP) Butner Bull Test is operated by the NC State University Agricultural Research Service at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory near Bahama, N.C. Bulls enrolled in the 112-day evaluation were born Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2021.

The bulls were received at the test station July 6, and are being fed a silage-based diet.

Forty-five Angus bulls, consigned by 10 producers, are among the 72 bulls being evaluated. The Angus bulls weighed, on average, 878 lb. at the start of the test July 19. The overall average weight was also 878 lb.

Interim weights will be collected Sept. 13 and Oct. 11, and final weights are scheduled to be observed Nov. 7-8. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 16, at the Granville County Livestock Arena in Oxford.

For more information contact Greg Shaeffer, station manager, at 919-471-6872, or visit the test website at https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/.

Pennsylvania Bull Test Announcement

The Pennsylvania Bull Test will be conducted at the PA Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa. Eligible bulls were born Jan. 1-April 15, 2022, and nominations were due Aug. 20.

Delivery of the bulls to the test center will be Oct. 11, and initial weights are to be recorded Nov. 1. Interim weights will be collected Nov. 29, Dec. 27, and Jan. 24, 2023. Final 112-day weights will be observed Feb. 21, and the test sale is planned for March 31.

For more information contact Greg Hubbard, station manager, at 814-238-2527 or ghubbard@pa.gov, or visit the test website at http://bit.ly/PA-BT.

Pennsylvania Heifer Development Program

Announcement

To be eligible for the Pennsylvania Heifer Development Program, heifers must have been born Jan. 1-April 15, 2022. Nominations were due Aug. 20. Delivery of the heifers is scheduled for Oct. 11. Rations will be designed for 1.8-2.2 lb. per day gain. The heifers will be evaluated, synchronized and bred by Al (artificial insemination) to sires designated by the consignors.

For more information contact Greg Hubbard, station manager, at 814-238-2527 or ghubbard@pa.gov, or visit the test website at http://bit.ly/PA-BT.

Western Illinois University Bull Test Announcement

Western Illinois University will soon conduct its 2022-2023 Bull Test, featuring bulls born Dec. 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Nominations must be postmarked by Sept. 9.

The bulls will be received at the test station Oct 4. The 90-day test will begin Oct. 26-27, and interim weights will be recorded Nov. 29 and Dec. 29. The bulls will be weighed off test Jan. 25-26, 2023.

The test sale is scheduled to be hosted March 10 at the WIU Livestock Center, Macomb, Ill.

For more information contact Keela Trennepohl at 805-440-8421 or km-trennepohl@wiu.edu, or visit www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/bull_test/.

NC BCIP Waynesville Bull Test On-test report

The NC BCIP has begun conducting its Waynesville Bull Test, featuring bulls born between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15, 2021. The test is conducted at the Mountain Research Station at Waynesville.

The bulls were weighed on test July 5-6. The 27 Angus bulls weighed an average of 860 lb. The average weight of all 40 bulls was 840 lb.

Interim weights will be recorded Aug. 30 and Sept. 27, and final weights will be recorded Oct. 24-25. The test sale will be hosted Dec. 3 at the WNC Regional Livestock Center in Canton.

For more information contact Kyle Miller, station manager, at 828-456-3943, or visit the test website at https://beef.ces.ncsu.edu/beef-bull-test/.

Tifton and Calhoun HERD Programs Announcement

The University of Georgia has announced the schedule for its Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Programs at Tifton and Calhoun.

During the HERD program, the heifers are evaluated based on performance, reproductive traits and disposition. The ration will consist of hay plus a supplement designed for growth and development, and the heifers will be fed to gain 1.5-1.75 lb. per day.

During the evaluation, the heifers will be synchronized and Aled, then exposed to a clean-up bull for at least 45 days. The main AI sire will be GAR Sure Fire, but heifers closely related to Sure Fire will be bred AI to Baldridge Marksman D274.

Nominations for the Tifton HERD program were due Sept. 1. To be eligible, heifers must have been born September-November 2021. The evaluation will commence Oct. 3, and weights will be collected Oct. 24, Nov. 9, Dec. 12 and March 8, 2023. The Tifton HERD sale is planned for April 18.

The deadline for nominations for the Calhoun HERD program is Nov. 1, and heifers must have been born Dec. 2021-Feb. 2022. Evaluation will begin Dec. 1, and interim weights will be collected Jan. 4, 2023, Jan. 25, Feb. 24 and March 28. The Calhoun HERD sale will be hosted May 31.

For more information contact Jason Duggin at 706-624-1403 or jduggin@uga.edu, or visit the test website at *ugabeef.com*.

